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## ROUNABOUT AT BRIDLEWOOD DRIVE AND BASS LAKE ROAD STILL IN QUESTION



*image courtesy Bass Lake Action Committee Director at Large Ron Cassity*

By John Davey

The roundabout first proposed for the Bridlewood Drive – Bass Lake Road intersection in very early 2020 continues to evolve.

The conceptual roundabout was considered as a possible solution for the ongoing lack of a left turn pocket from southbound Bass Lake Road to Bridlewood Dr, and then suggested as an element of the revised Serrano Village J7 project approval. The roundabout concept was floated because although the County CIP doesn't have funds allocated for a left turn pocket, and Planners couldn't condition a left turn pocket for the Serrano J7 Village Barbary Way entrance from Bass Lake Road a mere 400 feet away, State of California Grants do exist to build roundabouts, and sidewalks.

And while State grants are available for roundabouts, County Staff determined that 'seed funding' from the community would be required to qualify for a roundabout grant.

When the Serrano J7 Village project was appealed to the Board of Supervisors,

County Staff were able to develop a condition where Serrano Associates would contribute \$200,000.00 as a portion of the 'seed funding' with the condition that some amount of 'seed funding' would have to also come from property owners in the Bridlewood Canyon village. If 'seed funding' from Bridlewood Canyon owners did not materialize within 2 years, then the \$200,000.00 contribution from Serrano Associates would have to be returned.

Bridlewood owners have expressed little interest in contributing funds for a roundabout - they maintain that they have already paid road fees beginning in the late 1980s as Bridlewood Canyon was developed, and that the circulation impacts on Bass Lake Road have been generated by other developments over the following 35 years.

The Bass Lake Action Committee, while eager find some workable solution, agrees that the Bass Lake Road – Bridlewood Drive intersection is a community issue, not a Bridlewood Canyon owner issue. Since the left turn pocket has been proven by traffic analysis to be warranted under existing conditions, but no funding has -

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## JOHN P. RHOADS SCHOOL IN ELK GROVE'S HERITAGE PARK

By Kathy Prevost

While watching the news recently on one of our local news stations, I heard a name that sounded very familiar to me; Rhoads. I remembered that last year one of our members, Tasha Camacho had written an article for the Bass Lake Bulletin after finding a plaque recognizing Thomas Foster Rhoads, Sr., who had made a fortune mining gold in Folsom. However, in this case, the news channel was highlighting an historic school in Elk Grove named after John P. Rhoads.

Always curious about the past history in our area, this began my search for the connection between the two Rhoads and this is what I discovered.

Rhoads School was originally built by pioneer Jared Sheldon in the 1850's near the Cosumnes River. Sheldon was married to Catherine Rhoads whose parents, Thomas and Elizabeth Rhoads, were the first settlers on the Cosumnes River. Sheldon and William Daylor had been working at Sutter's Fort and applied for a land grant for over 18,000 acres along the Cosumnes to the Mexican Government when they realized its desirability and the potential of the area for settlement and established the Omuchummes grant. *(continued on page 2)*



*image credit - Elk Grove Historical Society*

## BRIDLEWOOD ROUNDABOUT

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- been identified for the project, it has been placed on the Unfunded list of the County's Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The CIP is a twenty-year document – items on the Unfunded list cannot reasonably be expected to ever be constructed. While the community remains desperate for some solution for vehicle and pedestrian safety at the intersection, if a properly engineered roundabout can be funded and constructed, it may offer the only relief from a very poorly planned situation.

Complicating matters further – the El Dorado Hills Community Services District's (EDH CSD) Bass Lake Regional Park is processing plans for the Bass Lake Park site that would include 140 vehicle spaces in a parking lot on the east side of the lake, across Bass Lake Road from Madera Way. In the past several years, the Bass Lake Action Committee has been told several times that this eastern parking lot access point would likely be at the Bass Lake Road – Silver Springs Parkway intersection. The County Transportation Department has said that an access point at the Madera Way intersection would not function correctly for safety or road circulation capacity.

At the March 2022 El Dorado Hills Community Council meeting, Planning Commission Chair Jon Vegna informed attendees that the Bridlewood roundabout is included in details of the EDH CSD Bass Lake Regional Park environmental documents. Previously, EDH CSD staff had publicly indicated that a traffic analysis would include a study of the conceptual roundabout. It is possible that a roundabout could also provide pedestrian connectivity to the park site for residents on the east side of Bass Lake Road via crosswalks.

Unfortunately, County Transportation staff indicated at the same meeting that the Regional Park eastern parking lot access point may now be moved to the roundabout, with no access at the Bass Lake Road – Silver Springs Parkway intersection – pleasing no residents of the Bass Lake community.

Several Bridlewood Canyon owners attending the meeting in person and virtually let their concerns be known. The Village Life, in a March 27th article shared the following:

*Bridlewood resident DeeAnne Gillick said she would like to see safety generally improved along Bass Lake Road, in particular regarding several driveways along the lake edge. "We'd like the analysis to demonstrate whether or not a roundabout at this location ... is the right option and will improve the safety rather than just cause different safety concerns than what currently is at issue," she explained.*

*"We want the data," urged Bridlewood HOA President Ken Clement. "I've been there 26 years and I've seen all of us paying our traffic impact fees when we came in and now we're being asked for a new fee to be put on us as*

*Bridlewood neighbors ... This roundabout is what's going to go in front of our neighborhood for the convenience of everybody else for issues that we did not cause."*

The Transportation Department expects to conduct additional outreach and engagement with Bridlewood Canyon owners.

Sources – [March 27, 2022 Village Life Article by Sel Richard "Bridlewood roundabout under consideration"](#)

<https://www.villagelife.com/news/bridlewood-roundabout-under-consideration/>

## JOHN P. RHOADS SCHOOL

(con't)

In 1872, a new building, also, named John P. Rhoads was built on Sloughhouse Road as a community effort possibly because the first site was subject to flooding and malaria issues. The total cost of \$1,312.60 was financed by public subscriptions, cake and pickle sales, and a benefit ball.

It is believed that the reason the school district was named "Rhoads" was to commemorate the brother of Jared Sheldon's wife, John Pierce Rhoads, heroic efforts to carry Naomi Pike of the Donner party 43 miles wrapped in a blanket out of the mountains safely. John Rhoads, or "Big John" as he was called, made 3 trips up to the Sierra Nevada to bring survivors down. He was the captain of the first and fourth relief parties of the Donner party survivors.

John Pierce Rhodes was the third child of Thomas and Elizabeth Foster Rhodes and was born in Kentucky in 1818. Later his parents moved first to Vincennes, Indiana where the family farm was destroyed by Native Americans and then to Edgar County, Illinois around 1830 where they, also, owned a farm. Consequently, he had limited educational opportunities but he held a number of jobs including construction of a section of the National Road near the Wabash for which his Father held the contract.

John managed to educate himself and was considered to be very well informed as an adult. He married in 1836, before his family moved to Ray County, Missouri where he farmed and had six children. Subsequently, his family moved with his father to California in 1846, with the Donner party under the orders of Brigham Young.

However, they separated from the Donner party (who were three weeks behind them) at Hastings' Cutoff and followed the old route escaping the tragedy that happened to them. When the news of the disaster reached them where they were then living at Johnson's Crossing on the Bear River, John P. carried the dreadful news to Sutter's Fort crossing a swollen river and by foot.

Following the Donner party tragedy, John P. served on the jury for Lewis Keseberg's

cannibalism trial.

John P. first moved to Sonoma County with his wife and children in the fall of 1847, but rather than following his original plans to farm the property, he decided to mine the Rhoads Diggings near Folsom in 1848. He returned later that year when gold fever had slowed and moved his family to the ranch he had purchased on the Cosumnes, called Lot Five of the Sheldon Estate, to farm and raise stock.

He was elected as a member of the Californian State Assembly on the Union ticket in 1863, and served as a school trustee of the Rhoads District for 20 years and was highly regarded. He passed away December 20, 1866 in Sloughhouse.

The Rhoads School operated from 1872 to 1948 when it was finally closed.

Rhoads School was moved in the Bicentennial year, 1976, to Elk Grove Park, and given to the Sacramento County Parks Department. Community members worked hundreds of hours to restore the deteriorating building and returned it to its appearance around the end of the century. The newly-formed Elk Grove Historical Society assumed the responsibility of administering it for the community.

The Rhoads School is a Living History Program in the Sacramento County area and a Museum that is open to the public during special events and the first Saturday of the month from 1 – 4PM when the Elk Grove Stage Stop Museum is also open.

Elk Grove's Heritage Park is the home to several other historic buildings which include the Elk Grove House and Stage Stop Museum built by James Hall in 1851 (the city's founding father), a blacksmith shop, the 1850 Foulks House, and the 1912 San Joaquin Township Justice Court and Jail.

### References:

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<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/5034739/john-pierce-rhoads>



John P Rhoads image credit - <https://findagrave.com/>

## SUMMER BROOK RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT SEEKS TO MODIFY 2008 CONDITION OF APPROVAL AND ELIMINATE PLANNED TRAFFIC SIGNAL

**ANALYSIS SUGGESTS THAT  
ANTICIPATED TRAFFIC VOLUME  
INCREASES HAVE NOT MATERIALIZED  
AFTER 14 YEARS**

By John Davey

An El Dorado County Land Use and Dev Services Public Notice has notified El Dorado County residents of a planned hearing before the County Planning Commission on April 14, 2022.

The County of El Dorado Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Planning Commission Hearing Room, 2850 Fairlane Court, Placerville, CA 95667 on April 14, 2022, at 8:30 a.m., to consider the following:

*Tentative Subdivision Map Revision TM-R21-0001/Summer Brook submitted by BLUE MOUNTAIN COMMUNITIES, INC., request for a revision to the approved Summer Brook Tentative Map and Planned Development TM07-1440/PD07-0007 to remove Conditions of Approval No. 25, 27 and 28 requiring installation of a traffic signal and completion of, or financing for, associated intersection improvements prior to final map recordation. In lieu of a financial contribution, the applicant may instead propose the submittal of construction documents for the signal and which support construction by others once a signal warrant analysis justifies installation.*

Condition of approval #25 from the March 11, 2008 project approval by the County Board of Supervisors:

25. The applicant shall signalize the Green Valley/ Deer Valley Road intersection to meet current El Dorado County Standards, as required in the approved traffic study. These Required improvements shall include the geometric improvements to Green Valley Road consistent with the approved improvements plans for CIP Project No. 66114 which includes the intersection widening to provide for right and left turn channelization and acceleration/deceleration lanes and shall adhere to the latest version of the Manual Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), the California Supplement, and the Caltrans Highway Design Manual. The improvements shall be substantially completed to the approval of the Department of Transportation or the applicant shall obtain an approved improvement agreement with security, prior to the filing the final map.

From the application packet to revise the project tentative map conditions of approval:

*During the review of the Dixon Ranch project traffic analysis, County Staff discovered a*

*change in the traffic warrant situation in the area. On August 16, 2018 Staff directed the applicant's consulting engineer to reevaluate the traffic signal warrants associated the intersection of Green Valley and Deer Valley Roads. The applicant's consulting engineer (Kimley Horn) completed a traffic signal warrant evaluation on March 28, 2019, updated June 4, 2021. Results of these analysis confirm that installation of a traffic signal at this location is not warranted at this time. Further, street improvements were recently completed at the subject intersection. This significantly improved the situation since the 2007 report. Please see attached traffic signal evaluation reports completed by Kimley Horn.*

*Because the traffic warrant for the signalization of the intersection is not satisfied, Staff directed the consulting engineer determined this project's fair share contribution as part of the analysis. The applicant's fair share has been calculated at 3.9%.*

*Section 66498.2 of the California Subdivision Map Act allows for the amendment of a tentative map in the event of a change to an ordinance, policy, or standard. The required street widening improvements have been completed. The completion of these street improvements effectively satisfies the street improvement portion of the requirement. In deciding if a traffic signal will be an asset rather than a potential liability, traffic engineers evaluate accepted warrants for traffic signals, in this case using the California Traffic Manual Uniform Traffic Control Devices. The installation of a traffic signal should be considered if one or more of the warrants in the referenced manual is met. The decision to install a traffic signal should not be based solely upon the warrants, since the installation of a traffic signal may increase certain types of collisions, and increase delays to pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers who use the intersection. The California Manual on Uniform Control Devices criteria per the requirement were applied in the Kimley Horn analysis and warrants for the following were not met:*

- Warrant 1: Eight-Hour Vehicular Volume
- Warrant 2: Four-Hour Vehicular Volume
- Warrant 3: Peak Hour
- Warrant 4: Pedestrian Volumes

*The projected traffic volumes that would have warranted a traffic signal have not materialized. Although the standard has not changed, the standard has not been met as projected. In fact, the installation of a signal at this location could create an unsafe situation. At Staffs request an updated traffic warrant study was undertaken which resulted in warrants not being met. Because warrants have not been met, the applicant requests the tentative map be amended modifying Condition No. 25 to eliminate the installation of a signal by the applicant and require the applicant pay the project's fair share cost of the signal.*

### Fair Share:

*The Kimley Horn traffic signal warrant evaluation determined that the project's fair share contribution to the signal is 3.90% or an estimated \$10,000-\$12,000. The applicant has contracted with Kimley Horn to design traffic signal construction plans for the intersection of Deer Valley /Green Valley. The plans*

*will allow the traffic signal to be built at the time warrants are met. The applicant proposes that these plans be used to satisfy the project's fair share of the signal costs. In fact, the actual contracted cost for the signal design (\$17,000) exceeds the applicant's fair share cost for the traffic signal.*

### Request:

*Blue Mountain Communities requests modification to TM07-1440-R-2 Department of Transportation condition 25. Specifically, we request that Condition No. 25 be modified such that the applicant/owner be required to contribute its fair share to the subject traffic improvements as detailed in the traffic signal warrant evaluations prepared by Kimley Horn and attached hereto. Further, it is requested that the traffic signal design plans being prepared by Kimley Horn for Blue Mountain Communities serve as Blue Mountain's fair share contribution.*

Improvements to the Green Valley Road – Deer Valley Road intersection were completed in 2014 along with the addition of the Green Valley Road – Silver Springs Parkway Intersection/signaling project, conditioned by the approval of the Silver Springs residential development, which satisfied elements of CIP Project No. 66114 which included the intersection widening to provide for right and left turn channelization and acceleration/deceleration lanes.



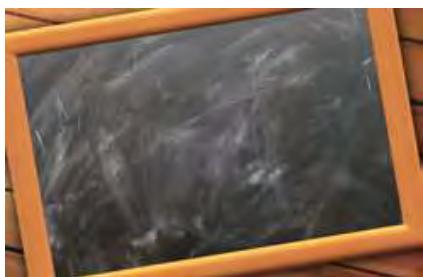
2008 - Green Valley Rd-Deer Valley Rd intersection prior to 2014 improvements



2021 - Green Valley Rd-Deer Valley Rd intersection after 2014 improvements

Blue Mountain Communities purchased the Summer Brook property in 2021, and are currently developing the approved 29 residential lots. They also purchased the Silver Springs property across Green Valley Road in 2018, and are currently developing 37 homes in phase 1 of the Revere at Silver Springs project.

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## From The BLAC Board

### President's Letter April 2022

Have you ever wondered where the Easter bunny came from and why he brings us eggs? How did he become associated with Easter, a symbol of a spring time much looked forward to holiday? He is much-loved because he delivers Easter baskets filled with candy and eggs filled with treats to children around the world.

Not unlike some other holidays we celebrate, the Easter bunny can probably be traced back to the deity Eostra and paganism. As the goddess of spring, rebirth and fertility, the rabbit was her icon because of its ability to quickly procreate.

In Pagan times, eggs represented new life and fertility which may be where the Easter fable of the rabbit began. They are, also, associated with the religious aspects of the holiday as according to history.com, they represent the resurrection of Jesus and his emergence from the tomb.

Some believe that the first Easter celebration took place in the second century but historians believe it probably occurred earlier transitioning into a Christian holiday from the Vernal Equinox Festival in honor of the Eostra.

The association of rabbits with Easter was recognized by the Protestants in Europe by the 17th century. There were other animals that were connected with the holiday as well, including the bilby, a rabbit like marsupial in Australia, the Easter cuckoo of Switzerland and there's even an Easter fox, chick, stork and rooster in Germany.

Dating back to the 13th century, it is thought the tradition of decorating eggs began because eggs were forbidden to eat during Lent. They were decorated in celebration of the end of Lent and eaten on the Easter holiday.

It is believed that when the first German immigrants arrived in Pennsylvania in the 1700s, they brought with them a

## SUMMER BROOK SEEKS TO ELIMINATE TRAFFIC SIGNAL (con't)

### Over-optimistic growth/planning projections, and road improvements lost

Bass Lake Area residents in Rescue, Cameron Park, and El Dorado Hills, will notice a pattern – planned and promised road and pedestrian circulation and safety improvements, conditioned by multiple development applications from over 30 to 20 years ago, being delayed or removed from the County's list of projects, primarily based on inaccurate analysis and projections from the late 1980s, the 1990s, and the 2000 – 2015 era. Frustratingly for area residents is that the analysis of multiple development projects resulted in findings regarding impacts on our communities from twenty, and even thirty-plus years ago had provided the blueprint for the growth of the Bass Lake Area, but the analysis, findings, and mitigations continue to unravel. Multiple projects over those many years were approved with the assumptions of cumulative impacts between them all, and intertwined conditions of approval. Recent analysis of these projects as they are revisited have led to many improvement projects disappearing from the planning horizon:

- The removal in 2015-16 of CIP projects for constructing a four lane Bass Lake
- The removal of frontage improvements (Sidewalks, turn pockets, and bicycle lanes) for Bass Lake Road provided by specific projects in the 1988 El Dorado Hills Specific Plan, as those projects were updated in 2017 and 2019-20
- Removal of planned elements of Bass Lake Road improvements included in the 1996 Bass Lake Hills Specific Plan (BLHSP), when the BLHSP was updated with a new development agreement in 2016-17
- Removal of four-lane Bass Lake Road improvements from US50 to Serrano Parkway attributed to a finding that Bass Lake Road from the re-aligned Country Club Drive north to Serrano Parkway exists in the El Dorado Hills Community Region, and Bass Lake Road from Country Club Drive south to US50 exists in the County Rural Region in 2019-20 – Level of Service (LOS) metrics/triggers differ between community and rural regions

Due to several public comment letters submitted to the Planning Commission by residents, including comments that challenged the validity of the revised project complying with California Environmental Quality Act elements, Planning Staff recommended that the matter be continued to a future Planning Commission hearing, to allow staff the opportunity to further analyze the public concerns. The Commissioners approved continuing the matter off-calendar. ~

## PLANNED JUNE CLOSURE OF SOUTHBOUND SILVA VALLEY PKWY NEAR US50 EXPECTED TO LAST FOUR WEEKS

By John Davey

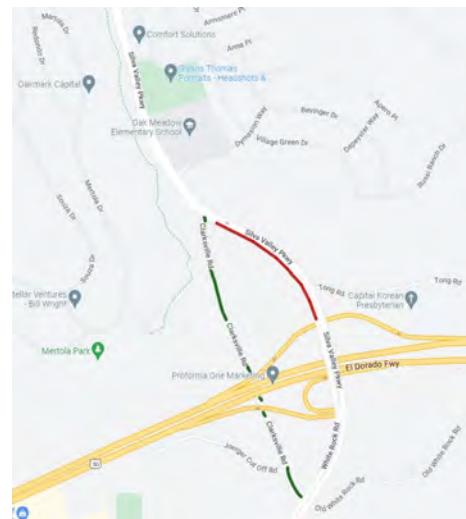
At the April 4, 2022 El Dorado Hills Community Council Meeting, El Dorado County Transportation Department Director Rafael Martinez provided some initial details regarding a planned closure of southbound Silva Valley Parkway in early June. Sewer service is being increased in the area to accommodate the Serrano Village A14 residential development. The early June start time is intended to avoid school impacts.

The options to construct the sewer improvements were either 1) a 4-month project, with partial on and off rotating closures (which would impact the schools along Silva Valley Pkwy), or 2) a 4-week full closure of only the southbound Silva Valley Pkwy lanes between Clarksville Crossing and Tong Road.

Southbound traffic is expected to be routed onto Clarksville Crossing and travel under US50 to White Rock Road. Full closure and detour details will be available closer to the construction start time.

A question was asked if the added capacity of sewer services would be adequate to also serve a potential Costco/EDH52 development. Director Martinez confirmed that enough capacity was being added to address any commercial development in the Silva Valley Parkway-US50 area.

Due to the soil conditions in the area being primarily composed of rock, residents should expect some blasting activity during the construction process. ~



Proposed closure (in RED) and detour route (in GREEN) for the planned June 2022 closure of southbound Silva Valley Parkway

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legend from their homeland about an Osterhase or Oschter Haws which was a bunny who laid eggs. Nests were made for the bunny to encourage them to leave brightly colored treats. Through the years, the myth spread and the Easter bunny eventually began leaving a basket filled with candy, toys and eggs.

Today, the Easter Bunny receives a helping hand from 88 percent of American parents who prepare Easter baskets for children and chocolate bunnies are the most popular basket filler. Each year, candy makers prepare 91 million for the holiday.

## Dixon Ranch Revived as Generations at Green Valley

An application for a reduced version of the Dixon Ranch project that was denied by the Board of Supervisors in 2017 was submitted to the county in January by Green Valley Road Benefits. Now called Generations at Green Valley, it will consist of 379 single-family residential lots instead of the original 605 lots and will include a clubhouse with a Community Park as well as some open space.

Using the Board of Supervisor's and neighborhood feedback, they have dealt with some of the neighborhood concerns regarding the higher density of the original project by planning 17 - 5 acre lots to match the density of the surrounding neighborhood on the perimeter of the property. The project will also include 148 10,000 square foot market-rate lots and 214 6,500 square foot age restricted lots.

While some traffic concerns still exist and it requires an El Dorado County General Plan amendment, they believe by reducing density there will be reduced impacts and that mitigation will then be reduced. The 4 acre public park that Green Valley Road Benefits plans to dedicate to the El Dorado County Hills Community Services District will need a public facilities designation.

According to Aidan Barry, representative of Green Valley Road Benefits and Executive Vice President of True Life Company's management, residents may be notified later this year and he hopes to break ground by the spring of 2024.

## References: Mountain Democrat, February 23, 2022, Generations at Green Valley Retooled

## EDH Community Services District Board Approves Bike Park Project

The El Dorado Hills Community Services -  
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## GOATS RETURN TO WOODRIDGE VILLAGE FOR FIRE PREVENTION WORK

The Woodridge Open Space Maintenance Association has scheduled Fire Prevention Work for the week of April 11th. And that means... GOATS.

Similar to last year, the goats will:

- Have a shepherd and guard dogs full time with them
- Have a portable electric fence surrounding the area where the goats are currently working.  
Please stay away and do not touch the fence
- Public access to the open space areas will be limited while the goats are working

### While the goats are working:

- Access to the open space areas will be closed to the public
- Please keep kids and dogs away from the electric fence
- Please make sure your residence fence is secure to keep kids, pets and goats separated

### Please remember the key rules for use of the open space:

- Let it be natural, passive recreation only
- No motor vehicle use of any kind at any time
- Avoid the wetland areas; do not disturb the wildlife; pick up after your pet
- No trash or yard waste dumping



## DID YOU KNOW?

By John Davey

The El Dorado Hills Community Services District (EDH CSD) has great ways for residents to provide feedback, right from the EDH CSD website.

To Report a concern or ask questions about any EDH CSD park, facilities, programs, CC&Rs, registration, events, design review use the form at [https://www.eldoradohillscsd.org/citizen\\_request/index.php](https://www.eldoradohillscsd.org/citizen_request/index.php)

Many residents are confused about CC&R requirements (not managed by an HOA) about **Boat, Trailer, or RV, parked on streets or a homeowner's property in our villages.**

The confusion can quickly lead to conflict - so if you are temporarily parking one of these vehicles on the street - as you prepare for, or return from, a trip - let the EDH CSD know by using the [Temporary RV, Boat, & Trailer Request Form](#). This helps residents avoid receiving a CC&R Violation Notice, allows the EDH CSD to quickly respond to a complaint and inform neighbors that the situation is temporary, and saves time by eliminating the need for EDH CSD Compliance Staff to visit on-site to confirm a violation.

Use the [Temporary RV, Boat, & Trailer Request Form](#) here:

[https://www.eldoradohillscsd.org/residents/cc\\_rs/rv\\_boats\\_trailer\\_notification.php](https://www.eldoradohillscsd.org/residents/cc_rs/rv_boats_trailer_notification.php)

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### President's Letter - (con't)

- District recently reviewed and unanimously approved a bike park project in El Dorado Hills at their board meeting. Designed by Trail Labs, the high-level concept includes slalom tracks and jump trails for beginner to advanced riders, single trap area and pump tracks.

Based on the current concept design the cost will be approximately \$1.5 million and fully funded by Park impact fees. A grant request for Proposition 68 funding has already been submitted.

The bike park is planned to be built in the utility corridor west of El Dorado Hills Boulevard to Hensley Circle. It was previously discussed in March of 2020, and the planning staff is now creating the final design and consulting with utility agencies.

A concern was raised by board member Heidi Hanuman who was concerned with the lack of parking in the vicinity. CSD General Manager Kevin Loewen mentioned the nearby Community Park could be used. "My concern with trying to do a parking lot now, I think it would hinder this park coming to life in the nearer term," he noted, "it would be a much bigger effort to get county approval."

Construction is expected to begin in 2023 with completion by June of 2024, according to the CSD Principal Planner Tauni Fessler.

### References:

Mountain Democrat, March 28, 2022  
<https://www.villagelife.com/news/edh-bike-park-in-the-works/>

### DUI Arrests Are Increasing in El Dorado Hills

At the March El Dorado Hills Community Council meeting, California Highway Patrol Officer Andrew Brown reported that DUI arrests have been increasing in District 1, (the general EDH area) with 18 arrests in February of which 10 were for DUI and 5 of those were DUI accidents. According to Brown, the arrests accounted for over 40% of all the arrests made in El Dorado County.

The rest of the arrests that were made in February covered the area from El Dorado County's Western slope from Twin Bridges west to the Sacramento County line and north to Placer County and south to Amador County.

Officer Brown, also, explained that more than 40% of all DUI (including alcohol and drugs) crashes happened in El Dorado Hills but the 23 crash investigations in the

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area were only approximately 25% of all crashes in the area.

, discussed the financial burden DUI accidents place on police agencies, hospitals and County staff. "It's not a victimless crime. People die daily from it. Every two minutes somebody is injured from a DUI crash in the United States

...we're talking about 11,000 people dying in this country every year from DUI."

He went on to add that the highway patrol is taking steps toward enhanced enforcement and the county had received a special grant to deter DUI crashes and that many of the crashes have been caused by excessively high blood alcohol levels as high as .20%.

**References: Mt. Democrat, March 23, 2022**

We are so fortunate to be blessed by the rain we have had this week but it does appear that Easter Sunday will be sunny! We wish you all a very Happy Easter! Respectfully,

Kathy Prevost  
 President  
 Bass Lake Action Committee

### UCCE MASTER GARDENERS OF EL DORADO COUNTY SPRING PLANT SALE(S) DATES IN APRIL

Save the Dates!! 2 dates to note.

**Saturday, April 16, 2022 8:00AM - 2:00PM**  
 Edibles- including fruit, veggies, herbs, Tomatoes!!

**Saturday, April 30, 2022 8:00AM - 2:00PM**  
 Trees, shrubs, grasses, succulents, native and perennial plants

Location: Sherwood Demonstration Garden  
 6699 Campus Drive, Placerville, CA



### EL DORADO HILLS FIRE BOARD NIXES ANNEXATION WITH RESCUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT – DISOLVES SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT

By John Davey

At a special El Dorado Hills County Water Board (EDH Fire Board) meeting, Board Directors voted to terminate the shared services agreement between EDH Fire and Rescue Fire, along with reversing course on the EDH Fire Board's previous announced intent to annex the Rescue Fire Protection District. The termination is effective in 30 days.

EDH Fire and Rescue Fire since 2013 have had a shared services agreement in place, at a cost to Rescue Fire of \$75,000 per year to combine amin staff, and training to benefit the tiny Rescue Fire Department. The agreement also provided for the EDH Fire Department Chief to also serve as the Rescue Fire Department Chief.

The Rescue Fire Protection District Board of Directors, with a single fire station on Green Valley Road, held a special March 30th meeting with an Agenda Item to discuss the shared service agreement, along with a closed session agenda item regarding an employment appointment discussion for their Fire Chief position.

The Rescue Fire Board is expected to also vote to terminate the shared services agreement at their April 13th meeting.

EDH Fire Chief Maurice Johnson explained to the Village Life in their story of April 5th,

"They want to focus on their identity and we're ready to focus on El Dorado Hills," Johnson told Village Life, insisting the sudden split is amicable. "There's no rock throwing ... no hard feelings. We want to help them find their happiness and move forward."

*Termination of the agreement doesn't entirely end the fire districts' relationship. Depending on what is worked out between the two agencies, EDH Fire could still provide services to its neighbor. "We want to be a good partner with Rescue," Johnson insisted.*

Chief Johnson further explained that he expects to work out the full details of the separation with the Rescue Fire Board over the next month.

Small (and even not-so-small) rural fire districts are facing an enormous fiscal challenge in remaining solvent. Multiple Fire Protection Districts in El Dorado County have to contend with critical staffing shortages, and budgets that are stretched to the breaking point. EDH Fire, by virtue of the unique funding

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### EID DISTRICT BOARD COMPLETES REDISTRICTING PROCESS

By John Davey

The El Dorado Irrigation District (EID) Board of Directors settled on a revision to the Alternative 1A redistricting map at their March 28, 2022 public hearing.

The EID service area is divided into five divisions - all registered voters, whether a ratepayer or not (not every property in a division is served by EID - some might be on well supplied water, or on septic systems), who reside within those division boundaries elect EID's Board of Directors to four-year terms. This results in two of the Directors (Divisions 2 and 4) being elected in the same year, and the other three Directors (Divisions 1, 3, and 5) are elected two years later. Elections are held in even years to coincide with general elections - In 2022, elections for Director seats in Divisions 2 and 4 will be held in November. In 2024 Director seats for Divisions 1, 3, and 5 in November.

After many months, meetings, and public hearings, the current EID Board of Directors added three adjustments to the proposed Alternative 1A map, designated as Alternative 1D. The most significant revision to the Division lines for the Bass Lake Area (which was primarily Division 4, and included Cameron Park), as well as for other parts of El Dorado Hills and Cameron Park, were the shift of Division 4 boundary lines to include more of eastern El Dorado Hills (including portions of eastern Serrano) and adding in the areas of El Dorado Hills south of US50 along both sides of Latrobe Road.

Division 5, which formerly was the majority of the El Dorado Hills area, was adjusted to include more areas of northwest El Dorado Hills, with communities such as Lake Hills Estates, and moving the southern parts of El Dorado Hills into Division 4. Boundary lines for Division 2 were adjusted to the west to include the majority of Shingle Springs, and roughly half of Cameron Park.

Complicating the process was the necessity of addressing where population increases and decreases have occurred over the past decade, with the majority of growth in El Dorado Hills and Cameron Park.

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mechanisms put in place for the organization's creation in the early 1960s, receives significantly more property tax dollars than other local Fire Districts - a formula that has benefited the levels of Fire protection and emergency services in El Dorado Hills. The superior fire protection has been a measure of comfort that EDH residents have long enjoyed, and supported. ~

### CAMERON PARK RITE AID DRUG STORE CLOSES

By John Davey

The Rite Aid Drug store in Cameron Park, located on Green Valley Road at the Cameron Park Dr/Starbuck Road intersection, closed on April 6, 2022.

In late 2021 Rite Aid announced that they were planning on closing several locations nationally in an effort to reduce costs and improve profitability. The company identified 63 locations across the country for closing, about 2% of their total stores. Reporting at the time suggested that Rite Aid would realize a \$25 million benefit to their bottom line for the coming year with the closings.

In February 2022 Rite Aid had announced the closure of two Sacramento stores – 1 each in downtown, and midtown.

More recently, an East Sacramento location was shut down on March 28th - followed quickly by the Cameron Park location at 3101 Green Valley Road closing.

Prescriptions for existing customers were transferred to the Cameron Park Walgreens drug store, located along Cameron Park Drive at 4101 Plaza Goldorado Circle.

No official information is available on what future use is suggested for the Cameron Park Rite Aid property.

### VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR HOME DELIVERED MEALS PROGRAM

*Press Release*

The El Dorado County Senior Nutrition Program is currently seeking dedicated, caring volunteers for the Home Delivered Meals

Program. Each volunteer generally works one day each week on an assigned route, delivering meals between 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. An Orientation session for potential new volunteer drivers is scheduled on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Placerville Senior Center, located at 937 Spring Street in Placerville.

El Dorado County's Senior Nutrition Program is one of many national senior nutrition programs funded under the Older American Act of 1965. "We are very proud to have this program available for local residents," said Ruth Green, Senior Nutrition Program Coordinator. "The program fills an important nutritional and social need for local participants, and home delivered meal volunteer drivers provide one more link in our community's older adult support network. I hope those who are interested in volunteering will consider attending the orientation on May 17."

For more information about volunteering with the Senior Nutrition Program, please call (530) 621-6160. The Senior Nutrition Program is a service of the El Dorado County Health and Human Services Agency. ~

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### B.L.A.C. MAY 2022 QUARTERLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The Bass Lake Action Committee Board of Directors has scheduled the next quarterly Board of Directors meeting for Monday May 9, 2022 at 7PM.

All Bass Lake Action Committee Members are invited to attend, and members will receive an email invitation that will include the meeting location and Zoom Link along with instructions for attending the meeting virtually.

For further information about BLAC meetings and membership, please contact Vice-President John Davey at 530-676-2657, or email [basslakemembers@gmail.com](mailto:basslakemembers@gmail.com). Residents can also visit our online membership form at <http://basslakeaction.net/members> ~

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