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SALE OF BASS LAKE TO EDH CSD ADVANCES

This last January the *Bulletin* announced that the El Dorado Hills Community Services District (CSD) had begun the process of buying the Bass Lake property from the Rescue Union School District (RUSD).

The California Education Code provides a certain procedure for disposing of a school district's surplus property.

The first step was taken when a committee representing both the surrounding community and the school district met and voted unanimously to recommend to the RUSD that the school district's Bass Lake property be declared surplus to the district. The committee's recommendation was accepted by the RUSD board in January

The next step was completed when the RUSD board declared the property as surplus at its February 13 regular board meeting, and authorized its staff to proceed with sending statutory offers to sell the property to public agencies. They have sixty days in which to indicate interest in purchasing the property.

The CSD has sent the RUSD a letter of intent to acquire the property. The CSD has circulated a preliminary plan of how they would use the property, which includes developing the west side of the lake as a recreation park and leaving the east side of the lake as natural open space with walking trails. In a recent email to the Bulletin, CSD General Manager Kevin Loewen said that the draft concept that was presented last year to the Bass Lake Action Committee is still unchanged.

The CSD has already entered into an agreement to purchase the EID maintenance yard property below the Bass Lake dam and adjacent to the Bass Lake property. ~

New sod lawn at Oak Knoll Park

OAK KNOLL PARK RENOVATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Passers-by may have noticed the activity going on at Oak Knoll Park. The park owner and operator, the El Dorado Hills Community Services District (CSD), has been doing some renovation to the landscaping. The CSD has completed re-sodding the lawn area behind the clubhouse and has repaired some of the concrete walkways to eliminate trip hazards.

Visitors to the park are asked to refrain from entering the area of new sod. The back area of Oak Knoll Park behind the clubhouse will remain closed through the beginning of May and will reopen in time for the Park Party that will take place there on Thursday, May 3rd from 5:00 - 6:30PM. For more party information see the Facebook page Park Party - Oak Knoll Park.

In addition to the Chess Club, which meets at the park on Thursdays from 2 to 4 PM, the CSD will offer Beginning Watercolor classes given by Deborah Barr in May and June. See the Oak Knoll Park page of the CSD Summer Activity Guide on the CSD website at edhcsd.org for details.~

Free wagon rides

CLARKSVILLE DAY RETURNS MAY 5

Mark your calendars for May 5, when Clarksville Day will be celebrated in the old ghost town of Clarksville, brought to you by the Clarksville Region Historical Society and generous sponsors,

Music, food, antique autos, history and fun, all in one place, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM on May 5th. Admission and parking is free.

Clarksville Day is located at Highway 50 and White Rock Road. Visit edhhistory.org for details. ~

MAY IS BIKE MONTH

Family Friendly
Bike Events & Trails

8th Annual Great Scott Bike & Walk Event - Sunday, May 6, 2018. More than 30 miles of beautiful country roads, centered around Scott Road, where only cyclists and pedestrians are permitted for five hours. The event is FREE! Fast riders can access the course from 8 -10am, and from 10am-3pm, the speed limit slows for family-friendly rides. More details at www.bikegreatscott.com.

El Dorado Trail (Placerville) - Exit Highway 50 at Point View Drive and go north. El Dorado Trail head is at the corner of Jacquier Road and Camelia Lane in beautiful Apple Hill country less than a mile from the freeway. The trail is an easy three-mile, paved trail that is family-friendly, winding up into the foothills and also down into Placerville on the old narrow gauge railroad route.

Lake Natoma Loop - Park along Leidesdorff Street or in the parking garage to access the trail, and walk down Gold Lake Drive to the beginning of the trail below Lake Natoma Inn. The relatively flat, paved Lake Natoma Loop dips and dives over small rises along the southeast side of the lake, curving through large piles of river rock left over from dredging many years ago. Cyclists will find plenty of wildlife.

Browns Ravine to Mormon Island Auxiliary Dam Trail - For a more challenging family ride, try the 2.5 mile natural surface single- and double-track trail from Browns Ravine to Mormon Island Auxiliary Dam. Parking is available at Browns Ravine Marina off Green Valley Road ($10). There are a few natural trail features which could be technical for beginners. Cyclist will have great view of the lake and fun, twisty-turny single track in many places. ~

Credit: EDH CSD

The EDITOR'S CORNER

Hello Everyone --

You don't need me to tell you that it's Spring. Rain has given way to sunshine, and for me it can't be too soon. We got over eight inches of rain at our house in March.

Don't forget about Clarksville Day on May 5 from 10am to 3pm -- come by and see me and Fran at the Red Barn as we dispense historical facts and information about the rich history of our area.

Best regards,

John E. Thomson, Editor

BLAC BOARD SETS MAY MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

The May Board Meeting of the Bass Lake Action Committee (BLAC) will be held on May 7, 2018, at the home of John Davey, 3907 Watsonia Glen Drive, Hills of El Dorado, El Dorado Hills, 95762, telephone 530-676-2657.

The meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M. All BLAC Members and members of the public are cordially invited to attend.

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

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A small green frog
On a big brown log;
A black and yellow bee
In a little green tree;
A red and yellow snake
By a blue-green lake,
All sat and listened
To red bird sing,
"Wake up, everybody,
It's spring! It's spring!"

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