

# The **BASS LAKE BULLETIN**

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## DETAILS ON THE NEW ENTRANCE SIGN FOR THE HILLS OF EL DORADO VILLAGE



*By John Davey*

In the August Bass Lake Bulletin, we included a photo of the updated entrance sign for The Hills of El Dorado Village (Bass Lake Village LLAD A). We reached out to the El Dorado Hills Community Services District for information on the replacement of the original twenty-eight year old sign, which had been repaired numerous times due to vandalism, along with wear and tear, but was currently peeling and showing its age.

Teri Gotro Director of Admin & Finance El Dorado Hills CSD responded via email:

*We have received a lot of nice*

*comments about the sign. We were able to move up the sign project due to the newly voted assessment.*

*The cost of the new sign was \$10,606.05. If the new funding was not in place, then we would have just done some touch ups to the old sign.*

*It has a lifetime expectancy of 10 years, but is expected to go beyond this.*

*You can see below that our Reserve Study report is outdated.*

*The sign was scheduled to be replaced in 2023-24 at the cost of \$5,404.*

*As I mentioned before, we are*

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## PROMPTED BY SHERIFF AND COUNTY AUDITOR, BOS CUTS \$1 DMV REGISTRATION FEE

*By John Davey*

El Dorado County Sheriff John D'Agostini and Auditor-Controller Joe Harn have worked to have the County Board of Supervisors rescind a \$1 vehicle registration fee originally established to create funds to enhance fingerprint identification capabilities of local law enforcement.

Established in 1998, the fee was suspended in 2013. Three years later in 2016 the fee was reinstated. The fee generated about \$150,000 annually.

In a letter to the BOS, the sheriff and the auditor-controller provided a determination "that the county does not need the revenue generated by this fee for the continued maintenance of its automated fingerprint identification services for at least one year."

Subsequently the Board of Supervisors approved suspending the fee for this year on a 5-0 vote.

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currently undergoing an updated study that will be used for FY24 assessments. We were also able to include the painting of the fence this last fiscal year due to the increased assessments.

In July 2021, the property owners in Bass Lake Village LLAD Zone A (The Hills of El Dorado) were the only LLAD out of four underfunded LLADs to approve any of the proposed funding increases, raising the annual per parcel levy from the existing \$99 to a maximum assessment of \$286.66. Based on required engineer reports for the 2022-23 assessment period, the Bass Lake Village Zone A levy was set at \$275.48 per parcel.

Residents have expressed hope that long deferred maintenance will continue, including trimming of oak trees that hang five feet above the sidewalks along Tea Rose Drive, along with landscape freshening, and maintenance of the entrance split rail fence.

Original Entrance Sign in 2021  
Image Credit EDH CSD



## Bass Lake Bulletin BOS CUTS \$1 DMV REGISTRATION FEE (con't)

In their letter to the BOS, the Sheriff and the Auditor-Controller indicated that it may take three to six months for the California Department of Motor Vehicles to stop collecting the fee.

In an opinion article published in the Mountain Democrat, Auditor-Controller Harn observed that “California is a leader in some of the wrong categories — people living in poverty, homelessness and high cost of living (which pushes even more people into homelessness),”

The Auditor-Controller further indicated that “El Dorado County leaders should do what they can to slow the meteoric rise in the cost of living.”

Auditor-Controller Harn is interested in seeking the removal of multiple fees:

- Reducing DMV fees by \$10 per vehicle via elimination of the following

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- The \$1 fingerprint identification fee – approved by the BOS
- \$6 Air Quality Management District fee
- \$1 abandoned vehicle abatement fee
- \$1 DUI and vehicular manslaughter prosecution fee
- \$1 fee dedicated to the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) -[ El Dorado County is a member of the council]

An August 24,2022 Mountain Democrat article indicated that:

*The auditor later told the newspaper he and District 2 Supervisor George Turnboo are working on a resolution to repeal the \$1 SACOG fee, which the county never sees. The money goes directly to SACOG for the operation of freeway call boxes (most of which have been removed in El Dorado County). That resolution should come to the board some time next month.*

*“With inflation hitting and hurting county residents so hard, the county has an obligation to look at reviewing and possibly eliminating or reducing every fee it charges,” Harn said. “I intend to push publicly and privately to make sure that happens.”*

Sources:

[“The buck stops here — DMV fees cut by \\$1” By Noel Stack Mountain Democrat August 24, 2022](#)

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## EDH CSD LLAD ASSESSMENTS NOT INCLUDED ON 2022-23 COUNTY PROPERTY TAX STATEMENTS

### County Auditor-Controller Releases Letter to EDH CSD Detailing Reasoning

By John Davey

Residents have received their 2022-2023 El Dorado County Property Tax Statement recently. And while the regular annual \$10 general tax assessed for #54405 Special Tax El Dorado Hills CSD 11/8/1993 CC&R (CC&R Enforcement) was included on the Property Tax Statement, many Bass Lake area property owners noticed something missing: The Annual El Dorado Hills CSD LLAD assessment specific to their village.

In a letter to the El Dorado Hills Community Services District released by the El Dorado County Auditor-Controller's office, elected Auditor-Controller Joe Harn details that due to discrepancies in assessment amounts provided by EDH CSD Board Resolution 2021-14 the Auditor-Controller requested that the EDH CSD Board provide written representation to verify the adequacy and accurateness of the required annual Engineers Reports for each LLAD made by EDH CSD Consultants DTA

Auditor-Controller Harn's August 22, 2022 letter to the EDH CSD concluded with:

*Despite my repeated requests for written representations, I did not*

*receive them by the August 10th deadline. I called you, texted you, and emailed you regarding this matter on August 17th. I also texted your Board President and talked to another Director on the phone on August 17. In response, not only did you refuse to provide the same representations and warranties that were provided in 2021, but you acknowledged the existence of inaccuracies in the assessments. Whether or not those inaccuracies are the result of information provided by the County is irrelevant as it is the CSD that bears responsibility for confirming the accuracy of its assessments prior to placement on the tax roll.*



(Auditor's Letter to EDH CSD)

*On August 18th, my office extended the property tax roll with assessments requested by your consultant for Rodeway LLAD #19 only. The property tax roll was extended without any of*

*the other LLAD assessments provided by your consultant. To be clear, the El Dorado Hills CSD's LLAD assessments, other than Rodeway LLAD#19, were not placed on the property tax bills for fiscal year 2022-23.*

What does this mean for El Dorado Hills property owners that are subject to LLAD assessments? The LLAD Assessments are included on the annual Property Tax Statement, which many homeowners pay via their mortgage lender. Without the assessment included, monthly mortgage payment amounts to cover the escrow account for property taxes will be recalculated to a lower level.

If the matter is resolved, and a supplemental Property Tax Statement is issued, mortgage lenders will have to recalculate the property owners' monthly mortgage payment to collect the assessments over a shorter time period – the total amounts collected per parcel will be the same by the end of the fiscal year, but monthly mortgage payments will have to increase to make up for months where the 1/12 of the LLAD assessment was not collected.

For many property owners with LLAD assessments ranging from less than \$100 to upwards of \$300, the impact on budgeting may not be that significant. For property owners with LLAD assessments from \$300 to over \$1000 the monthly mortgage increase could be more significant.

A further impact is that a -

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# LLAD ASSESSMENTS NOT INCLUDED ON 2022 COUNTY PROPERTY TAX STATEMENTS *(con't)*

- supplemental Property Tax Statement will incur additional costs to the County for preparation, printing and mailing.

Bass Lake area villages subject to LLAD assessments have the following levies for the 2022-2023 period (max assessments are based on the original formation levy, as well as a CPI inflationary factor over subsequent years, additionally the assessment is based on annual Engineer Report determination on needed asset maintenance or replacement costs):

Bass Lake A (The Hills of El Dorado) \$275.48 (max \$286.66)

Bass Lake B (Woodridge) \$120.74 (max \$579.91)

Hollow Oaks (Laurel Oaks) \$363.22 (max \$867.16)

Hawk View \$0.00 (max \$856.70)

Bell Ranch (Emerald Peak – under construction) \$0.00 (max \$1353.60)

Bass Lake North (Hidden Ridge-under construction) \$0.00 (max \$561.41)

The Auditor’s August 22, 2022 letter to the EDH CSD can be found here: <http://basslakeaction.net/auditor-llad-letter>

## Bass Lake Bulletin EL DORADO COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS ADDRESSES EL DORADO HILLS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### SPECIAL SECOND EDH COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING IN SEPT FOCUSES ON MENTAL HEALTH

*By John Davey*

At the September 12th El Dorado Hills Community Council Meeting, guest speaker, El Dorado County Registrar of Voters Bill O’Neill provided details on the processes and requirements of conducting elections in El Dorado County, as well as his office’s efforts at providing transparency to County voters. These efforts extend to include inviting residents into the Registrar’s office for tours. Mr. O’Neill observed that in recent years that security efforts regarding elections have centered on cyber security, but have increasingly begun to have more focus on physical security as well.

View the September 12th meeting recording beginning with Mr. O’Neill’s presentation here: <http://basslakeaction.net/edhcc-sep-12>



*(EDH Community Council 9/12/22 Meeting recording)*

To learn more about elections and voting in El Dorado County, visit the

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Registrar of Voters Elections website here: <https://www.edcgov.us/Government/Elections>

The EDH Community Council held a special second meeting on September 19th – the third meeting in a series focusing on Mental Health in El Dorado County. The meeting included presentations and discussions with Kyle Nelson, Executive Director, and Joshina Little Nok Cluff, Circles of Care Project Manager from the Shingle Springs Health and Wellness Center, Terri Stratton, Executive Director, of the El Dorado Community Health Center, Nicole Ebrahimi-Nuyken, EDC Behavioral Health Director, and Frank Porter and Diane Rabinowitz who provided an update on the Clubhouse El Dorado Project.

The September 19th Special Meeting recording can be seen here: <http://basslakeaction.org/edhcc-sep-19>



*(EDH Community Council 9/19/22 Meeting recording)*



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[EDH Community Council / District 1 Supervisor Website](#)

## EL DORADO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION CREATES MOSQUITO FIRE RELIEF FUND

*By John Davey*

The El Dorado Community Foundation, long recognized as the leading fund-raising organization in El Dorado County, has organized a relief fund for Mosquito Fire victims.

As with the Caldor Fire that the EDCF established last year, efforts are underway to provide assistance, and relief to our El Dorado County neighbors impacted by the Mosquito Fire

From the EDCF Mosquito Fire Relief website:

*Thank you for supporting the community relief efforts of the Mosquito Fire through your donation to the Mosquito Fire Relief Fund. Our neighbors once again need your help! Your donation will go to support families in El Dorado County who have been and will be impacted by this fire.*

*All donations to the Mosquito Fire Relief Fund are unrestricted.*

*Checks can be made payable to Mosquito Fire Relief Fund and mailed to:*

*El Dorado Community Foundation  
PO Box 1388  
Placerville, CA 95667*

Visit the El Dorado Community Foundation’s Mosquito Fire Relief Fund webpage to donate online:

[https://edcf.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?funit\\_id=2485](https://edcf.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?funit_id=2485)

## Bass Lake Bulletin LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS TO HOST CANDIDATE FORUM IN EL DORADO HILLS

*By John Davey*

The El Dorado County League of Women Voters (LWV) is conducting several candidate forums in El Dorado County in advance of the November 8<sup>th</sup> General Election.

A forum for candidates vying for open Director seats for the El Dorado Hills Community Services District will be held in El Dorado Hills on Thursday September 29<sup>th</sup>.

El Dorado Hills Community Services District candidate forum will begin at 6:30 p.m. September 29<sup>th</sup> at the El Dorado Hills CSD Norm Rowett Pavilion located at 1021 Harvard Way in El Dorado Hills.

Five Candidates are running to fill three director seats: Steve Ferry, Lewis Hampton, Heidi Hannaman, Michael Martinelli, and William Willman.



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## NEW RUSD TRUSTEE CHOSEN

*Rescue Union School District Press Release*

Michelle Bebout was selected by the Rescue Union School District Board of Trustees at its Aug. 26 special board meeting to be the provisional appointee to fill the vacancy created by Tagg Neal’s resignation.

Bebout will serve for the duration of Neal’s term, which will be up for election in November 2024.

“We are glad to welcome Michelle to this position,” Board of Education President Michael Gordon noted. “It was abundantly clear during her interview that her heart is dedicated to our students and community. We look forward to working with her for the benefit of our Rescue USD community.”

Bebout and her family live in Rescue and she is a teacher in the San Juan Unified School District.

“I want to do my part to serve my community, advocate for the rights of children and ensure that Rescue USD continues to be one of the finest educational institutions in the state,” Bebout said following her appointment.

RUSD Superintendent Jim Shoemaker welcomed Bebout to the Rescue Union School District Board of Education. “Her expertise and long-standing commitment to serving students will be a tremendous asset to our governance team and to the students and families of our district,” he said.

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## NEW RUSD TRUSTEE CHOSEN *(con't)*

Bebout will take her Oath of Office and be sworn into her new role as trustee at the Sept. 13 RUSD board meeting.

For more information about the Rescue Union School District visit [rescueusd.org](http://rescueusd.org).



## THE JOERGER RANCH AND EL DORADO HILLS HISTORY

*By Kathy Prevost*

During the Gold Rush period from 1848 to the 1860's, the Clarksville area was not a major mining area but it was a major stopping place for travelers both to and from the gold fields. Once the Gold Rush period was over, some gold rush seekers returned to their homes while others settled in the area and changed to another occupation. Many mining camps of the area, which included Clarksville, began to replace their temporary structures with stone houses.

Typically during the Gold Rush and after, property was held in large land grants which were subsequently split into smaller ranches for cattle, horses and sheep to graze on at the end of

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the 19th century. The mild climate of the region allowed for orchards and livestock to do well as well as a wide variety of crops. The area remained primarily agriculturally and ranching based until the early 1960's when it was discovered by real estate developers.

The old Joerger summer ranch actually was in Placer County in the Martis Valley southeast of the city of Truckee and they logged the property as well. The dairy industry was very important to the region until the Great Depression of the 1930s.

Agriculture was second only to mining as the most profitable industry in the state. The dairy production in the Sierra Nevada was one of the four major regions in California which included the Northern California Coast, the Central Coast and the Central Valley. There was a desire for milk, cheese and butter from the immigrants and the new travelers who brought along their families, which enabled the dairies to sell their surplus milk for a good price.



*Joe Joerger Headstone- image credit: findagrave.com*

Joseph Joerger was originally from the Alsace Lorraine region in France and lived on a farm that produced milk, cheese and butter. He, with his

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younger brother, Michael, immigrated to the United States in 1848. When his brother accidentally drowned in Lake Erie, Joseph decided to move to California and he boarded a Clipper ship which went around Cape Horn to San Francisco arriving in March of 1851, at 21 years of age. He took a river boat to Sacramento and subsequently made his way to Folsom.

He first panned for gold at a settlement called Ashland before moving to Prairie City when the Natoma Water and Mining Company completed their ditch that transported water to the dry diggings in 1853. A miner could average \$15 a day and he worked there for 4 years.

By 1856, he had accumulated enough money to purchase sheep and he went into business with two other men named Windmiller and Stewart. He purchased a piece of property near Folsom Lake in the area of now El Dorado Hills and 700 head of cattle, 200 of which were dairy cows which he would drive to higher alpine meadows elevations in the summer. He had learned this in France and was the first rancher in the area to do so.

There are accounts of the family's cattle being driven to the high country up Highway 50 and then up Silver Creek to meadows which were near what is today Wright's Lake. This was done for 8 years and they would prepare the butter at this location and the products would be sent to Sacramento and San Francisco by freight wagon to avoid the heat of the day.

The old Joerger summer ranch, which they logged as well, was

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**JOERGER RANCH**  
(con't)

actually in Placer County in the Martis Valley southeast of the city of Truckee. The dairy industry was very important to the region until the Great Depression of the 1930s.

In the Clarksville area he was known as Grasshopper Joe and the property he owned was called Grasshopper Place.

Joerger met his future wife, Catherine Hess, during this time and married her December 4, 1866. Their daughter, Frances Catherine was born June 2, 1868.

Catherine passed away in 1872 at the age of 25. He did remarry in December of 1876, to Martha Ella Smith of Deer Valley near Coloma. Martha and Joseph had nine children with six born on the winter Ranch in Clarksville and three born at the summer Ranch in Martis Valley.

Joseph purchased the Mormon Tavern in 1876, which was located along the Old Clarksville /White Rock Emigrant Road. It had been built in 1848, by a Mormon named Morgan and it was also a Pony Express Station. Joerger acquired more property over the years and had over 3,000 acres in the El Dorado County area on which he began his cattle operation.

He may have been driving cattle to the Martis Valley location as early as 1856, as he was able to acquire grazing permits because of the continued use but there's no specific mention of the early trips. He was working with Windmiller and Stuart at that time so they may have traveled with the sheep to the summer ranch. In a letter that he

wrote to his mother-in-law in June of 1877, he mentions driving the cattle to Martis Valley for the first time.

Family members have told stories of the cattle drives that lasted 5 to 6 days and the cattle were milked en route so they would not stop producing milk. Communities along their route could bring buckets to receive free milk. The older boys, with their father, would drive the cattle and Martha with the girls and the younger boys would ride the train and meet them in Truckee. This was done until 1900, when then 70 year old Joseph turned over his business to Joseph Emile Joerger.

The business operations were run in the same fashion into the 1930's when the younger Joseph moved the business to the south end of his property and began transporting the cattle by train and truck.

Joseph Joerger, Sr., passed away in 1914, in Oakland, California. The family stayed in the Sacramento area and the Kyburz property was given to his daughter by Catherine as part of her inheritance. Subsequently that property was purchased by El Dorado Hills West Development Corporation and is part of the present day planned community of El Dorado Hills.

Much of the Joerger Ranch was purchased in the 1960's and developed into El Dorado Hills. Allen H. Lindsay, who is considered to be the person who founded El Dorado Hills in 1959, purchased 20 pieces of ranch land totaling about 11,000 acres and drew up a master plan for a new community to be called El Dorado Hills. The first of these new developments (or villages) opened in 1962. The Joseph J. Joerger family 1800 acres were the best known parcels he purchased because it included the Mormon Tavern.

The Euer Ranch which was run by Sophary Euer, who was one of the leading dairy men in El Dorado County, was slightly to the west of the Mormon Tavern in Clarksville and is mostly now the El Dorado Hills Business Park.

Euer was born in December of 1840, into a Swiss dairying family and immigrated to America in 1855. Moving to California two years later, he was a cattleman for 7 years and in 1867, he with a partner named A. Jewell, purchased an 80 cow dairy.

Ultimately, he bought out his partner a year later and his descendants farmed the property for the next hundred plus years. The Euer Ranch was removed



Joerger House - image credit: pitsenberger.com

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### JOERGER RANCH (con't)

from the Williamson agricultural contract in the early 1980's and began developing into the El Dorado Hills Business Park.

The Russell Ranch which was, also, a large agricultural property to the west and most of the portion in El Dorado County became known as the Promontory.

The story of the ranches of El Dorado Hills does not end here and there will be more to come!

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### EID PROMOTES “ADOPT A FIRE HYDRANT” EFFORT

*From EID Sep/Oct 2022 Waterfront Newsletter*

EID operates and maintains approximately 7,000 hydrants across its 220-square-mile service area, from Strawberry to the Sacramento County line. With our limited resources and competing priorities, we have been able to perform maintenance on over a third of the hydrants in our system to date. The District encourages community members to “adopt” a fire hydrant close to their home or business and keep it free of weeds and

shrubbery—or clear of snow in winter if located above the snow line. Over the last seven years, EID has dedicated a fulltime team to inspect, perform maintenance, and verify operation of all of our hydrants. Each one is inspected, exercised, lubricated, pressure tested, flushed and given a fresh coat of paint. If defects are found, those defects are identified in a subsequent work order and given a corresponding priority for repair or replacement. Clear Access Keeps Our Communities Safe When responding to a fire it is important that fire department personnel gain access to a water supply via a fire hydrant as quickly as possible. That way, the fire can be extinguished and prevent loss of property and/or life. In the event of a fire in your neighborhood, firefighters may spend valuable time searching for and accessing a hydrant when they could be doing other important tasks. This is where members of the community can help. Some people in our community have informally “adopted a hydrant” in their neighborhood and take responsibility to clear a path approximately three feet around the hydrant as well as clear a path from the street or roadway up to the fire hydrant so that the hydrant is visible and accessible. Structure fires occur at the highest rates during the winter months. These house fires are usually caused by heating appliances like space heaters and wood stoves, according to the U.S. Fire

Administration. When fire department personnel respond to put out a house fire, the fire engines carry enough water to make an initial fire attack, but they soon need a continuous water supply from a fire hydrant to extinguish some fires. Finding and connecting to a fire hydrant is one of the firefighters’ first priorities. New GPS mapping technology on fire engines has improved firefighters’ ability to find hydrant locations more quickly, but getting to them when they are shrouded in shrubs and other vegetation can be a challenge. If you notice that a fire hydrant has been damaged, missing caps, leaking water, or if it is blocked please notify EID by calling 530.642.4000 or email [billing@eid.org](mailto:billing@eid.org). Please also contact us if you suspect possible water theft or unauthorized use of fire hydrants. We encourage you to find the fire hydrant near your house and clear it from vegetation and snow. This will improve the chances that the fire department can knock down a fire as quickly as possible. To locate a fire hydrant visit our Locate a Fire Hydrant webpage at [www.eid.org/i-want-to/locate-a-firehydrant](http://www.eid.org/i-want-to/locate-a-firehydrant).

If you notice that a fire hydrant has been damaged, missing caps, leaking water, or if it is blocked, please notify EID by calling 530.642.4000 or email [billing@eid.org](mailto:billing@eid.org). Please also contact us if you suspect possible water theft or unauthorized use of fire hydrants.





# EL DORADO COUNTY CLEARS PATH TO TEMPORARY HOMELESS NAVIGATION CENTER AT FORMER JUVENILE HALL IN PLACERVILLE

*By John Davey*

After failing to gain the required support of the Board of Supervisors for a temporary homeless navigation center at Perk’s Court on the southeast side of the US50 Missouri Flat Rd interchange last month, the Board approved an alternate option to establish a temporary navigation center.

District 3 Supervisor Wendy Thomas, and District Four Supervisor Lori Parlin recommended that the Board consider terminating the current temporary Cal Fire Lease of the former Juvenile Hall at 299 Fair Lane in Placerville in the County Government Center, and convert the facility for use as a temporary Homeless Navigation Center.

The agenda item involved multiple aspects of moving Cal Fire out of the temporary use of the former Juvenile Hall building, as well as moves of several County functions to accommodate the proposed temporary Homeless Navigation Center, which could help dozens of homeless individuals.

In June 2022 the County contracted with the non-profit Volunteers of America to operate a temporary Homeless Navigation Center.

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The Board of Supervisors supported the proposal 4 -1, with District 2 Supervisor George Turnboo in opposition to only the navigation center – he supports a proposed solution that would implement tiny homes along Missouri Flat Road adjacent to the Sheriff Department Headquarters.

The steps necessary to make the temporary Navigation Center possible at the former Juvenile Hall building were:

- Terminate the current Cal Fire Temporary lease of the space – Cal Fire confirms that they have been looking to acquire an alternate space to replace the temporary use of the Juvenile Hall facility.
- Consider that the County plans to relocate its psychiatric health facility to part of the Juvenile Hall facility in late 2023 due to required roof replacement in its current building.
- The Board directed County Staff to work with the El Dorado County Superior Court to move the existing Juvenile Court from the bottom floor of the old Juvenile Hall building to Building C at 2850 Fairlane Court – the current location of the Elections Department and the Registrar of Voters.
- The Elections Department has had discussions about moving from Building C to the Carlton Building located at 3883 Ponderosa Road in Shingle Springs – El Dorado County Registrar of Voters Bill O’Neill indicated that the Carlton Building will be a more efficient location for the Elections Department, because

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it also includes warehouse space. Staff has 60 days to identify possible locations for the Elections Department, and to return with those recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

- The former Sheriff Department Building at 300 Fair Lane in Placerville, has been identified as a potential site for a permanent Homeless Navigation Center. A possible conflict however is that in November 2021 the Board of Supervisors had identified the former Sheriff Department Building as the site for the replacement Juvenile Hall. For the time being, the Board directed staff to seek funding for updating the Juvenile Treatment Center in South Lake Tahoe to handle the Juvenile Hall needs of the County. The County Probation Department has indicated that it may take months to identify a site for a new Juvenile Hall.

Several County Agencies expressed concerns about security for County Staff near the temporary Navigation Center. In response to this, the Board of Supervisors made a separate motion to direct staff to address security concerns at the Government Center before opening of the temporary Navigation Center.



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## CALIFORNIA CAPITAL AIRSHOW SET FOR SEPTEMBER 30 TO OCTOBER 2

*From the California Capital Airshow website:*

Established in 2004, the California Capital Airshow 501(c)3 plans and operates the exciting, family-friendly annual event designed to honor the Sacramento region’s rich aviation heritage and veterans while using the power and magic of flight to inspire young people. CCA gives back to the community through scholarships, charitable group donations and exciting educational youth programming throughout the year.

### FRIDAY DRIVE-IN/TAILGATE AIRSHOW

(please DO NOT arrive before this time), there will be plenty of time for you to get parked prior to opening ceremonies beginning at 3:30 PM with jets in the air until about 7 PM.

The USAF F-22 Raptor, Navy Growler Legacy Team, Canadian Forces F-18, Air National Guard, Beale AFB, Travis AFB and a few other surprises only flying through on Friday!

**THIS UNIQUE EVENT IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT THAN THE SATURDAY & SUNDAY SHOW**

Tickets for Friday’s Drive-In Airshow will include a parking spot and an area directly next to your vehicle to “tailgate”.

No grills or glass are allowed, but you are welcome to bring food and drinks,

bring your own food and drink by visiting one of our many restaurant partners.

### WHEN IN YOUR PARKING AREA

Plan to bring chairs to watch the action outside of your vehicle. You may also want to bring a hat or personal umbrella to protect yourself from the sun. Don’t forget the sunscreen! Pop-up tents and large beach umbrellas are NOT permitted due to the danger of them taking flight, and they obstruct the view of fellow air show attendees.

### WHAT ABOUT FOOD AND DRINKS?

We’re encouraging people to bring their own food and drinks, since there will be no on-site food vendors.

Grills and BBQ’s, regardless of size



Come out and enjoy an intimate, up-close show with all the best the military has to offer. Only 1,500 tickets are available!

This year’s 2022 Airshow will feature a Drive-In Airshow on Friday, September 30th. The Drive-In Airshow will take place in what usually is our largest parking lot located on the west cargo ramp at Mather Airport. PICTURE A TAILGATE PARTY, BUT WITH JETS! Gates will open at 2 PM

coolers, chairs and standard umbrellas (no beach umbrellas, canopies or pop-up tents, please)

There will NOT be access to the ground display aircraft ramp on Friday, but you will have an excellent seat for a GREAT show.

Drive-in tickets will be sold per car – number of seatbelts is how many people can attend.

There will be NO food and drinks available for purchase onsite – plan to

are NOT permitted.

Alcoholic beverages are not permitted. Non-alcoholic beverages in cans and plastic are permitted. Glass of any kind is not permitted, due to a safety concern.

For more information about all of the events, performers, and tickets for the multi-day event, visit the California Capital Airshow website at :

<https://californiacapitalairshow.com/>



From The BLAC Board

## President's Letter September 2022

By Kathy Prevost

Once again, our beautiful pistache tree is beginning to show its gorgeous reds, orange and browns of the fall season which they are so noted for doing. The cooler weather and rain following what seemed like a forever hot spell in September makes it even more appreciated. You can almost feel the crunching of leaves and the delightful smells of fall in the air.

Like many of you I am sure, much of the landscaping is really struggling because of the long warm summer we had this year. Hopefully the recent rains will give them some new life and restore them to their previous healthy status. Fewer visits from my two young deer friends will certainly help with their restoration as well.

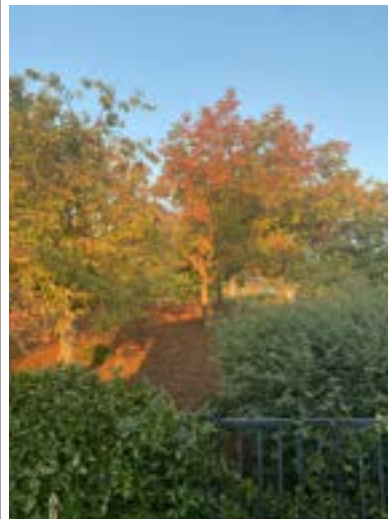
Looking forward to wearing a

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sweater again and decorating the pumpkins!

### Autumnal Equinox

This year the autumnal equinox arrived at 6pm on September 22nd for the Northern Hemisphere signaling the beginning of our fall season. Interestingly, Earth is not the only planet that has equinoxes, actually all the planets in our solar system do. An equinox was captured in 2009, by the Cassini probe which was in orbit around Saturn at the time. Equinoxes occur every half year on Saturn which is equal to 15 years on Earth.



Ancient civilizations have tracked equinoxes in different ways over time, from stone carvings that were used as calendars to monuments and churches incorporating the sun into their architecture. Using these methods, they were able

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to follow the passing of the sun and seasons with great accuracy.

There are some cultures that still celebrate the Autumnal Equinox today, one of which is the Lakota tribe of the U.S. Midwest. They make a tobacco from the red willow tree to connect the Earth with the sky. The willow tree matches the Droid Willow constellation which is where the sun rises on the Spring Equinox and they smoke the sacred tobacco marking the return of the longer days in a ceremony.

### The Changing Real Estate Market

Even with the changing landscape of the home sales in El Dorado Hills, there are currently 397 homes listed and 60 new homes for sale in El Dorado Hills. The median sales price of a home was \$974,975 in August of 2022, which was an increase from last year when it was \$783,470. Homes sold on average after 55 days compared to last year when it was 84 days according to the [Movoto.com](https://www.movoto.com) website and 77 homes have reduced their sales price.

In June, the median selling price for a home in El Dorado County was \$700,000 which fell to \$634,000 in July and \$620,000

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in August in monthly sales which have declined 25%, according to Ken Calhoun in the Home Source magazine of September 16th. While the 30-year fixed rate mortgages increased climbing to 6% in early September, according to Calhoun, it is not the only reason that some buyers have put their house purchase plans on hold for the time being.

Mortgage rates have hovered around 7 1/2% historically for the past 50 years and he believes they will probably stay in that range. With the Federal Reserve continuing to raise rates in an effort to slow the economy and bring down inflation, it will, also, have a significant effect on the housing industry. With the lower interest rates, more people were able to become homeowners, however, at the same time the increased demand drove prices to record highs that fewer families could afford.

Fannie Mae's Economic and Strategic Research Group believes that new home sales will fall 18% while existing homes sales will fall 16%. "Brace for further slowing in the housing market," Investment Banker

Goldman Sachs relayed to their real estate investors recently.

Senior Director of The Confidence Board Lynn Franco encapsulates the concerns of many consumers in his quote, "Consumer confidence fell for the third consecutive month, suggesting concerns about inflation, rising gas and food prices and risks of a recession."

**La Nina Conditions Continue to be Persist**

The latest information from the Climate Prediction Center using the U.S. Drought Monitor information from September 13, 2022, indicated that La Nina conditions will still be present at the beginning of the October-November-December (OND) season and there is a strong chance that La Nina will persist through the autumn and winter months with La Nina chances decreasing in January through March of 2023.

Nearly 68% of the Western region and 59% of the Southern region are continuing to experience moderate drought or worse as of August 30, 2022.

Recently we were able to enjoy the cooler temperatures and rain from the remnants of Hurricane Kay that ended the all-time high temperatures we had been experiencing in early

September. With a normal September average of just 0.09 inches of rain, Sacramento received over an inch of rain in 3 days which was nearly three times the city's annual summer rainfall. The rain was certainly well timed to assist the firefighters battling the Mosquito Fire allowing many residents to return to their homes.

Unfortunately, the rare September rain is not likely to be enough to make up for our extended drought conditions.

"This little bit is not going to make much of a difference in the overall drought picture but the fact that we're starting to see significant storms like this is favorable," stated Chris Hintz, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Sacramento.

**Reference:**

[https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/expert\\_assessment/sdo\\_discussion.php](https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/expert_assessment/sdo_discussion.php)

It was so heartening to see all the volunteers who stepped forward in many different capacities to assist the evacuees from the Mosquito Fire as they did last year for the Caldor Fire. Many thanks to the firefighters who continue to

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battle the difficult fire which was 60% contained on Friday, September 23, 2022, with some assistance from the recent rain.

As our days become shorter, we are reminded that Daylight Saving Times will conclude at 2AM on Sunday, November 6, 2022, the first Sunday of the month. Our sunset will be more than an hour earlier the day after it takes effect. Thirtythree states had proposed bills to stop the practice of switching the clocks as of 2021, however, they cannot go into effect unless the federal law changes.

Respectfully, Kathy Prevost  
President  
Bass Lake Action Committee

**EDH CSD HOSTS 2ND ANNUAL TRY-ATHALON**

The El Dorado Hills Community Services District has announced the following details for the 2nd annual TRY-athalon to be held Saturday October 1st from 8AM to Noon at the El Dorado Hills CSD Community Park, located at 1021 Harvard Way.



Ages: Participants up to age 22  
Cost: \$50 per participant  
Kids with special needs up to age 22 are invited to participate in this adaptive SWIM, BIKE, RUN event. Each event can be tailored to you. Parents are welcome. Be sure to stick around for the Finisher Party from 11am-12pm!

To register:  
<http://basslakeaction.net/oct-tryathalon>  
All proceeds from the event will go towards the future All-Abilities playground at Bass Lake Regional Park.



OR VISIT:  
<http://basslakeaction.net/SUBSCRIBE>

**BASS LAKE ACTION COMMITTEE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

The next Board meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2022 at 7PM. All Bass Lake Action Committee Members are invited to attend. This will be a HYBRID meeting - in-person, and via Zoom. Members will receive an email invitation that will include the meeting agenda, location, and a Zoom Link for virtual attendance.

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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