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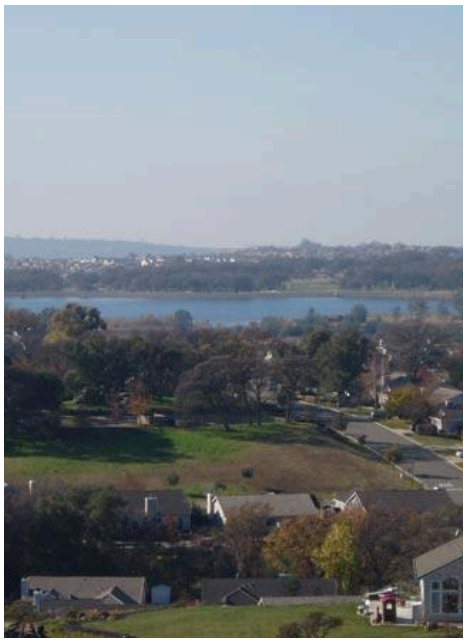
THE BASS LAKE ACTION COMMITTEE

The Bass Lake Action Committee was formed by a group of concerned property owners in the Bass Lake Area and incorporated in 2003 as Non-profit organization, a 501(C)(4) corporation.

Our Mission Statement:
To provide a voice for Bass Lake homeowners in dealing with the county and other community agencies.
To keep homeowners informed about issues and meetings.



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SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO BASS LAKE DEC 8, 2026

By John Davey

EDH Fire Dept Holiday Heroes Food & Toy Drive Santa Run At Oak Knoll Park Tue December 8th at 6:20PM

Get ready, Bass Lake Villages! Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus, and the EDH Fire Department elves are coming to Oak Knoll Park on Tuesday, December 8th, at approximately 6:20 PM!
It's one of the most anticipated holiday traditions in our community, and this year marks the **62nd Annual EDH Fire Department Santa Run!**

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Santa will make a very special arrival, riding in his sleigh atop an El Dorado Hills Fire Department ladder truck. He'll be joined by Mrs. Claus, the Fire Department elves, and even a special visitor who might be a little more mischievous than merry: the Grinch, arriving in his very own Grinch-Mobile! There will be plenty of holiday excitement for the entire family, including:

Christmas music and spectacular holiday lights.
Santa's elves spreading Christmas cheer.
The Grinch and his Grinch-Mobile.
Candy canes for every child.
A snow machine bringing a little winter magic to Bass Lake!
A photo opportunity for every child with Santa and Mrs. Claus!

Our Oak Knoll Park Santa Stop

The Oak Knoll Park Santa Run Ambassador is looking forward to welcoming our neighbors and families to this special holiday gathering.

Where: Oak Knoll Park 3371 Alyssum Circle, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762 – in The Hills of El Dorado Village
When: Tuesday, December 8, 2026
Santa's scheduled arrival: Approximately 6:20 PM

We'll gather in the **Oak Knoll Clubhouse parking lot** to line up for photos and enjoy the festivities while keeping the streets clear for the Fire Department's arrival.



A donation trailer will be on-site for convenient drop-off of toys and food items.

Whether you're bringing the kids to see Santa, taking a family photo, enjoying the Christmas music, or simply joining your neighbors to celebrate the season, we hope you'll come out and be part of the fun!

The Most Important Part: Helping Children and Families in Need

While the Santa Run is certainly a wonderful holiday celebration, there's an even more important reason behind this annual tradition.

The Holiday Heroes Santa Run is a community food and toy drive with a mission to make the holidays brighter for children and families who need a helping hand.

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This year's collections will support two important organizations:

Toys for Shriners Children's Hospital Northern California

New, unwrapped toys will be collected for the children receiving care at Shriners Children's Northern California. These gifts help brighten a child's day and bring a little extra happiness to children and families facing medical challenges.

Shriners has provided a 2026 Patient Wish List with suggested gifts for children of all ages, from infants and preschoolers to school-age children and teens.

Some suggested items include:
Arts and crafts: Crayola markers and crayons, painting kits, diamond art, and bracelet-making kits.
Games and puzzles: Board games, activity books, and puzzles.
Infants and preschoolers: Rattles, teethers, pretend-play sets, interactive toys, and building blocks.
Children ages 6–12: Dolls, Hot Wheels, action figures, LEGO sets, and family games.
Teens: Video games, headphones, speakers, LEGO sets, and craft kits.

Important Shriners donation guidelines:

Toys must be NEW and in their original packaging or have tags attached.
Please do not wrap donated items.
Small toys and games (approximately shoebox size or smaller) are especially helpful for hospitalized children.
If a toy requires batteries, please include alkaline batteries.
Used toys, books, and stuffed animals cannot be accepted.
Please see the attached **Shriners Children's Northern California 2026 Patient Wish List** for additional suggestions and information.

Food Donations for the El Dorado County Food Bank

Non-perishable food donations will benefit the El Dorado County Food Bank, helping local families and neighbors who may be struggling to put food on the table this holiday season.

The Food Bank has identified the following as its most-needed holiday food drive items:

Stuffing
Instant mashed potatoes
Gravy packets
Canned cranberry sauce
Canned corn
Canned creamed corn
Canned mixed vegetables

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Canned green beans
Canned peaches
Canned sweet potatoes
Please remember: No glass containers or expired food items.

Every donation, large or small, makes a difference. A few cans from each household can add up to a meaningful contribution for families throughout El Dorado County.

Please refer to the attached **El Dorado County Food Bank Most Needed Food Drive Items** flyer for the complete list.

Can't Make It to Oak Knoll Park? You Can Still Help!

Donations will be accepted at each of the El Dorado Hills Fire Department Santa Run stops.

You can also personally deliver new, unwrapped toys and non-perishable food donations to any of the **five El Dorado Hills Fire Department stations**.

Let's Give Santa a Warm Bass Lake Welcome!

The Santa Run is a wonderful reminder of what makes our community special. It's an opportunity for neighbors to come together, share some holiday magic with our children, and help make the season brighter for people who need it most.

So bring the kids, invite your neighbors, pick up a new toy or a few non-perishable food items, and join us at Oak Knoll Park!

Let's show Santa, Mrs. Claus, and our El Dorado Hills Fire Department Holiday Heroes just how much the Bass Lake Villages appreciate them.

We'll see you Tuesday, December 8th, 6:20 PM at Oak Knoll Park!

Happy Holidays from the Bass Lake Action Committee!Happy Holidays



NOVEMBER 2026 GENERAL ELECTION LOCAL CANDIDATES AND MEASURE RESULTS

By John Davey

The November 3, 2026 General Election has concluded, and the El Dorado County Elections Department continues to process ballots. The results below are unofficial and reflect Unofficial Election Update Summary Report #5, dated November 16, 2026, at 2:37 PM. The Elections Department will certify the final results on December 3, 2026. Leading candidates are shown in **bold**.

El Dorado Hills Community Services District Director (Vote for 3)

Voters cast: 26,027 of 36,134 (72.03%)
Precincts: 28 of 28

Steve Gutierrez – 9,577 (21.57%)
Steve Ferry – 9,301 (20.95%)
Ben Glickman – 9,283 (20.91%)
Josh Ziese – 8,200 (18.47%)
Wayne A. Lowery – 7,781 (17.53%)

County Supervisor, 4th District (Vote for 1)

Voters cast: 20,742 of 28,732 (72.19%)
Precincts: 49 of 49

Ted Gaines – 10,695 (56.89%)
Gina Posey – 8,039 (42.76%)

County Board of Education Trustee, Area 1 (Vote for 1)

Voters cast: 21,451 of 30,044 (71.40%)
Precincts: 26 of 26

Rachel Librach – 8,115 (50.76%)
John G. Hensill – 7,774 (48.63%)

Rescue Union School District Governing Board Member (Vote for 3)

Voters cast: 19,431 of 27,124 (71.64%)
Precincts: 29 of 29

Jamie Hunter – 8,870 (30.22%)
Kim White – 8,162 (27.81%)
Michelle Bebout – 6,497 (22.14%)
Jenney Robles – 5,565 (18.96%)

El Dorado Irrigation District, Division 2 Director (Vote for 1)

Voters cast: 13,697 of 19,135 (71.58%)
Precincts: 23 of 23

Rick Blodgett – 5,684 (51.12%)
Lauren Hernandez – 3,482 (31.32%)
Greg Prada – 1,883 (16.93%)

El Dorado Irrigation District, Division 4 Director (Vote for 1)

Voters cast: 15,400 of 21,304 (72.29%)
Precincts: 16 of 16

Eric Mettler – 6,308 (51.47%)
Lori Godsey Anzini – 5,880 (47.98%)

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GENERAL ELECTION LOCAL CANDIDATES AND MEASURE RESULTS *(con't)*

Measure S, Countywide (Majority to Pass)

> *"To update hospital facilities, equipment, and technologies and maintain local access to emergency rooms; reduce wildfire risk by supporting local fire protection/prevention such as removing dry brush and other fire hazards; and provide rapid 9-1-1 emergency response to fires, accidents, and medical emergencies, shall the measure enacting a 3/8% sales tax for 30 years in El Dorado County, providing approximately $13,000,000 annually, with independent oversight, audits, and local control, be adopted?"*

Voters cast: 96,437 of 137,930 (69.92%)
Precincts: 179 of 179

No – 60,996 (67.21%)
Yes – 29,761 (32.79%)

About These Results

All figures are unofficial and may change as the county completes its final count. Percentages in multi-seat races are each candidate's share of all votes cast in that race. Final certified results will be available from the El Dorado County Elections Department after certification on December 3, 2026.

HERITAGE PARK LIGHTS COMING DOWN AFTER YEARS-LONG DISPUTE

By John Davey

The El Dorado Hills Community Services District (EDH CSD) Board of Directors has approved the removal of the sports court lights at Heritage Park, bringing one chapter of a long-running dispute with neighboring residents in Heritage Village to a close.

The Vote

At its November 12, 2026 meeting, the Board approved a $76,000 contract with Golden State General Engineering to remove the lighting at the park's bocce ball, tennis and pickleball courts. Board President Noelle Mattock and Directors Michael Martinelli and Steve Ferry voted in favor. Directors Heidi Hannaman and Gary Kinghorn were absent.

Timeline

EDH CSD Principal Planner Daniel Savala said planning and disassembly

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are expected to take four to six weeks. He noted that most of that time will go to logistics, such as temporary fencing and equipment setup, and that taking the lights down will take only a few days.

The Residents' View

Bob Williams of Concerned Residents of El Dorado Hills Heritage Village (CRHV) called the contract award "a milestone for us to move forward." He said it does not resolve all of the group's disagreements with the District, and litigation over the neighborhood's landscaping and lighting district assessments is still outstanding.

Williams said the 50-foot lights were never consistent with project plans or county codes. He also said that at least seven residents were forced to move and suffered financial losses because of noise during the dispute, which he described as a real human cost.

The Board's View

Director Ferry, who is also a Heritage resident, said the Carson Creek Specific Plan sets a 30-foot limit for outdoor lighting and that the limit was not followed. He said the lights would have been a different issue at 30 feet, but that at 50 feet they were not appropriate for the area and had to come down.

Why the Lights Won't Be Reused

Board members and members of the public voiced frustration that the fixtures will likely be scrapped. EDH CSD General Manager Stephanie McGann Jantzen said staff worked hard to sell or give the lights to another agency without success. She noted that the District has no way to store them.

Director of Parks & Recreation Ryan Kukkola explained that the lights were built specifically for Heritage Park and arrive from the factory pre-aimed and pre-adjusted for the courts where they were installed. He said any new location would have to meet footcandle and safety requirements. According to Kukkola, representatives from Musco, the lighting manufacturer, contacted underfunded agencies across the region and beyond California, with no takers.

Settlement Agreement Amended

In a separate item, the District and the residents' group amended the settlement agreement approved this past spring. A picnic area with benches and barbecues, originally slated for removal because of its proximity to neighboring homes, will now remain. The District also agreed to add signage covering parking rules, hours of operation and contact information for reporting violations.

SOURCES:

Village Life November 15, 2026
Reporting By Noel Stack
El Dorado Hills Community Services District Board of Directors Meeting, November 12, 2026

NOVEMBER LOCAL MEETING RECORDINGS

By John Davey

Recordings of local meetings in El Dorado Hills and El Dorado County in November 2026.

El Dorado Hills Area Planning Advisory Committee Meetings:
Typically the second Wednesday of each Month
November 11th Meeting
https://www.youtube.com/live/MU7onNo6jfE

El Dorado Hills Community Services District Board of Directors Meetings:
Second Thursday of each month
November 12th Regular Meeting
https://basslakeaction.net/edhcsd-11-12-26

El Dorado Irrigation District Board
EID Meetings, Agendas, Minutes -
https://www.eid.org/about-us/board-of-directors/meetings-agendas-and-minutes

EID Recorded Meetings on EID YouTube Channel -
www.EID.org/YouTube

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BLAC BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Directors is the 2026 Annual Meeting & Holiday Party scheduled for Friday December 11, 2026, held at the home of John and Meirve Davey.

Members will receive the Meeting location details via email invitation. All Members are welcome, and are encouraged to attend.

For more information about meetings and membership, please contact President John Davey at 530-676-2657, or email basslakemembers@gmail.com.

Bass Lake Area Residents can also visit our online membership form at
https://basslakeaction.net/members

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