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District "E" Online Newsletter

Note from Chris

Dear Residents:

Happy New Year!! We are off to a fresh start this year and have many challenges ahead of us. I hope you will join me on Jan. 25 at a special town hall forum to provide your ideas and input about ways to address our budget challenges in the coming year.

Also, you will see throughout this newsletter ways in which people in the community are banding together to make a difference as others are facing hard times. You can continue the good will that happened during the holiday season by donating blood, food or your time to one of our many nonprofit organizations in the valley, or simply adopt a pet in need of a home.

Folks, I hope this year is a productive and prosperous year for you and your family. These times are challenging, but if we work together, everyone will benefit. Thank you for your continued support.

Chris

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The Southern Nevada Multi-Housing Association (SNMA), a nonprofit corporation that provides education and legislative support to the multi-housing industry in Southern Nevada, presented more than 6,000 non-perishable food items to Commissioner Chris G. and the food and clothing program at the Myrna Tormé Williams Community Campus that houses both the Cambridge Community and Recreation centers.

The SNMA food donations are the end result of the organization's second annual food drive, a joint effort with Silver Lands Inc., a local landscaping company. More than 70 local apartment communities competed to raise the largest sum of non-perishable food items. Silver Lands, Inc. provided Christmas Trees for the company's participating customers that contributed at least one box of non-perishable food items to the food drive.

The Cambridge Community Center provides a multitude of services and activities for individuals and families. Nonprofit organizations providing medical and educational services, computer training and other programs for people of all ages are housed at the center. County services include Social Service, Public Response, Town & Liaison Services and the Gang Intervention Unit. The center is open daily beginning at 7:30 a.m. and the hours for these services vary.

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Chris G. to Hold Forum Jan. 25 on Community Priorities

Commissioner Chris G. will hold a special forum Jan. 25 to seek input from

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residents in District E at 5:30 p.m. at Cambridge Recreation Center at 3930 S. Cambridge St.

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The purpose of the forum is to seek and collect community input for the Committee on Community Priorities, a body that will make its recommendations to the full County Commission as the county begins formulating its budget priorities for the next fiscal year, which starts July 1.

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The County Commission formed the committee to provide feedback on prioritizing county services. The committee also may make recommendations about the consolidation of services, legislative changes and revenue enhancements. Meetings in the coming months will focus on specific aspects of the county's general fund budget.

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For more information on the forum to be hosted by the commissioner and the committee itself, please visit the [Committee on Community Priorities Web page](#).

Federal Grant Could Improve Parks in District E

Clark County is currently in its 28th year of the county's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) received a total of 23 applications and county staff estimates \$22 million will be available in CDBG funding for the 2010-2014 CDBG Capital Plan. Of the 23 applications received, nine were submitted by Clark County Parks and Recreation and 15 represent funding requests from local nonprofit organizations.

One of the priorities for using CDBG funds is to benefit low- and moderate-income people and prevent or eliminate depressed neighborhoods or blight. They are also used for community development activities to address health or safety issues, community development activities like the construction of or improvement to public facilities and improvements or neighborhood preservation.

The CDAC will be presented with three (3) CDBG park project applications for District E:

- Winchester Cultural Center – Addition of an atrium café, dance room and multi-purpose room.
- Parkdale Recreation Center – Addition of a 10,000-square-foot recreation center, fitness center, half gym, multi-purpose room,

classrooms and game room.

- Desert Inn Park Pool – Demolition of the condemned Desert Inn Pool and construction of a new water spray feature

The CDAC will review all of the applications and make funding recommendations to the County Commission. Let your voice be heard by contacting the commissioners to express your support or concern for these projects.

The CDAC includes a representative and an alternate from each of the unincorporated towns and citizens advisory councils; and representatives from the cities of North Las Vegas, Boulder City and Mesquite, as well as 14 at-large individuals representing general community concerns. The committee provides a vehicle for citizen participation in the county's U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development grant programs. The CDAC meetings for the county's CDBG, HOME and Emergency Shelter Grant programs began in October and will continue through February. Staff is scheduled to present the committee's recommendations to the County Commission on February 16.

Blood Drive Saves Lives

United Blood Services held its final blood drive of 2009 at the Cambridge Community Center last month. Out of the 13 volunteers who signed in, United Blood Services collected from eight successful donors. In 2009, United Blood Services had four blood drives at Cambridge and collected a total of 42 blood donations, which can be used to save the lives of up to 120 people within our community.

More than half of the nation's blood supply is collected at blood drives. Donating blood is a safe, simple and virtually painless process that saves lives. United Blood Services uses special blood collection technology and tools to customize the donation process for each donor and to best match donations to community needs.

Founded in 1943 as the Salt River Valley Blood Bank in Phoenix, today United Blood Services nonprofit community blood centers provide blood and special services to patients in more than 500 hospitals in 18 states. For more information and qualifications for donating blood, please contact United Blood Services at (702) 808-9732 or visit www.unitedbloodservices.org. Donate blood in 2010 and invite a friend to join you; you'll feel great!

Go Green With Your Pet



A green pet? No, I am not talking about when your neighbor dipped the poodle in food coloring for St. Patrick's Day. I am talking about wonderful pets that support our goals to be easier on the environment, support humane causes, save taxpayer money and be easier on our own budgets. When you purchase a cat or a dog from a breeder, pet store, or even receive one from a friend and neighbor, there are a number of expenses involved. Those first few trips to the veterinarian for the normal shots, microchip and spay/neuter can quickly add up to hundreds of dollars. There is also a growing opposition to commercial production of kittens and puppies for the retail trade (puppy mills).

Currently the nonprofit, no-kill rescue groups in the county are completely full and quite often are unable to take new animals that they would love to find new homes for. They simply cannot take in more than they adopt out.

The Animal Foundation operates the Lied Animal Shelter, our county shelter. While most see them only as the place to take unwanted animals they are actually the largest single source of animals for adoption. Sadly, they are required to accept all animals brought to them and many are not adopted.

So, as someone looking for a pet, where do I fit into all of this? The cats and dogs available for adoption through the reputable groups have many advantages. They have their behavior assessed to ensure they are suitable for adoption and are checked by a veterinarian to ensure they are healthy. The

required vaccinations, spay/neuter surgery and microchip are included. These basic services provided for the adoption fee reflect about a 70-percent savings over the cost of these services at your veterinarian. Every one of these that are adopted makes room for one more that can be rescued. The expense to the taxpayers caused by the excess animals in the county shelter is reduced. Since these pets are spayed and neutered they will not contribute to the pet overpopulation problem through accidental or irresponsible breeding.

The next time you are ready to bring a new pet into your life please consider the more responsible option of adopting a shelter or rescue animal. Not only will the new pet bring you enjoyment, your choice about where to find it will also.

Thank you,
Keith Williams
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<http://www.clarkcountyferalcats.org>

Exploring the County Code on Graffiti

The Clark County Code sets rules and guidelines for us in many areas. This month we take a look at the code for graffiti. Each month we will feature a different area of the code.

12.42.030 Graffiti--Prohibited. It is unlawful for any person to write, paint or draw upon any wall, rock, bridge, building, fence, gate, other structure, tree or other real or personal property, either publicly or privately owned by another, without the consent of the owner, any drawing, inscription, figure or mark without the permission of the owner or operator of such property.

(Ord. 1480 § 1 (part), 1993)

Public Lands Act Will Make \$15 Million Available

The federal government is gearing up for the distribution of

\$15 million in federal funding generated from local land sales.

The Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act (SNPLMA) is making its 11th round of funding available for eligible projects that will support conservation and restoration of cultural resources.

The pot of available money has diminished greatly in recent years because of declining land value. Over time, through the privatization of land in Clark County, the BLM has collected nearly \$3 billion from the sale of public land in the Las Vegas Valley.

Take a look at the most recent presentation on [Round 11 SNPLMA funding](#).

New Flood Maps May Mean Residents Need More Insurance

The Clark County Regional Flood Control District has notified hundreds of homeowners where homes are at risk for potential flooding, according to a new survey that expanded the flood zone designation areas. The inclusion of these homes may mean homeowners need to get flood insurance before the new flood zone designations are put into effect.

[Notification](#) of the new flood zone areas went out to affected homeowners in May of this year. Flood insurance rates are expected to rise in those areas in 2010 after [new flood zone maps](#) are issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

The Clark County Regional Flood Control District has requested that Congressional representatives Shelley Berkley and Dina Titus ask for additional funding to improve the capacity of the Las Vegas Wash in order to allow FEMA to remove the affected areas from the federal flood zone designation.

Local Youth Encouraged to Apply

for Summer Job Program

Clark County is currently accepting applications for the summer 2010 Summer Business Institute - a summer job program for incoming high school juniors, seniors and college freshmen.

This is the 14th year Clark County has sponsored the SBI program, which provides selected teenagers employment opportunities in a variety of fields, including law, medicine, architecture, education and communications. The program is a partnership between Clark County, the Clark County School District, UNLV and more than 80 area businesses.

Program applications are available [online](#), in the Clark County Human Resources Department office on the 3rd floor of the Clark County Government Center at 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, at KCEP Radio Station at 330 W. Washington Ave. and at high school job banks. Applications are due by Friday, Feb. 19. For more information, contact SBI Program Coordinator Kaveida Williams at (702) 455-2426 or (702) 455-4665.

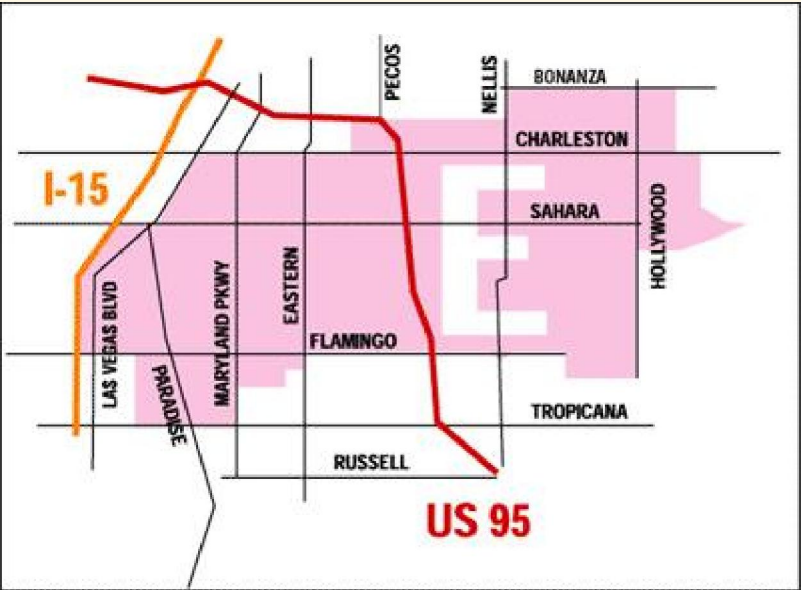
Cremation Becoming More Acceptable Option

Cremation is becoming more popular these days. Nevada leads the nation in the number of cremations, according to the Cremation Association of North America. An [article](#) in Senior Savvy discusses the popular end-of-life option, saying it offers a cheaper alternative to burial and allows more choices.

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Looking for something to do? [Click here](#) for a list of events going on in Clark County parks this week.

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