



## Washoe County Update

To: East Truckee Canyon CAB

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**HOT NEWS:** Attention dog owners: Parvo virus alert: Washoe County Regional Parks & Open Space has been contacted by a local veterinarian regarding cases of Parvo virus in the area. The virus is transmitted through dog feces, is highly contagious and often fatal. For your pets' protection, please follow this guideline:

- No dogs under 4 months should be brought to the off-lease area.
- Dogs that are not current in their required vaccinations should not be at the park.
- Please be sure to pick-up after your pet.

**HOT NEWS:** Health District: [www.washoecounty.us/health](http://www.washoecounty.us/health)  
Green, Yellow and Red Returns: **From November through February**, the Air Quality Management Division (AQMD) of the Washoe County Health District will issue a daily color code for those who burn wood. These colors alert both citizens and the media when air quality conditions allow wood burning. **Green** means that wood burning is allowed; **Yellow** means that the air quality is getting close to the unhealthful range and that citizens are asked not to burn wood; and **Red** means that all residential and commercial wood burning is not allowed until the air pollution levels have significantly dropped below the unhealthful range. To listen to the color of the day and the daily air quality levels, call 775.785.4110. For more information, visit: [www.washoecounty.us/health](http://www.washoecounty.us/health) or call 775.784.7200.

**HOT NEWS:** Flu Shots: Health officials here and at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) remind everyone that persons 6 months of age and older should get an annual flu shot. Costs for flu shots at the Health District range from \$16 for children up to \$40 for adults depending upon each individual's health care coverage or eligibility for state-sponsored vaccine. Both shots and flu mist (for children) are available. The Health District administers immunizations **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays between 8 a.m. and Noon, and between 1 and 4:30pm.** To make an appointment, call 775.328.2402 on Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday. Appointments can now be made up to a week in advance. The phone line will be open each Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday until all appointment slots for the next week have been filled. For more information, visit: [www.washoecounty.us/health/cchs/flu.html](http://www.washoecounty.us/health/cchs/flu.html)

**HOT NEWS:** Consumer Alert: Online Rental Ads May be Phony: The Washoe County Sheriff's Office is alerting residents of an emerging online rental housing fraud in the Reno-Sparks area. Detectives have uncovered an online rental scam in Northwest Reno, where criminals solicit renters on local websites such as, [www.Craigslist.com](http://www.Craigslist.com), [www.Rentals.com](http://www.Rentals.com) and [www.Postlets.com](http://www.Postlets.com) to obtain personal identifying information such as social security numbers, bank accounts, and credit information. Scammers are taking legitimate listings for homes, complete with pictures, and repost it under a fictitious name, on Craigslist or other

rental websites (without the sites consent or knowledge) under the housing rentals category. To lure the renters, the houses are almost always listed at below-market rental rates. The interested party will contact the "homeowner" via e-mail, who usually explains that he or she had to leave the U.S. quickly. Potential renters are then asked to fill out a credit application or in some cases wire money for two months rent; this information is used to commit identity fraud and or obtain money from their victims. The following are some tips on ways to avoid being victimized:

- Only deal with landlords or renters who are local
- Be suspicious if you're asked to only use a wire transfer service
- Beware of e-mail correspondence from the "landlord" that's written in poor/broken English
- Research the average rental rates in that area and be suspicious if the rate is significantly lower
- Don't give out personal information, like social security, bank account, or credit card numbers
- Visit the Washoe County Assessors webpage ([www.washoecounty.us/assessor](http://www.washoecounty.us/assessor)) to see who the owner of record is. The Assessor's Office provides Real Property Assessment Data, which includes the name of the owner(s).

If you suspect a scam, have already been victimized, or know someone who has fallen victim to a scam, please report it to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Detective Division at 775.328.3320.

#### **Washoe County, City of Reno and City of Sparks:**

Help keep debris out of the storm drains: It's that time of the year when fruit and leaves are falling from trees, and winds are causing debris to accumulate near gutters and storm drains. Washoe County, City of Reno and City of Sparks wants to remind citizens that keeping debris out of the storm drain system helps to prevent localized flooding and protects our water supply. It is important to remember that storm drains empty into neighborhood creeks, which drain to the Truckee River. Piles of fruit can quickly rot, run into the storm drains, and cause bacteria that can kill fish and other living species. Debris, such as leaves, lawn clippings, and trash, can also clog storm drains and increase the chance of a street flooding because the water is not able to make its way down the blocked drains.

**Citizens can help by raking leaves and debris away from storm drains, not raking or blowing leaves from their property into the street, and disposing of leaves and other lawn clippings into a waste container or compost bin.**

#### **Manager's Office:**

ARRA Update: The Board of County Commissioners accepted an update report on the status of the Washoe County American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. To date, Washoe County has received twenty-two ARRA grants awards, which are intended to create jobs and promote investment and consumer spending during the recession. **Washoe County has invested \$11,223,605 in ARRA projects, sustaining 132 jobs, with 96% of the projects funding going to local contractors.** For more information, visit: [www.washoecounty.us/mgrsoff/ARRA.html](http://www.washoecounty.us/mgrsoff/ARRA.html)

Truckee River Corridor: The Board approved an amendment that will extend the timeframe for implementing projects to June 30, 2014 for State Question 1 funds (\$10,000,000 in total). These funds are used to restore and enhance the Truckee River Corridor by acquiring water rights and providing recreational facilities and parking. For each dollar expended, an equal dollar must be matched by providing services, materials and equipment.

**Washoe County Health:** [www.washoecounty.us/health](http://www.washoecounty.us/health)

Medical Reserve Corps: The Washoe County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) was created to temporarily increase patient capacity, or "surge capacity" at local hospitals and clinics during natural disasters and other emergencies. By providing trained volunteers to help staff alternate care sites and points of dispensing, the MRC provides a level of support that allows our region's patient care facilities to conserve the limited medical resources during disasters. Although we're called the "Medical Reserve Corps," we're recruiting volunteers with computer skills, people skills, clinical and clerical skills. By becoming an MRC member you help to increase our community's level of public health preparedness. In exchange for volunteering your time, you will receive free public health preparedness and emergency response training including First Aid, CPR, and Incident Command System (ICS) training. You will also receive required immunizations and annual flu shot, free of charge. Whether you are a licensed medical practitioner, someone with clinical training and experience, or someone with no medical background but the desire to help our community prepare for and respond to a public health emergency, the Washoe County MRC welcomes your participation. For more information, contact Betsy Hambleton at: 775.328.6111 or email: [bhambleton@washoecounty.us](mailto:bhambleton@washoecounty.us)

**Regional Parks and Open Space (RPOS):** [www.washoecounty.us/parks](http://www.washoecounty.us/parks)

Changes to Fees: The Board of County Commissioners approved changes to Regional Parks and Open Space Fees and Charges Policy and 2012 Schedule. The changes were based on discussions/information obtained from staff committee meetings, a comparative market analysis, a review of cost recovery, and customer feedback. For more information, visit: [www.washoecounty.us/parks](http://www.washoecounty.us/parks) or call 775-823-6500.

For more information about other Regional Parks and Open Space programs, visit: [www.washoecounty.us/parks](http://www.washoecounty.us/parks)

**Washoe County Library System:** [www.washoecountylibrary.us](http://www.washoecountylibrary.us)

New Library Hours: New hours took effect at several branches on October 31. Please see [www.washoecountylibrary.us](http://www.washoecountylibrary.us) for the schedule or ask at your local library.

Food for Fines at the Library: From November 7 through November 28, you can bring a can of food to the library in lieu of fines and help feed the hungry. Food barrels will be placed at 11 library locations and delivered to the Food Bank of Northern Nevada. Food collected at Incline Village will be donated to Project MANA. Library patrons are asked to bring one non-perishable food item for every overdue book or other item. Food cannot be exchanged for lost or damaged books and other items. Everyone is welcome to participate in this food drive that has delivered thousands of pounds of food each year to the food bank.

Fall Reading Program: What did you read last summer? Tell us during the Fall Reading Program. This year's event will run from September 1-December 31, 2011. "I know what you read last summer @ your library" encourages children of all ages to read for fun, knowledge and the opportunity to win prizes. Children and teens who read for 15 days will

receive a free book. They may finish multiple logs to win multiple books. Special programs will be featured at Washoe County Library branches during the four-month reading program. All library programs are free, and children are welcome to participate at more than one library. For more information, visit: [www.washoecountylibrary.us](http://www.washoecountylibrary.us)

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**Washoe County Law Library:** [www.washoecounty.us/lawlib](http://www.washoecounty.us/lawlib)

**REMINDER:** Lawyer in the Library at Washoe County Law Library: Speak briefly with a volunteer attorney for free. On Tuesday evenings, the topic is Family Law and on Wednesday evenings the topic is General Law. The program is held at 75 Court St. in Reno. Sign-up is at 4:30pm with a limit of 10 participants.

**Washoe County Senior Law Project:** [www.washoecounty.us/seniorsrv/legal.htm](http://www.washoecounty.us/seniorsrv/legal.htm)

**REMINDER:** Home Preservation Seminars: The Senior Law Project continues to hold free home preservation seminars on basic foreclosure prevention and Nevada foreclosure mediation preparation. ***These seminars are open to everyone.*** For more information or to reserve a seat, call: 328-2656.

**Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District:**

**Transition Plan:** The Transition Plan provides a timeline and structure to move the responsibility of operations from the City of Reno to the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District. The plan is available online at [www.washoecounty.us/mgrs/TMFire](http://www.washoecounty.us/mgrs/TMFire). The site also provides information on upcoming hearings, open house events and links to online reference material. The Board of Fire Commissioners for Truckee Meadows meets during the regular meetings of the Washoe County Board of Commissioners. **The next meeting is November 8, 2011 at 10 am.** The meeting agendas are posted online three working days prior to the meeting date.

**Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe:** [www.pyramidlake.us](http://www.pyramidlake.us)

**Economic Plan Receives Award:** The Pyramid Lake Economic Development Plan has been awarded the Outstanding Plan Award by the Nevada Chapter of the American Planning Association at the 2011 DoBoer Awards for Excellence in Planning. The Pyramid Lake Economic Development Plan was written by Tribal Planner Scott Carey and was adopted unanimously by the Tribal Council in March 2011. The purpose of the plan is to create long term profit-making opportunities and optimum employment opportunities for the Tribe and its Members, and to establish a high quality recreation area at Pyramid Lake. Each element of the plan consists of generalized goals, policies and action steps that the Tribal Government can use to create jobs and growth on the reservation. The plan also outlines the use of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Economic Development Fund created by Public Law 101-618 to achieve the goals of the plan.

**City of Sparks:** [www.cityofsparks.us](http://www.cityofsparks.us)

**More Little League Fields:** The Sparks City Council approved a contract in the amount of \$83,242 with Stantec Engineering to design and develop two additional (for a total of four) little league fields at Golden Eagle Regional Park and Sports Complex. The design will consist of additional sports lighting, scoreboards, synthetic turf, field fencing, and oversized dugouts that will allow disabled youth to participate.

Street Patching Contract: The Sparks City Council approved a contract with Q&D Construction Inc. in the amount of \$142,350 to provide patching of city-owned streets throughout Sparks.

Sparks Sustainable Services Initiative (SSSI): The City Council was presented with a final update on the City's SSSI project, a plan that reorganized the city and prioritized core city services, in order to put the City on a more realistic and sustainable fiscal path given today's economic environment. The plan has created an annual budget saving of \$2.3 million.

**Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT):**

Connecting Nevada: NDOT recently launched Phase II of Connecting Nevada, an initiative to address the future of Nevada's transportation system. Connecting Nevada is a statewide, multimodal plan to chart Nevada's transportation future in ways that respect our state's unique geographic areas, provide for new and emerging opportunities, encourage economic growth, and promote responsible development. There will be several stakeholders meetings for citizens to attend. **To reserve your seat by Thursday, November 10**, call: 702.880-8452 or e-mail: [ahoeland@strategicsolutionsnv.com](mailto:ahoeland@strategicsolutionsnv.com)

- McKinley Arts & Cultural Center, located at 925 Riverside Drive, Reno:
  - Tuesday, November 15th from 9 to 11:30am and 1 to 3:30pm
  - Wednesday, November 16th from 9am to 11:30am
  
- NDOT District 2 Conference Room, located at 310 Galletti Way, Sparks:
  - Wednesday, November 16th from 1 to 3:30pm