

# December 2018 Clark County District B Newsletter

Dear Residents,

As the year comes to an end, we would like to wish you a Happy Holiday Season. Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> is just around the corner and it is a good time to look back on some of the things we did as a District such as our Reading Week Contest Ice Cream Party, Cinco

de Mayo party, movies at the park and school gardens. The New Year will bring with it a focus on additional projects and programs we are confident will enhance the quality of life in our community.

Thank you for all you have done this year to contribute to what makes our neighborhoods great places to live, work and play. Please take time to enjoy your family, friends and loved ones during this month.

This newsletter is our way of communicating with you and we like to know that is has information you find useful. Please don't hesitate to share with us your thoughts on the newsletter and feel free to submit ideas for content. Just shoot Vanessa an email at <u>vab@clarkcountynv.gov</u> or give us call at (702) 455-3504.

Happy New Year!



# **Bob Price Halloween**

We love the holidays in our office and we kicked off the holiday season with Bob Price Recreation Center's Monsters at the Manor. Kids were able to visit booths to play games and get candy. Thanks to the Hudson Group LV, two scooters were awarded to the winners of the "Guess How Many Candy Corns are in the Jar Game." At our booth we had a ring toss for a 2-liter bottle of soda. The seniors from Cora Coleman showed up as flashmob zombies dancing to "Thriller." Everything added together created a fun and safe Halloween party.







Thank you to Tarrell DeLoach of Clark County's Gang Intervention Team for the wonderful pictures.



# **Halloween Havoc**

We love to have fun in our office and Halloween is one of our favorite days to share a good time. We ventured off of our floor and went to share a scare with other folks in the County building. We were not disappointed when we stopped by Real Property Management, Public Works and Planning, their Halloween spirit was in full swing!











# THINGS TO DO & UPCOMING EVENTS

### Dec 11 2nd Tuesday Cora Coleman Senior Center 2100 Bonnie Lane

**at 4 p.m.** Meet with Metro and Marilyn to discuss a monthly topic & neighborhood issues in the 89156 area Contact Vanessa for more details at (702) 455-3522.

**Dec 12 Sun City Aliante Luncheon 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.** For more information and to sign up contact Trish Williamson (702) 638-5035 twilliamson@suncityaliante.us.

**Dec 15 Green Our Planet Great Garden Build** volunteers needed to build six school gardens during Green Our Planet's Second Great Garden Build (GGB). The GGB's mission is to improve the education and health of over 4,250 students at six schools in the Clark County School District. If you would like to volunteer sign up at <a href="https://greenourplanet.org/events/great-garden-build-december-15-2018/">https://greenourplanet.org/events/great-garden-build-december-15-2018/</a>.



### **December Fun**

**Christmas Fantasy Forest** @ Floyd Lamb Park at Tule Springs 9200 Tule Springs Road. Every Friday, Saturday and Sunday in December. Fee admission to visit the fantasy forest and see Santa. Fridays 5-7 p.m., Saturdays 2-7 p.m. and Sundays 2-6 p.m. Each Christmas tree is hosted by a local business, nonprofit, chuch or family.

**Christmas at Gilcrease Orchard** Although closed for the season, the orchard is open on December 15-17 and December 21-23 from 4:00pm until 8:00pm. Visit Santa and Mrs. Claus, enjoy some apple cider, donuts, and chili. The wagon ride will be available as well. No reservations needed however there is an entrance fee of \$2.00 per person, two years of age and under are free. 7800 N Tenaya Way, 89131 visit <u>https://thegilcreaseorchard.org/</u> for more information.

# December 2018 Page 5 ENJOY OUR Holiday Caetus rden ARDEN LIG 7.6 - JAN Kick off the season by taking a stroll through our Holiday Cactus Garden, illuminating more than one million lights in our three-acre cactus garden. Visit us on select nights for choir performances in the garden and photos with Santa! Free to the Public! Garden opens daily at 8AM; Lights On From Dusk to 10PM Nightly Take A Selfie Sip On Cocoa Visit Santa Come get your picture taken with Santa in our Holiday Cactus Garden! A professional photographer is on site to take your photo, which is available for purchase. Or, you may take your own photos for free.

Every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 4pm -9pm starting 11/9 - 12/15 From 12/16 - 12/23, Santa will be here every evening from 4pm to 9pm. He will not be here on Christmas Eve since he'll be busy that night!

# **Arnona Road Grand Opening**

On Halloween morning, we opened Arnona Road to be used as a trucking route from the gravel pits to Lake Mead Blvd. This road removed the trucks from residential neighborhoods where they were driving within 5 feet of children walking home from school and within 10 feet of bedroom windows. The new road puts at least 200 feet between the road and the closest residence backyard fence. Since it was Halloween, we showed our holiday spirit by cutting the ribbon to the new road wearing our favorite costumes!



### **Time to Give Thanks**

As the year continues to move quickly by, we found ourselves with the Cora Coleman Seniors enjoying their Thanksgiving Dinner and Dance. This year's event was held at Fire Station 20, because the expansion at the Senior Center is not finished. We did get to go sign the floor with the folks for the center, before the floor was put in. After the signing we walked over to the fire station for a great dinner, music and dancing.















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# HIDDEN GEM

### Each month we highlight a place of interest in our district.

### This month we bring you: The Farm

First established in 1961 and open to the public since 1968, The Farm is located on the northwest corner of Grand Teton and Tenaya. Open weekends 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.





The Farm is home to Barn Buddies Rescue, providing a safe haven for abused, abandoned or neglected farm animals. The whole family can enjoy a visit with horses, cows, chickens, peacocks, some goats and of course barn cats.



After you visit the animals stop by the market and get some farm fresh eggs and local honey. For more information,







## **Movie at the Farm**

Every October we host an Annual Movie at the Farm. Folks can come enjoy a free Halloween movie with refreshments.

This year's movie was Hotel Transylvania 3.













**Farm Owner Sharon** 

## **JAG Luncheon**

JAG Nevada is a private, nonprofit organization whose mission is to ensure that Nevada's students are set up for success and graduate work-ready. JAG is a high school elective course that the students receive credit for and a minimum for 120 contact hours per year with their JAG specialist. Their specialist is a teacher, mentor and club sponsor who works with the students and parents to improve attendance, raise grades, pass proficiencies and makeup credits in order for the student to graduate. Class time focuses on career path formation, setting job goals, résumés, letters of application, phone etiquette, job applications, verbal/written communications, math, teamwork, leadership and personal & workplace values & ethics.

The vision of JAG is: To have 100% of Nevada youth complete high school prepared for the workforce and/ or post-secondary education.

One of the schools in our district, Legacy High School, has a JAG program, we were privileged to go and speak to their class. Time was given for a question and answer session in an intimate meeting allowing time to speak to each student. Afterwards, we enjoyed lunch together.





# **Summer Internships**

Calling all students! It's not too early to start thinking about what you would like to do this summer. The Clark County Human Resources Department will be accepting applications for summer internships for the Summer Business Institute Program Founded in 1996, the Summer Business Institute is designed for current high school sophomores, juniors and seniors to experience an eight-week internship that includes business mentoring, life skills training, financial management and a civic engagement project. Online applications will be available in January 2018. This is a paid internship lasting for eight weeks. Students will make \$8.25 per hour working 32 hours a week Monday – Thursday. Interns benefit from on-the-job experience, workshops and the opportunity to gain scholarships. The workweek is divided into two parts: the first four days of each work week the interns will perform on-the-job training at their job sites. On Friday, the interns participate in workshops designed to complement what they have learned on the job. Participation in the weekly workshops <u>may</u> earn the interns up to 1/2 high school credit.

**Who can sign up?** All students 16 or older currently enrolled in high school with a 2.0 GPA. Transcripts are required.

Where do students work and with whom? On the application, students are asked to identify their top three career choices. If accepted, every attempt is made to match the student with and employer and mentor within their career interest.

**When is the program?** May 28-31 is mandatory training/orientation. June 10 - Aug. 1, 2019 is the eight week paid internship.

**How do you apply?** Applications will be available Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2019 online only at <u>www.clarkcountynv.gov</u> under the Clark County Human Resources Department. Applications must be submitted online no later the 5 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 4, 2019. No paper applications will be distributed or accepted. All students will need their most recent transcript and two letters of recommendation from a non-family member.

#### For more information:

Visit http://www.clarkcountynv.gov/human-resources/services/Pages/SBI.aspx

Call (702) 455-2426 or (702) 455-4565

Or email: Kaveida Allen - KAL@clarkcountynv.gov

# America's Largest Student Farmer's Market

At the beginning of November we joined forces with our community partner Green Our

Planet and the Clark County School District to present an amazing student run Farmer's Market. Not only does Green Our Planet build school gardens, they have a school curriculum that goes with the garden and each grade level has specific tasks to maintain the garden. The 5<sup>th</sup> graders are in charge of the market, they price and sell items grown or made from the garden. Many of the schools have their own markets throughout the year, but twice a year the giant market is hosted in a public place. With 40 schools participating there was plenty of fresh produce to purchase. The event was open to the public and many County employees, including Commissioner Brager and Assistant County

Manager Jeff Wells took some personal time to support the kids.















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### **Responsible Giving**

In the past year we have seen a rise in private citizens and donor groups with good intentions dropping off donations and food in heavily populated homeless areas. Private donations are resulting in a number of problems for both the homeless individuals as well as taxpayers:

- Donations eventually lead to increased trash through discarded food items, packaging and items too large or cumbersome for a homeless person to carry.
- Food donations are not regulated and have resulted in sickness.
- Street donations deter homeless clients from accessing services through structured organizations that not only provide food, but case management for housing, jobs, mental health, substance abuse, financial planning, public benefits, etc.

Give money to panhandlers. Providing money to panhandlers may provide a temporary fix DONT for the needy person, but it does not help someone who is homeless get off of the streets. Donate to local organizations that work with the homeless. The programs and services provided by these groups address ongoing needs of the homeless population, and work DO } to bring people out of homelessness or prevent others from becoming homeless. Hand out food on the street. Handing out food on the street can cause serious health and safety issues. Food can be contaminated, and traffic gets backed up as people run across DONT



and into the street to get to the donated food. Also, uneaten food and packaging materials litter the areas where food was given away, which can cause additional public health issues later.



Donate food to the local food pantries and organizations. This allows the donated items to go to those most in need safely.



Give out clothing, blankets or other items on the street. Too often, we see that many of the items handed out on the street go unused and end up littering the area. This creates a burden on taxpayers and local governments to clean up the mess left behind.



Donate food, clothes and other items to a homeless service agency. Local organizations Do } depend upon your generosity to provide a variety of items.

For more information on donation and volunteer opportunities, visit

# www.MeaningfulChangeLV.com

Whether you are planning to donate money, food, clothes or other items, or looking to volunteer to help the homeless, make your donation lead to meaningful change in someone's life. Help our homeless get the most from your generous donation by donating directly to a cause or organization that works with the homeless. Help Change Lives. Donate Responsibly.



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Thank you for taking a moment to look into District B.

Please reach out to us with community events, questions or requests for information.

Contact our office at (702) 455-3504 or

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If you would like to be removed from this list, or have someone who would like to be added, please <u>email</u> Vanessa.

### **Christmas Tree Recycling**

Join the Springs Preserve and the Christmas Tree Recycling Committee in giving our community a gift: Recycle your tree. Each year from Dec. 26 to Jan. 15, you can take your cut Christmas trees to one of more than 30 convenient drop sites throughout the valley, to be recycled free of charge.

Through the recycling program the trees are recycled into mulch, and the mulch is put to good use in public parks and gardens to help conserve soil moisture and keep plants healthy. Since the program started in 2001, Las Vegas Valley residents have created 1,705 tons of mulch. Recycling your tree is a gift that will continue to give all year long.

It's important to remove all non-organic objects such as lights, wire tinsel, ornaments and nails from trees. Foreign objects contaminate the mulch and damage the chipper. Flocked trees, those covered with artificial snow, cannot be recycled.

### Visit the Springs Preserve Website for Detailed Recycling Information: <u>Website Link</u>



### **Monthly Crime Prevention Tip from Metro:**

### See Something Say Something Initiative

While holiday shopping remember to shop in pairs and always be vigilant when walking back to your vehicle.

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