

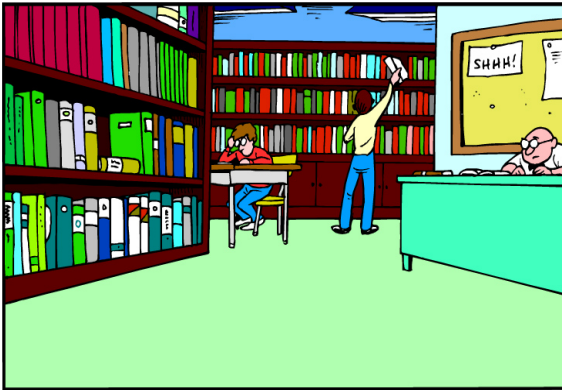
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## VOTERS TO DECIDE ON COUNTY LIBRARY TAX CHANGES

The El Dorado County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a ballot measure to replace the existing targeted library tax with one that extends to all the county. Two-thirds of county voters would have to approve the new tax measure for it to go into effect.

If approved by voters in November, the tax would apply a uniform library assessment on all parcels to replace the library taxes now assessed in Cameron Park El Dorado Hills, Georgetown and South Lake Tahoe.

Currently Cameron Park charges a \$25 benefit assessment on each dwelling unit with no annual price index adjustment.

In El Dorado Hills residents also pay a \$25 special parcel tax without an annual price index adjustment.

In South Lake Tahoe and Georgetown property owners pay a \$17.20 special parcel tax adjusted annually to the Consumer Price Index for a maximum increase of 3 percent. The library assessments in South Tahoe and Georgetown both expire in 2015. There is no tax or assessment supporting the main library in Placerville.

Library Director Jeanne Amos said the county-wide assessment was needed for reasons of fairness, to prevent further draw-down on the library's fund balance and to ensure continued funding once the

tax measures in South Tahoe and Georgetown expire in 2015. The tax would ensure a consistent level of library services and would consolidate and simplify the current library tax structure, Amos explained.

The new library tax, if approved, would go into effect in the fiscal (property tax) year 2013-14 and would expire after 15 years. The base tax would be \$17.58 per parcel. For multi-family residential dwelling units it would be 80 percent of

the base tax; for parcels containing mobile home parks it would be 50 percent of the base tax per mobile home; for unimproved parcels it would be 50 percent of the base tax; and for timeshares it would be \$1. Parcels of land developed with churches, cemeteries or schools would be exempt.

Any increase in the tax would be based on the CPI for the San Francisco area, but would not exceed 3 percent in any given year. The base tax would be capped at \$25 per taxable parcel.

Considerable discussion surrounded the issues of taxing undeveloped property and taxing timeshares. Deputy county counsel Dave Livingston said that the board couldn't create an exemption from taxation for undeveloped property. "It can't be zero," he said. Because there are several types of timeshares, Supervisor Norma Santiago wanted to define what a timeshare is in such a way that all timeshare owners were included in the tax.

However, the board settled for the ballot measure as written, and for using the existing tax roll to determine who would receive the bill for the assessment if it passes, in order to meet an August 10 deadline to get the measure on the ballot.

The El Dorado County library system consists of six community libraries tied together with central administrative, technological and programmatic functions.

Total library operations for 2012-13 are \$3.3 million. If approved, the tax measure would result in a net increase in tax revenue of \$180,000 for the library system. ~



## BLAC HOLDS SPECIAL MEETING AT PARKER DEVELOPMENT

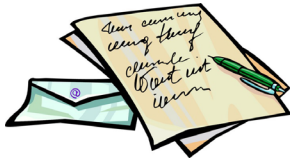
On Monday, August 6th, about twenty BLAC members met at the Serrano Visitors' Center with Kirk Bone, Director of Government Relations, Tom Howard, Project Manager/Vice President of Construction, and Andrea Howard, Principal Planner for Parker Development Company. The meeting replaced the regular BLAC meeting for August.

Kirk began by saying that when the meeting arrangements were made, he thought he would be in a position to share plans for Marble Valley and the former El Dorado Hills Executive Golf Course (hereinafter known as Serrano Westside) at this time. As it turns out, Parker Development Company is several months away from that date, and Kirk said that he hopes to schedule another briefing with BLAC members in September or October to discuss those plans. He is currently working with El Dorado County on the scope of work for both projects, and when more information becomes available Parker Development Company will establish a website with information to involve various communities in information outreach.

Regarding the current status of Serrano Village J Lot H at the northwest corner of Serrano Parkway and Bass Lake Road, Parker has reserved a school site in that general area for purchase by the Rescue Union School District (RUSD) since 1988. In July 2011, RUSD was given one more year to initiate the purchase, and Parker spent the remainder of 2011 cooperating with RUSD's appraiser in providing information to com-

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hi All,

It's August, and everyone seems to be busy with vacations, getting ready for back-to-school, or just staying cool as the thermometer keeps registering triple digits.

Fran and I finally bottled last year's wine. We got about nine cases of Zinfandel, probably our best vintage yet. I renetted the vineyard to keep out the birds and the wild turkeys, as the grapes are turning purple and will be tempting our feathered friends.

Labor Day usually marks the end of Summer. See you in September!

Sincerely,

*John Thomson*

President



### Midsummer Joys

Give me the joys of summer,  
Of Summer Queen so fair,  
With wealth of lovely flowers  
And fruits and sun-kissed air!

Talk not to me of winter  
With ice and frost and snow,  
Nor changing spring and autumn  
When howling winds will blow.

No, I will take the joys  
Of Summer every time,  
So to this Queen of Seasons  
I dedicate my rhyme.

— Winifred Sackville Stoner



## ONCE IN A BLUE MOON?

August 2012 is a month with two full moons. The first full moon was August 1, and the second full moon is August 31. According to tradition, that means it's a blue moon month, because we call the second full moon in a calendar month a "blue moon."

Every month has a full moon, and, most of the time, the names for full moons coincide with particular months or seasons of the year. By either definition, the name blue moon accounts for times when there happen to be more full moons than is convenient.

The time between one full moon and the next is close to the length of a calendar month. So the only time one month can have two full moons is when the first full moon happens in the first few days of the month. This happens every 2-3 years, so these sorts of blue moons come about that often.

Can there be two blue moons in a single calendar year? Yes. It last happened in 1999. There were two full moons in January and two full moons in March and no full moon in February. So both January and March had blue moons.

The Old Farmer's Almanac also defines a blue moon as an extra full moon that occurs in a season, the third full moon of four in a season. Each season typically has three full moons. If a season has four full moons, then the third full moon may be called a blue moon. The next blue moon by this definition will fall on August 21, 2013. ~

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## BLAC SETS SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING DATES

The September BLAC Board meeting will be held September 10, 2012, at 7:00 PM at the home of Jeanette and Joe D'Amico, 400 Basil Court (Woodridge), El Dorado Hills. The October Board meeting will be held on October 1. The November Board meeting will be held on November 5. In addition, the annual Christmas Party will be held on December 3rd.

All BLAC members are cordially invited to attend all meetings. For further information regarding our meetings, please contact Vice President Kathy Prevost, 530-672-6836. ~

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