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## BASS LAKE ROAD REPAVEMENT SET

El Dorado County Division of Transportation (DOT) has announced that the repaving of a badly-deteriorated portion of Bass Lake Road will take place from October 15th through November 20th, 2015, a change from an earlier announcement. The portion of the road to be repaved is between the El Dorado Irrigation District driveway just north of Serrano Parkway and Green Valley Elementary School at Parkdale Lane.

The construction work will require lane closures with one-way traffic control and motorists should expect delays. Motorists are asked to slow down in the work zone. Motorists are also advised to allow extra time when traveling through the work zone in order to arrive at their destinations on time. Message signs will be placed at each end of the work zone to keep motorists updated on the schedule for closures.

Traffic control is expected to be in effect from approximately 9:00 am through 3:00 pm on Monday through Friday. In order to expedite the work, the contractor will also be working on three Saturdays, October 17th, 24th, and 31st, from 7:00 am through 7:00 pm. Suggested alternative routes include Cameron Park Drive and El Dorado Hills Boulevard.

The work includes approximately two miles of hot mix asphalt pavement, shoulder backing, permanent roadway striping, pavement markers, and some guardrail adjustment.

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## BALLOT MEASURE E: A NON-BINDING VOTE

A November 3rd vote for or against rezoning the 98 acres of open space known as the former El Dorado Hills Executive Golf Course has no strings attached, El Dorado County attorneys confirm.

Some residents are circulating a first draft of County Counsel's impartial analysis of Measure E, which mistakenly states a vote against the rezone would mean an agreement to purchase the land and approve a special tax. The error was fixed and will be reflected in language on the ballot.

Measure E was created to show resident solidarity to the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors, which will ultimately make the rezone decision. The county's accurate analysis reads: "The advisory election will not prevent the current property owner(s) from pursuing rezoning of the property that will be processed by the county in accordance with county policy and state law."

An advisory vote of "Yes" is a district voter's opinion in favor of rezoning of the property by the county from open space recreation to residential housing and commercial. This advisory vote does not bind the district or county to any positions in regard to rezoning.

An advisory vote of "No" is a district voter's opinion against rezoning of the property by the county from open space recreation to residential housing and commercial. This advisory vote does not bind the district or county to any positions or actions in regard to rezoning. ~

*Credit: Julie Samrick, Staff writer, Village Life*

## PARKER, JANUARY JOIN FORCES ON NEW EDH SENIOR CENTER

Local historian and community activist Betty January hopes to work her magic yet again. Just as her perseverance got the El Dorado Hills Library built with the help of Parker Development, January has partnered with the Serrano developer once more to bring a new senior center to fruition.

A Center for the Ages of El Dorado Hills will primarily serve as a senior center, January emphasized, but the name is a reminder there will be facilities all residents might enjoy. The current Moni Gilmore Senior Center does not have adequate space for El Dorado Hills' growing senior population, January said, yet, "The CSD staff has done a wonderful job running a dual purpose facility." The former fire station was transformed into a senior center nearly a decade ago and the county-run senior day care program was added last year.

Parker Development Co. offered January and architect Charlie Downs 11 acres of open space between the archery range and Fire Station 85 for the project. Parker Development's Director of Government Relations Kirk Bone said January and Downs were also given seed money to see if it's a viable project. Next steps are to get the land in January and Downs' names so they may begin filing permits.

An environmental impact report for Parker's plans to rezone the 98-acre former Executive Golf Course to build 763 homes will be released Sept. 16. Bone said the senior center project is part of the same EIR to save paperwork and time. The public will have 60 days to comment on the project.

Bone said for three years the 11-acres was offered to any group in El Dorado Hills.

"We've made it clear if there was a community group interested and they had a plan that helped the community, we'd donate the land," he said.

The El Dorado Hills Community Services District was offered it as part of the Central El Dorado Hills Specific Plan, but

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello All,

The District 1 county supervisor's seat is up for grabs in 2016, and I see that a number of candidates have already come to the fore, including the incumbent, sitting supervisor Ron "Mik" Mikulaco.

Mikulaco has lived in El Dorado Hills for 15 years, but Mik is suffering from a scathing El Dorado County Grand Jury Report in June that took him to task.

Assemblywoman Beth Gaines is the wife of State Senator Ted Gaines. Beth is said to be well-funded, with more than \$200,000 already banked for her campaign. The Gaines recently moved from Rocklin to El Dorado Hills.

Retired real estate agent Steve Ferry, 72, was 2014 president of the Tea Party Patriots of El Dorado Hills. He has lived in El Dorado Hills since 2000. Steve said he's seeking the supervisor's office to try to build the business base of the county.

Alan Day, 55, is a member of the El Dorado Irrigation District Board of Directors and local business man. Alan says he's considering running because people have urged him to run and shake things up.

John Hidahl, 63, a retired systems engineer and a member of the El Dorado Hills Fire Department Board of Directors for 32 years, has lived in El Dorado Hills for 35 years. He wants a more efficient and effective board of supervisors, and names the county budget as his major issue.

It remains to be seen who will survive the primary elections and be on the ballot in November of 2016 for the general national election. I look forward to a spirited campaign and wish them all the best of luck.

Sincerely,

*John E. Thomson*

President

## PAVING *(continued)*

Matt Smeltzer, Deputy Director at DOT, said that the paving operation will consist of a two-step process. First an inch or so of the old pavement will be removed by grinding, which will both level out the road and give the new pavement a surface to adhere to. Second, the hot mix asphalt paving material will be applied.



In spots where the old pavement is in poor condition, an extra inch of old pavement will be ground out to allow a thicker layer of new asphalt. In badly deteriorated sections, a layer of asphalt overlay geotextile, or paving fabric, will be applied. This fabric is designed to hold the asphalt and withstand the extreme temperatures associated with paving. It functions by creating a moisture barrier between the old asphalt layer and the overlay, decreasing the introduction of water into the base, reducing the effects of reflective cracking, and aiding in the flexibility of the pavement.

Most of the money for the project is coming from the county's 2014 Federal Urban Regional Surface Transportation Program funds. Other county roads that were in contention for the funds were Patterson Drive, Country Club Drive, Palmer Drive, and Pleasant Valley Road. However, county staff recommended the funds be used for Bass Lake Road because it provides access to over 5,500 vehicles per day from Green Valley Road to U.S. Highway 50; it is the only arterial roadway that serves at least four major subdivisions, as well as traffic from the eastern end of Cameron Park; it will deteriorate more quickly than the other roadways considered, due to the number of failed sections; it includes areas with large, deep cracking, in which pieces of asphalt concrete are loose and moving; it includes areas of exposed asphalt base, leading to possible complete failure of its structural section; and it contains areas in which deterioration may make the road unsafe.

For questions regarding this project, you may contact the DOT main line at (530) 621-5900. ~

## SENIOR CENTER *(cont.)*

the CSD turned it down, Bone added. CSD General Manager Brent Dennis said, "They (Parker Development Co.) prepared a conceptual plan to put two soccer fields there. We would've had to build a 30- to 40-foot high fence so soccer balls wouldn't go onto El Dorado Hills Boulevard. No one thought that was a valid use."

January said at some point it must be decided whether the new senior center will be maintained by the CSD or if it goes private.

"I'd love to bring over Janet Kenneweg and the rest of the (current senior center) staff" January said.

She said she acted alone by approaching Parker because she wants to move quickly. "The CSD wants soccer fields, open space and bike paths," she said. "The seniors' needs remain neglected. The population in El Dorado Hills is more than 50 percent seniors now and growing. I'm 84 years old and don't want to wait." January will appeal to the CSD Board of Directors at its Sept. 10 board meeting to make seniors as high a priority as parks. "The CSD would be a logical proponent (and partner for this project)," said Bone. "But they've staked out their position by saying they want that area to remain open space."

As for whether the CSD would support a new senior center at that location, Dennis said, "We can't say. That could be exactly what we need, but we haven't even finished the Master Planning process yet."

At press time, the Bulletin had not received any notice that the CSD had made any decisions about the center.

A Center for the Ages features a 30,000-square-foot complex with plans to include a pool, tennis court and community room accommodating 500 to 600 people with the option to partition the space into smaller rooms.

"We sorely need a community room of this size in El Dorado Hills," she said. For seniors there will be a physical therapy pool, an exercise room and classrooms for cards, crafts, etc. The lobby will have a cluster of chairs and bookcases with a resource room

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New Senior Center conceptual representation

adjacent to it for computers and meetings.”

January said they wouldn't need to remove trees in the wooded area because the center would be closer to the street where there are fewer trees. The oak trees behind it would be capitalized upon by creating a shaded, outdoor gathering area. The center's main entry road on Wilson Boulevard would be shared with Fire Station 85.

January said it's all bringing back memories of building the El Dorado Hills Library a decade ago, which architect Charlie Downs designed.

“As soon as I got the OK, I called Charlie and said, ‘It's like the old library days!’” she said.

For three hours the two mapped out their vision on a restaurant napkin. They have been studying state-of-the-art senior facilities statewide as well. Parker Development gave the library's final exterior approval and would do the same for the center's exterior. The only other caveats Parker gave, January said, is that the building must be one level and the architecture must blend in with the surroundings.

The cost to build the center will be \$12 million to \$13 million. Funds would come from a variety of sources, January said. She has already approached Fire Chief Dave Roberts and attended a fire board meeting about a potential joint use partnership in order to receive fire department funds. The large community room could serve as the fire department's disaster area for surrounding communities and fire station staff could store gear in the new center's ample storage room.

She is also thinking about community enhancement funds, which helped get the library built. There are grants too, which January said would be easier to get since so many businesses are looking to have a stake in senior projects.

“When you say seniors all sorts of opportunities come up,” January said. Mello-Roos

taxes coming from future El Dorado Hills developments could also be a future source of revenue, she said. January wants to partner with others, like Oak Ridge High School. She could see staff and students wanting to use the center's commercial kitchen to possibly build a culinary program.

“First we need to find out if there's an interest in a project like this,” Bone said. “The library can be a template for what we're moving forward with. That desire for a library was organic. It didn't come from the developer, but the community. We have been working on the Central El Dorado Hills Specific Plan since 2011 and we have heard that there is a need for community/senior facilities and active recreational facilities. We look forward to working with and supporting Betty January's proposal, which she will present to the CSD Board (Sept. 10). This support will include support for site planning and an application to the county to review the proposed project. In addition, we are considering working with youth sport groups in a similar manner to provide active recreational facilities.”

“I think A Center for the Ages is a good plan—an excellent plan,” January said. “It would be a senior center open to all seniors in El Dorado Hills with additional community needs.”

If all goes well she said building could begin within a year.

*Credit: Julie Samrick, Staff writer; Village Life*



EDC Sheriff John D'Agostini

## SHERIFF'S OFFICE UNVEILS EMERGENCY WARNING SERVICE

Last month, the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services, in conjunction with CodeRED, sent out more than 100,000 automated phone calls to El Dorado County residences and businesses encouraging them to register for emergency notifications at the website [ready.edso.org](http://ready.edso.org).

CodeRED is an emergency notification system that will call/text residents in the event of a potential or pending emergency. It is a free service to the citizens of El Dorado County.

Your information will remain the property of Emergency Communications Network who owns CodeRED and will not be disclosed or sold. The CodeRED notification system will only be used by public safety officials during emergencies to disseminate critical information to the residents of El Dorado County—part of the Sheriff's Department's new and updated reverse 911 system.

The El Dorado County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services encourages all residents to enroll to receive emergency alerts through CodeRED. Those who have already enrolled to receive CodeRED notifications but have recently moved or changed telephone numbers are encouraged to visit the [ready.edso.org](http://ready.edso.org) and click on the CodeRED logo to update their contact information.

Residences who do not have computer access are encouraged to contact family or friends to assist them in registering, or contact the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services directly at (530) 621-5895 for assistance.

In addition to receiving CodeRED alerts through voice, text messages and e-mails, residents can also download the CodeRED Mobile Alert app on the App Store and Google Play. The app will send free push notifications of emergency, community and missing person alerts to mobile subscribers within a warning area. Alerts are initiated by El Dorado County as well as public safety officials throughout North America. ~



## EID WATERING SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR OCTOBER 1

Under the water conservation program adopted by the El Dorado Irrigation District (EID), twice-a-week watering is allowed from October 1 to November 15 on Wednesdays and Sundays for customers with addresses ending in even numbers and Tuesdays and Saturdays for customers with addresses ending in odd numbers.

For more information, visit [eid.org](http://eid.org) or call 530-642-4000. ~



### October

O hushed October morning mild,  
Thy leaves have ripened to the fall;  
Tomorrow's wind, if it be wild,  
Should waste them all.  
The crows above the forest call;  
Tomorrow they may form and go.  
O hushed October morning mild,  
Begin the hours of this day slow.  
Make the day seem to us less brief.  
Hearts not averse to being beguiled,  
Beguile us in the way you know.  
Release one leaf at break of day;  
At noon release another leaf;  
One from our trees, one far away.

—Robert Frost



## SENIOR TAXI SERVICE BEGINS THIS MONTH

El Dorado Hills residents 60 and older or adults with disabilities have a new door-to-door transportation option beginning Oct. 19.

El Dorado Transit, in partnership with Gold Rush Taxi, will offer qualified residents discounted taxi vouchers for travel anywhere within the El Dorado Hills Community Services District seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

A county subsidized, one-way voucher costs \$3 and may be used for any trip purpose and covers the fare for everyone in the cab. Passengers may travel outside the CSD boundary (for example to Folsom), but must pay the additional fare from the CSD boundary line.

To participate, residents must register one time with El Dorado Transit to prove eligibility and receive a photo ID. ID card photos will be taken at the Moni Gilmore Senior Center located at 990 Lassen Lane, El Dorado Hills, on Oct. 7 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

To register for the program request a Dial-A-Ride application by calling (888) 246-2877 option #2 or download the form from [eldoradotransit.com](http://eldoradotransit.com). For more information call El Dorado Transit at (530) 642-5383 or visit [eldoradotransit.com](http://eldoradotransit.com). ~

*Credit: Julie Samrick*



## BLAC BOARD TO MEET IN NOVEMBER

The next regular board of directors meeting of the Bass Lake Action Committee will be held on Monday, November 2, at 7:00 PM at the home of John and Fran Thomson, 501 Kirkwood Court in Woodridge, El Dorado Hills, 530-677-3039.

Remember to save the date of the evening of December 7, 2015, for the Bass Lake Action Committee's Annual Membership Meeting, Board Election, and Christmas Party. Invitations will be sent to members and invited guests.

As always, all BLAC members are cordially invited to attend all meetings. For further information about BLAC meetings and membership, please contact Vice President Kathy Prevost at 530-672-6836. ~

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