Seasons Greetings District G!

I hope you and your family are enjoying a happy and healthy holiday season. There are many activities in our area to enjoy over the holidays. One of my favorites over the years is the Clark County Museum’s Heritage Holidays event on December 13th and 14th from 5 to 8pm. In addition, the museum’s collection of historic buildings on Heritage Street also will be decorated for the holidays through Jan. 3rd during the museum’s regular daytime hours.

I want to offer a special thank you to all those who participated in our Fall Job Fair. The event was a huge success with over 1,200 job seekers in attendance and about 90 employers. Employers were able to conduct on-the-spot hiring and over 600 job seekers were able to leave the event with a job offer. We look forward to our next job fair this coming Spring.

It is humbling to see the generosity and compassion of so many people that I have met throughout Southern Nevada. If you have ever considered adopting or fostering a child, please see the article in this edition of our newsletter from Clark County’s Department of Family Services new program Count Me In. There is a significant need for both adoptive and foster parents in our community. You may be able to make a profound difference in the life of a local child as either a foster parent or adoptive parent. For contact information and to learn more about the Count Me In program, please read the article in this newsletter.

It is an honor to serve as your County Commissioner, and I look forward to continuing our work in 2020 to build and strengthen our community. As always, do not hesitate to email me at ccdistg@clarkcountynv.gov or contact my office regarding Clark County related issues at (702) 455-5561 with any questions or concerns. You can also follow me on Facebook at www.facebook.com/jim.gibson or Twitter @CommishJGibson.

Happy New Year,

Jim
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. Recycling your tree is a gift that will keep on giving back to the community.

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. Frocked trees, those covered with artificial snow, cannot be recycled.

Las Vegas Valley residents have recycled 243,500 trees since the program started in 2001, creating 2,118 tons of mulch.

The Christmas Tree Recycling Program operates from Dec. 26 to Jan. 15 with more than 30 drop-off sites throughout the Las Vegas Valley. To find the closest one to you, visit the Las Vegas Springs Preserve website page. Locations include these parks in Clark County and the Las Vegas Springs Preserve:

**Clark County**
- Sunset Park, 2601 E. Sunset at Eastern
- Desert Breeze Park, 8275 Spring Mountain Road at Durango (behind the community center)
- Mountain Crest Park, 4701 N Durango Drive at Lone Mountain Road.

**Las Vegas Springs Preserve**
- 333 S. Valley View Blvd.

Clark County Museum

Heritage Holidays

The Clark County Museum will celebrate the holiday season with its free annual Heritage Holidays event from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 13 and Saturday, Dec. 14 at the museum, located at 1830 S. Boulder Highway in Henderson.

Starting Friday, Nov. 29, through Friday Jan. 3, the museum’s collection of historic homes and buildings on Heritage Street also will be decorated for the holidays and open for self-guided tours during normal business hours of 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. seven days a week. Daylight tours require daily museum admission, which is $2 for adults, $1 for children. The museum is closed on Christmas Day and New Year’s Day.

“Our Heritage Holidays celebration will put you in the holiday spirit and give you a great sense of community and joy,” said Clark County Commissioner Jim Gibson, whose District G includes the museum. "We look forward to hosting this event each year with support from our Clark County Museum Guild.”

Now in its ninth year, the Heritage Holidays event is the only time when the public can visit Heritage Street at night to see the museum’s unique collection of homes and buildings lit up for the holidays. The two-night festival includes holiday music and strolling carolers from Green Valley High School’s acclaimed Madrigals choir, a craft tent where children can make their own holiday decorations, visits with Santa and his elves in the outdoor gazebo, and plenty of hot cocoa.

Heritage Street highlights include the old Boulder City train depot, the former Candlelight wedding chapel that existed on the grounds of the Algiers Motel across the street on the Strip from the Riviera Hotel, and a turn-of-the-century railroad cottage from Downtown Las Vegas. Those wanting more information about Heritage Holidays can call the Clark County Museum at (702) 455-7995 or visit the museum on Clark County’s Parks and Recreation Department website pages at www.ClarkCountyNV.gov.
Meet and sit down with your Clark County Commissioner and Boulder City Mayor to discuss matters that are important to you!
Clark County, Metro Announce Expansion of `ShotSpotter' Program to Fight Gun Violence

The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department and Clark County Commissioners announced the expansion of the ShotSpotter gunfire detection technology into several neighborhoods in the Las Vegas Valley after pilot programs showed successful results.

The first pilot program, championed by Clark County Commission Chairman Marilyn Kirkpatrick and Vice Chairman Lawrence Weekly, was launched in 2017 in the Northeast valley and was expanded to include a second location in the South-Central and Southeast area of the Las Vegas Valley. ShotSpotter is an acoustic detection technology that uses audio sensors to detect, locate and alert police agencies to the location of gunfire incidents in real time. The technology does not replace the need for people to call 9-1-1 to report possible crimes in progress but enhances police response to scenes, evidence collection and crime-fighting efforts to stop gun violence.

"Clark County is proud to announce the expansion of the ShotSpotter program across the Las Vegas Valley to help reduce crime and make our neighborhoods safer," said Commissioner Kirkpatrick, who was the driving force behind bringing the technology to the Las Vegas Valley as an outgrowth of her Pathway from Poverty initiative to improve the health, safety and well-being of residents living in low-income areas in her district. "We are grateful to Metro for its partnership in putting this technology to good use in fighting crime and improving the quality of life throughout our community."

During the first nine months of the pilot program, ShotSpotter identified 487 potential gunshot events, with 65 percent of them going unreported to police. Of those events that were reported to 9-1-1, ShotSpotter reported events faster than 9-1-1 dispatch – 86 percent of the time – and often with more accurate location information. Phone calls to 9-1-1 typically take time to process and initial reporting information from callers, while important, often can be vague.

"ShotSpotter technology is a great enhancement to our operations and has proven itself to be quite effective in identifying illegal shootings that would normally go unreported," said Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Undersheriff Kevin McMahill. "The technology has resulted in faster response times, increased collection of evidence and an overall reduction in violent crime."

The two locations where ShotSpotter was installed in 2017 covered 6 square miles and have been expanded as part of the new program. Additionally, the 2019 expansion adds six new coverage areas in the Las Vegas valley encompassing 24 square miles and including public safety cameras. Coverage areas are generally located in southeast, southwest, downtown and northwest parts of the valley, and were chosen based on an analysis of persistent hotspots for crime, illegal shootings and ongoing police enforcement efforts.

"The use of the ShotSpotter technology allows us to maximize our public safety resources throughout our community," said Clark County Commissioner Michael Naft. "We are proud to partner with Metro on this innovative initiative that has already saved lives. The expansion of this program will continue to help reduce crime and fight gun violence."

"The presence of cameras and ShotSpotter technology has a proven track record in reducing crime," said Clark County Commissioner Jim Gibson. "I want to thank my commission colleagues for allocating the resources to expand this innovative program across the Las Vegas Valley."

The ShotSpotter technology is monitored by Metro's Fusion Watch unit. When gun shots are detected, alerts are broadcast over Metro's radio channels and acknowledged by dispatch. Metro patrol officers are able to monitor information from their vehicle consoles and mobile phones using a ShotSpotter application. The technology has allowed Metro to detect and address more discharges of illegal gunfire, locate potential victims faster, and collect more evidence such as shell casings to make more arrests.

"Data shows that our highest crime areas tend to be poorer neighborhoods where the sound of gun shots happens so frequently that many people don't bother to call 911," said Commissioner Weekly. "The ShotSpotter technology helps police pinpoint problem areas and improve their response time, which in turn helps restore people's faith in law enforcement and community policing efforts."

Clark County Firefighter Toy Drive

The Clark County Fire Department is partnering with the Firefighters of Southern Nevada Burn Foundation to support the 18th annual "Fill the Fire Truck" holiday toy drive from Friday, Nov. 29, through Saturday, Dec. 21.

The public can drop off new, unwrapped toys or gift cards at any Clark County fire station during business hours, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., seven days a week through Saturday, Dec. 21. Rural volunteer fire stations are accepting donations through Monday, Dec. 16, 2019. The locations of Clark County fire stations are listed on the Fire Department's website pages.

Firehouse Sub’s 13 locations in the Las Vegas Valley are accepting donations for this year’s toy drive through Dec. 16, 2019.

Additionally, area fire departments will participate in “Fill-the-Truck” toy drives outside participating Wal-Mart stores starting Friday, Nov. 29, 2019. Fire engines and volunteer off-duty firefighters from different agencies will be parked outside stores from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Nov. 29; Saturday and Sunday Dec. 7 and Dec. 8, and Dec. 14 and 15; and Saturday, Dec. 21. The list of participating Wal-Mart stores is:

- 6464 N. Decatur Blvd. (Near the I-215), 89115
- 540 Marks St. (Sunset/Marks), 89115
- 7200 Arroyo Cross Parkway (Rainbow/215), 89113 (Clark County Fire Department location)
- 201 N. Nellis Blvd. (Charleston), 89110
- 8060 W. Tropical Parkway (Centennial/95), 89149

The last day to drop off items for the toy drive is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Dec. 21 at the Burn Foundation’s office located at 3111 S. Valley View Blvd., Suite B-111. The toys will be distributed to more than 40 local organizations including the Boys and Girls Club, Salvation Army, and schools and churches. In 2018, more than 28,000 toys were collected for the effort. For more information about the toy drive or the Burn Foundation, contact the organization at (702) 485-6820 or www.theburnfoundation.org.
2020 Census Nationwide Recruitment Campaign Gets Underway

The Census Bureau is aiming to hire approximately 500,000 census takers in communities nationwide to help conduct the once-a-decade count.

They are working hard to recruit and hire local census takers from the communities they will be counting. Working for the 2020 Census is the perfect opportunity to reserve your place in history and help your community shape its future, all while earning extra income. “We need people to apply now so they can be considered for part-time census taker positions next spring,” said Timothy Olson, Census Bureau associate director for Field Operations. “Recent high school graduates, veterans, retirees, military spouses, seasonal workers and applicants who are bilingual are highly encouraged to apply. It’s important we hire people in every community in order to have a complete and accurate census.”

Census takers will be hired to work in their communities and go door to door to collect responses from those who do not respond to the 2020 Census online, by phone or by mail. In certain remote areas like northern Maine and Alaska, census takers are the only way people can respond to the 2020 Census. These positions offer competitive pay, flexible hours, paid training and weekly paychecks. Pay rates vary depending on where the job is located, from $13.50 to $30.00 per hour. To determine the estimated pay rate in an individual area, visit https://2020census.gov/en/jobs/pay-and-locations.html. The selection process for census taker positions begins in January 2020, with paid training occurring in March and April. Actual enumeration of non-responding households throughout the nation begins in May through early July. Check out the 2020 Census website for listings of available census taker and other jobs. To learn more information on positions available and to apply, please visit https://2020census.gov/en/jobs.html.

Foster Care Recruitment Program – Count Me In

Recently, the Clark County Department of Family Services rebranded its foster care recruitment program – which includes a new slogan called Count Me In! Please visit our new website at: www.CountMeIn.Vegas

Foster care is about believing and investing in the future of a child and their biological family. Our foster and adoptive program is designed to provide temporary care of children who are unable to reside with their biological families. Children in foster care need strong and supportive caretakers who are willing to work with their biological families and the Department of Family Services.

Strengthening families and focusing on their well-being is the key to building strong families. Whether it’s promoting a collaborative relationship between birth parents and foster caregivers or providing parents with the supportive services to enable reunification, keeping families together is the primary goal in a successful child welfare system.

On any given day, there are more than 3,000 children involved in the foster care system. Currently 66% of children removed are under the age of six years old, 55 children are waiting each month for a foster family to say yes, and 33% of children in care are part of a sibling group. This is where we need you! We need loving foster parents to provide temporary care and stability for our children. However, we know that not everyone can become foster parents. That is okay, we have other ways you can be counted in. Whether that is donating to Peggy’s Attic, becoming a CASA or just raising awareness, there are ways you can make a difference. The first step to making a positive difference in the lives of our children, youth and their families is to attend a foster care information session. Please contact at 702.455.0181 for more information.

If you are already a foster parent, we truly appreciate your dedication and hope you recognize, as we do, the valuable role you play in building brighter futures for America’s next generation. It is through the positive efforts of people like you that we can change a lifetime for a child in need.
BOULDER CITY EVENTS

HISTORY - ACTION - FUN!

Nominate your favorite property for the 2020 Historic Preservation Award!

Boulder City’s Historic Preservation Committee and City Council invite you to recognize an outstanding building or property within the Historic District (map) for the Historic Preservation Award for 2020. **Nominations are open through Monday, March 16, 2020.**

City Council will present the award on April 28, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. The timing coincides with Boulder City’s Historic Preservation Day (May 9, 2020) during National Preservation Month. Boulder City’s Historic Preservation Committee and the City Council created the annual award in 2011.

- The property must be within the Historic District (addresses can be found on the City website at [bcnv.org/Historic-Preservation](http://bcnv.org/Historic-Preservation) under Preservation Documents; then click Historic District Map Registry).

- The award is based on the exterior of the building/property, as readily visible from the street.

- All properties (residential, commercial, institutional, religious, parks, etc.) are eligible.

- Honors include historically appropriate remodels or excellent preservation/restoration.

Please include property address (or name of current business/church/institution). Any property can be nominated by anyone; the number of nominations is not considered.

You may submit BEFORE & AFTER photos for remodels, additions, or examples of restoration and/or excellent maintenance. Nominations can be submitted in person or by mail to the Community Development Department, City Hall, 401 California Avenue, Boulder City, NV 89005. You may also submit online on the City website at [bcnv.org/Historic-Preservation](http://bcnv.org/Historic-Preservation); on the left menu bar click “Historic Preservation Award Nominations” and proceed per the instructions there.
LUMINARIA
December 5th, 6pm
BC Rec Center
Enjoy a live Nativity & local entertainment
by the United Methodist Church

Santa’s Picture Party @ Doodlebug Bazaar
Dec 7th, 11am - 2pm
Stage inside the Rec Center
Children can take pictures with Santa and receive a free coloring book and swag bag from JINGLE CAT!
Doodlebug is from 9am-1pm

SNV Railroad Pajama Train & Santa Train
Nov-Dec weekends
Check the website for more details.
www.nevadasouthern.com

Santa’s Electric Night Parade
Dec 7th, 4:30pm
Historic District of Boulder City
Spectacular light floats, bands, and much, much more.
Parade finishes just in time for you to head to the lake for the Parade of Lights at 6pm at the Lake Mead National Recreational Park.

Chamber Mixer
Dec 11th, 3:30pm
Progressive business mixer through Boulder City Plaza businesses.
Enjoy learning more about our local shops and cheerful holiday specials.

AAUW Home Tour
Dec 11th, 1-4pm
14th annual holiday home tour through amazing residences of Boulder City.

Christmas Tree Lighting
December 6th, 6pm
Frank Crowe Park
Join Jingle Cat in lighting up the Community Christmas Tree.
Enjoy live entertainment and hot chocolate by The Rotary Club of BC

Best Dam Wine Walk
Ugly Sweater Contest
Dec 14th, 4-7pm
Historic District
Enjoy over 32 wine tasting stops and great holiday themed activities. Cash and prizes for Ugly Sweater Contest.
www.bouldercitychamber.com

Night of Lights
Dec 14th, 5-8pm
St Jude’s Ranch for Children
Free holiday event for the whole family.
$10 all inclusive wristbands for access to hayrides, cookies & cocoa, live entertainment, holiday music, arts & crafts, & photos with Santa.

www.bouldercitychamber.com

call the Chamber @ 702.293.2034
The Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) is undertaking a $10.5 million, 5-mile-long upgrade of East Tropicana Avenue (State Route 593) between Maryland Parkway and Boulder Highway in Clark County. Las Vegas Paving is the general contractor.

The project, which began in late August, calls for placing new asphalt pavement, plus reconfiguring median islands for increased lane widths that reduce left hand turn crashes. Other improvements entail enhanced lighting, fiber optics, and enhanced handicap accessibility with sidewalks and ramps. Also, a push-button activated rectangular rapid flashing beacon is being added at Morris Street, thereby increasing pedestrian traffic safety at the Whitney Library.

Construction is occurring from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Motorists can expect intermittent lane restrictions through the work zones. Work is tentatively scheduled to finish in early 2021.

A project hotline is available in both English and Spanish at: (702) 899-3939. Meanwhile, for more information, visit the web page at: nevadadot.com/projects-programs/tropicana-overlay or email: kylek@horrocks.com

Concerns about your community? Need assistance with Clark County related issues?

We are here to help!
Please email us at ccdistg@clarkcountynv.gov or contact our office at (702) 455-5561 with any questions or concerns. You can also follow Commissioner Gibson on Facebook at www.facebook.com/jim.gibson or Twitter @CommishJGibson.

Route 201 frequency delays expected during construction on east Tropicana

Heads up route 201 (Tropicana) transit riders! The Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) is making safety and roadway improvements along east Tropicana, between Maryland Parkway and Boulder Highway. Improvements include:

- Reconfiguring median islands
- Milling and paving the road surface
- Adding a “pavement-wearing course” to the road surface
- Reconstructing sidewalks, curb ramps, and driveways to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements

While stop closures are not expected during construction, traffic delays may impact our 15-minute transit route frequency. Riders can stay in the know by subscribing to the RTC Blog, route 201 email alerts, and RTC social media channels. The public can email transit-related questions to notifyRTCtransit@rtcsnv.com. For inquiries about the road project, call the NDOT 24/7 hotline at (702) 899-3939.

Lane reductions are expected during the daytime and nighttime hours. The $10.5 million project is expected to wrap-up in early 2021.
Mojave Max is a real live tortoise that lives at Springs Preserve. Every fall when the hot Las Vegas weather cools off, Max goes into his burrow to begin brumation (this is how Max hibernates). In the spring, when the weather begins to warm up, Max emerges. The student who guesses as closely as possible to the correct day, hour and minute, (without going over), that Mojave Max will emerge from his burrow wins!

Students from Clark County, Nevada, in grades K-5 who are enrolled in public, private, and registered home schools of the Clark County School District are eligible to win. The grand prize winner and his or her entire class will win Mojave Max t-shirts, Mojave Max Olympic-style medals, a pizza party and a field trip to Springs Preserve to meet the live Mojave Max! The winner also receives a laptop computer, a Springs Preserve year-long family membership, an “America the Beautiful” year-long pass to National Parks and Federal Recreational areas and a backpack filled with outdoor goodies! The winner’s teacher receives a laptop computer and the winning school receives a large trophy identifying them as the winner!

Teachers are encouraged to enter guesses for all of their students. To enter the contest, visit MojaveMax.com, click on ‘Emergence Contest’ and fill out the form. The Mojave Max Education Program is provided by a partnership among Clark County, the Springs Preserve, Get Outdoors Nevada and the Clark County School District.
Recycling Tips for the Holiday Season

The holidays are the most wonderful (and wasteful) time of the year. Americans generate 25% more waste than average between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day — almost 1,000 pounds per household.

**WHAT TO THROW AWAY**
- Foil Wrapping Paper
- Cellophane Wrapping
- Disposable Decorations
- Polystyrene Peanuts
- Bubble Wrap

**WHAT TO RECYCLE**
- Plastic Bottles
- Soda Cans Plastic
- Cups Clean Paper
- Plates
- Cardboard Boxes*
- Wrapping Paper

**WHAT TO DONATE/REUSE**
- Gift Bags
- Ribbon
- Bows Decorations
- Packing Materials
- Artificial Trees
- Clothing and Shoes

**WHAT TO COMPOST**
- Fruits
- Vegetables
- Bread
- Pasta
- Meats
- Chips

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**Host a Sustainable Holiday Party**

Set up separate labeled containers for recycling and food alongside your waste to help guests dispose of waste materials properly.

Don't bag your recyclables. Keep them loose and free of food and liquid residue.

**Keep Your Wrapping Simple (And Recyclable!)**

Think twice when it comes to wrapping paper. Most foil and plastic-coated papers cannot be recycled. Instead, try folding or re-rolling your wrapping paper to reuse it.

Sticky gift tags are not recyclable by themselves, but they are acceptable if affixed to an envelope or wrapping paper.

**Separate Toy Boxes**

Toy packaging made of heavy cardboard is only recyclable when the cardboard is separated from the plastic, including the plastic window on the box of a doll or action figure. Make sure you separate these before adding them to your recycling container.

To learn more about holiday recycling and waste tips, visit RepublicServices.com

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Events this Past Fall in District G

Fall Job Fair

Over 1200 job seekers turned out for our Fall Job Fair at the Clark County Government Center. They arrived dressed for success with copies of their resumes in hand and many left with job offers. Our first floor Rotunda was filled with representatives from nearly 90 local employers, many of them with immediate openings. Commissioner Jim Gibson along with Commissioner Tick Segerblom, Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation and NV Workforce Connections One-Stop Career Centers teamed up to host the event. The Fall Job Fair was a great success! We look forward to our next job fair in the Spring.

Fall Movie in the Park

Fall is the best time of year to join your family and friends and visit Whitney Park for our popular Movie in the Park nights. This past Fall, residents in the Whitney area enjoyed Disney’s “Ralph Breaks the Internet” in September and the Disney classic “Hocus Pocus” in October. Along with a movie, families also enjoyed sandwiches and chips served by the STOP (Safety Through Outreach and Prevention) Coalition. The weather was beautiful and we encourage families to join us again this upcoming Spring!

Trunk or Treat

Kids and their families were invited to dress up in their most ghoulish costumes and trick or treat in a safe and fun environment at the 6th Annual Trunk or Treat at Whitney Park. Families enjoyed festivities that included live music, face painting, classic cars, games and carnival rides, and a mascot dance off. Attendees were also able to see a sneak peek of the designs for Whitney Park’s new aquatic center and splash pad. The proposed aquatic center will include a lazy river, beach, two large slides, and picnic area. Construction is expected to start in late 2020. We had about 3,000 attendees at the event. Our annual Trunk or Treat event gets bigger and better every year and we can’t wait to see everyone next year!
WinterFest
Friday December 13
5pm-8pm • Festival
6pm • Tree Lighting

Saturday December 14
2pm-8pm • Festival
5pm • Evening Light Parade
Entertainment • Holiday Classic Movie
Santa • Crafts & Games • Amusement Rides
Food Vendors & Festival Bar
Gift & Craft Showcase
Festival admission is free. Some activities require a $5 wristband.

Water Street District
cityofhenderson.com/WinterFest

Senior Summit
Tuesday, January 28 | 8:30am-Noon
Free Admission
Includes complimentary breakfast
Our event focuses on transportation issues featuring a keynote session and informative presentations and booths.

Heritage Park Senior Facility,
300 S. Racetrack Rd.
702-267-2950
cityofhenderson.com
Hosted by the City of Henderson and sponsored by AARP Nevada.

Heart & Soul Festival
February 29
10am-3pm
Free Admission
Henderson Pavilion,
200 S. Green Valley Pkwy.
HendersonPavilion.com
702-267-4849

Have a question about City operations or feedback that will help us serve you better?
cityofhenderson.com