

RURAL CONNECTIONS

Logandale Trails Hosts Public Land Day

A crisp sunrise on November 22nd quickly became a warm fall day under clear skies—perfect weather conditions for a fun day of volunteering at the Logandale Trails System, just west of Moapa Valley. Soon the main trailhead was full of energetic scouts, OHVers from Las Vegas, and local residents, all ready to pick up trash, clean up the trailhead and campsites, and scour the trails for windblown plastic bags and empty water bottles. 67 participants enjoyed donuts and hot cocoa before selecting their areas to cleanup and then they were off! Scouts from Troop 231 and other local troops literally run up hills, trash bags in hand, in a busy rush to pick up all the litter. Those with jeeps or ATVs, selected different trails and headed out, returning several hours later loaded down with trash bags and an odd assortment of debris and metal vehicle parts found along the trails.

Before noon the Moapa Valley Rotary Club arrived and soon afterwards the aroma of bbq started calling all the volunteers back to the trailhead for a delicious lunch and fun door prizes. T-shirts, provided by the BLM, were a big hit as were goodie bags that Partners In Conservation (PIC) had stuffed full of local business coupons, giveaways, candy, and granola bars. PIC recently signed a cooperative agreement with the BLM to provide daily management and maintenance of Logandale Trails. They will be hosting more volunteer days as well as other events, including a Safety Day on February 28th, 2015. Activities and presentations, including safety training for youth riding ATVs as well as information about surviving in the desert and important items to stock in your first aid kit, plus games and hikes will round out the day – with lunch and snacks provided. So save February 28th and come enjoy Safety Day at Logandale Trails! For more information and directions contact Elise McAllister at picorg@mvdsl.com or 702-219-2033 or check out Logandale Trails on Facebook.



Events for January – Northeast

- **Wednesday, January 14** – Moapa Valley TAB* meeting at the Moapa Valley Community Center, 7 pm
- **Tuesday, January 27** – Moapa TAB* mtg at the Robinson Justice Court & Community Ctr, 7 pm
- **Wednesday, January 28** – Moapa Valley High School National Honor Society's Annual Blood Drive
- **Thursday, January 29** – Bunkerville TAB meeting at the Bunkerville Community Center, 7 pm

*TAB = Town Advisory Board

Moapa Valley Seniors Visit Glittering Lights

On Friday, December 12, 2014 a group of 10 seniors from Moapa Valley visited the Glittering Lights display at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway. The group viewed the 1.2 million lights along with cars full of people from as far away as Alaska. The Elvis display and the tunnel of lights were the favorites.

Following the Glittering Lights display they visited the living nativity, toured the winter wonderland display and enjoyed the huge Christmas tree at Opportunity Village.

The trip was wrapped up with a stop for hot chocolate and the return drive home. All involved had a great time and are already looking forward to next year's trip!



Glittering Lights at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway begins at 5:30 pm every day and continues through January 5, 2015. For more information visit: www.glitteringlightslasvegas.com

Events for January – Northwest

- **Tuesdays** – Coupon swap at the Indian Springs Community Center, bring some scissors and your extra coupons, 6–8 pm**
- **Tuesdays** – Teen Night at the Indian Springs Community Center. Teens have access to the Wii on the big screen TV, pool table, air hockey, basketball game, card and board games, 6–8 pm. Ages 13–19**
- **Wednesdays** – Coffee Talk social time at the Indian Springs Community Center, 10:30 am**
- **Saturday, January 10** – High Desert Seniors Potluck at the Indian Springs Community Center, 3–5 pm
- **Thursday, January 8** – Game Night & Social Time at the Indian Springs Community Center, come hang out with your friends, make some new ones, play games, or simply relax, 7 –9 pm, 16 years and older
- **Saturday, January 3** – Teen movie night at the Indian Springs Comm Ctr, 6 pm. \$2. Age 13 and older. **
- **Wednesday, January 14** – Kids Craft at the Indian Springs Community Center, We will be making a wonderful snowman & enjoying a snack. Space is limited to 20 so please reserve your child’s space. This is for elementary aged children; younger children will need adult assistance. 3:30 pm Cost \$1**
- **Thursday, January 15** – Indian Springs TAB* Meeting at the Indian Springs Community Center, 7:30 pm
- **Thursday, January 22** – BINGO at the Indian Springs Community Center, 7 – 9 pm, Age 18 & older**
- **Saturday, January 24** – **Tentative** Boulder City Train trip. 8 am to 4 pm. For info call 702–879–0833
- **Thursday, January 29** – Mt. Charleston TAB* meeting at the Mt. Charleston Library, 7 pm

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Winter Parking in Mt. Charleston & Lee Canyon

Lee Canyon (Hwy 156) is your best option. Open places include Lee Meadows, Sawmill Picnic Area, Bristlecone Trail for snowshoe hiking and various pullouts on Lee Canyon Road (Hwy 156) & Deer Creek Highway (Hwy 158). Roadside parking is **prohibited** between Lee Meadows and the Ski Resort in Lee Canyon (Hwy 156). Roadside parking is **prohibited** in Kyle Canyon (Hwy 157), except in designated areas, past the intersection of Hwy 157 and Deer Creek Hwy (Hwy 158).

Snow Play Safety Tips

- ❄ Consider wearing a helmet while sledding
- ❄ Make sure paths are clean and weather is good
- ❄ Never sled near roads or vehicles
- ❄ Avoid dangerous objects like large rocks and trees
- ❄ Be aware of others so you don’t run into them! Sleds can reach speeds of up to 20 mph
- ❄ No sledding in areas with less than 12 inches of snow
- ❄ No snow play on private or “closed” areas

Information courtesy of www.gomtcharleston.com

Happy Holiday Happenings in Indian Springs

On Saturday, December 13th the High Desert Seniors had their holiday potluck and Secret Santa gift exchange. Party goers had a great time posing in the photo booth with lots of fun Christmas props. Later that evening, the kids in the community got their chance to pose for silly photos while they waited to board the hayride to the Polar Express! The Indian Springs School Freshman Class, advised by Lara Frank and Megan Guerino, organized a great evening for the kids. They caroled as the hayride took them from the Community Center to the School where they enjoyed popcorn and hot chocolate while watching the Polar Express movie. Santa showed up and handed out the first gift of Christmas. Everyone then got a chance to play in the snow courtesy of a snow making machine! What a great way to welcome the holidays!!



Events for January – Southeast

- **Mondays – Thursdays** – Open recreation at the Searchlight Youth Center, 3:15 – 5:15 pm
- **Mondays** – BINGO at the Slim Kidwell Community Center in Cal–Nev–Ari, 6 pm
- **Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays** – Activities at the Searchlight Senior Center: Walking at 9 am, Resistance Training at 10 am, Computer Classes by appointment
- **Thursdays** – Yoga class at the Searchlight Community Center, 5 – 6 pm
- **Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays** – Activities at the Searchlight Community Center including exercise with the Wii, Genealogy, Card Making, Scrapbooking, Gift making or bring your ideas to share, 8 am – noon
- **Monday, January 5** – Breakfast burritos and all the trimmings at the Searchlight Senior Center, \$3
- **Tuesday, January 6** – Stuffed Animal Sleepover at the Laughlin Library, 4:30 – 5:30 pm, see article on page 6
- **Tuesday, January 6** – Parks and Rec classes begin at the Spirit Mountain Community Center in Laughlin, classes include dance, crafts, fitness and music.*
- **Thursday, January 8** – Game Night at the Laughlin Library, 4:30 – 5:30 pm**
- **Saturday, January 10** – Kids crafts at the Laughlin Library, Ages 5–11, 3–5 pm**
- **Tuesday, January 13** – Laughlin Town Advisory Board Meeting at the Regional Gov. Center, 1:30 pm
- **Wednesday, January 14** – Searchlight TAB meeting at the Searchlight Community Center, 6 pm
- **Thursday, January 15** – eMedia Petting Zoo at the Laughlin Library. Wonder how to get eBooks on a tablet or eReader? Join us to play with some of these devices to help decide which one is best for you.**
- **Friday, January 23** – Parents Night Out at the Spirit Mountain Community Center. Now featuring even more games and activities! Snacks available for purchase at the Boys & Girls Club Snack Bar. 6 pm.*
- **Sunday, January 25** – Family movie matinee at the Laughlin Library, 1:30–3:30 pm**
- **Saturday, January 31** – Clark County Parks and Recreation 5K Poker Run at the Pyramid Day Use Area. Pick up a card at each of 5 stations and hope for the best hand! Prizes will be awarded to the best male and female hands. 7 am.*

Sweet Construction at the Searchlight Youth Center

On December 23rd, some tasty looking gingerbread houses were constructed at the Searchlight Youth Center with graham crackers, frosting and plenty of other sugary goodies!



Stuffed Animal Sleepover at the Laughlin Library

What would a group of stuffed animals do if left alone in the library overnight? The librarians at the Laughlin library plan to find out – and take pictures of it, too! On Tuesday, January 6th at 4:30 pm bring your favorite stuffed animal (or you favorite stuffed animal's best stuffed buddy) to a very special slumber party story time. Everyone will get to enjoy story time and then your stuffed animals will get to spend the night at the library. The librarians will keep an eye on their furry antics and snap photos of the mischievous and wacky things they do when no one is around! For more information call the library at 702-507-4060.



Events for January – Southwest

- **Wednesdays** – Adult/teen basketball at the SV School Gym, 6:30 – 8:30 pm**
- **Every Wednesday** – Sewing/craft group at the Goodsprings Community Center, 4 pm
- **Tuesday, January 13** – Sandy Mesquite Valley Dev. Assoc. meeting at the SV Community Ctr, 6:30 pm
- **Tuesday, January 13** – Sandy Valley CAC* meeting at the SV Community Center, 7:30 pm
- **Wednesday, January 14** – Mountain Springs CAC* meeting at the Mtn Springs Fire Station, 6:30 pm
- **Saturday, January 17** – Everyone is welcome at the Sandy Valley Senior Center Pancake Breakfast, 8 to 10:30 am, \$3.50 for the best pancakes and sausage or biscuits and gravy
- **Tuesday, January 27** – Goodsprings CAC* meeting at the Goodsprings Community Center, 7 pm
- **Wednesday, January 28** – Red Rock CAC* meeting at the Blue Diamond Library, 7 pm

*CAC = Citizens Advisory Council **Contact Shawna at 702-723-5040 for more information

Looking ahead – upcoming event and classes in Sandy Valley

Balloon Fest – Save the date!! Saturday, February 21st will be the Sandy Valley Volunteer Fire Department's 15th Annual Balloon Fest. This is the VFD's biggest fundraiser of the year. The event includes hot air balloon rides, a delicious pancake breakfast expertly cooked by the firefighter themselves, safety displays and demonstrations, and great people to visit with. For more information call Electra at 702-370-6297.



New Classes – The Sandy Valley Senior Center will be hosting several new classes beginning in January including knitting, crochet and cooking! For more information stop in or call the Senior Center at 702-723-1220.



If you would like to receive Rural Connections or would like to contribute community events, articles or photos, please contact Meggan Holzer at meggan@clarkcountynv.gov or 702-455-0341