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Freeway Reconstruction Update

By Val Henry

First I want to thank all of you who took the time to come to the meeting on June 15. Many of you also attended the meeting in May. I also want to thank all of you who took the time to fill out comment cards. I turned in over 230 cards and there was a group from Devore that turned in several along with a petition to “save the bridge”. This caused a concern for SANBAG, as they thought 2 separate groups were working independently in Devore. I assured them that we were all on the same page and all were concerned about what Devore was going to have to endure.

I asked Darcee Klapp and Mark Slobom to go with me to meet with Marshall Riley, 2nd District Supervisor, Field Rep. Marshall was very kind to show us the most recent version of alternative 3 and some of the proposed changes (so new, they were not on maps as of yet). The following week we met with members of SANBAG. I was pleased to hear that they had been working on Alternative 3 (this is the one that keeps Devore Road bridge). They had done 3 revisions of this alternative by the time we were able to meet and look over the maps. We were assured that they were listening to our comments and concerns. We were told that alternative 3 was the one they were concentrating on at that time, with alternative 2 as a backup plan (they explained that they are required to have 2 alternatives in case something prevents one, they have another to fall back on). Along with the bridge being slightly realigned, the N/B off ramp for I-215 had been reconnected, and the possibility of moving the S/B on/off ramp for the I-215 closer to Devore and realigning Glen Helen Parkway to possibly make a 4 way signal controlled intersection. This realigning will relieve some concerns over access to the well sight near the railroad tracks.

We will continue to follow along with the updates as they move closer to final stages in the design process. SANBAG told us the new version would be posted on the SANBAG website soon. You may keep checking to see when the new updates will be posted. The web address is: www.sanbag.ca.gov If any further news or info is needed to be relayed to the community, we will post signs in the usual places; Devore road near the freeway off ramp, Devore Road and Kenwood, Mom’s Store, and Kenwood at Greenwood. If something important comes up, we will stuff flyers again. Feel free to call me for any questions you may have in the mean time.

Thanks again for coming together as a united community and commenting on the freeway reconstruction. Believe me, it did make a difference. I am very proud of Devore and how you responded to this issue. This reconstruction may cause us some unpleasant times in the coming few years as the project moves forward, but it will make life here better. The first phase will have the old highway (Route 66) reconnected. If nothing else, this will slow the traffic through town and alleviate some of the grid lock when the freeway is shut down for various emergencies or weather conditions. I realize some properties will be affected, some more than others, and I know that SANBAG has looked at all possible ways to intrude as little as possible on Devore.

We are a special community and we will work hard to stay unique and special. I still say Devore is the best place to live.

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**DRPA MEETING
MINUTES
by Steve Helt**

August 3, 2009

Meeting Called to Order at 7:02 PM

Board Members Present: Valerie Henry, Darcee Klapp, Amber Clafin, Marybeth Navas, Karen Hoag and Steve Helt.

Board Members Absent; DeAnna Trombi-Lee and Doug Clafin.

Guests; Kathy Gray, Bill Klapp, Ken Petschow, the Alcorns and Misty & Mick Donegan.

Check request approved for USPS postage of Fall 2009 newsletter and check signed.

Purchase requisition of Not To Exceed \$250 signed and approved for Fall 2009 newsletter.

Checks signed for reimbursement of Summer 2009 newsletter printing costs.

Special Election to be held at Nov. DRPA Quarterly Meeting to replace Director that has relocated out of state.

Treasure's Report: Balance of Checking Acct: \$3,108.79, Savings: \$1771.98 for a total of \$4,880.77

Unfinished Business:

Community Emergency Response Team: Capt. Flesher at Devore Fire Station collecting sign-ups for 3rd class. Training trailer is stationed at Devore Fire Station.

Emergency Preparedness Supplies: Purchased emergency supplies stored and ready for use. Additional

supplies to be purchased in future.

Neighborhood Watch: Sheriff Service Specialist Kathy Gray spoke on crime statistics within Devore from May, 2009 through July, 2009.

Trails: Trail maps presented to County and granted preliminary approval. County currently interviewing consultant firms.

Community Topics:

Principal Hoag spoke on current Kimbark School activities.

Val Henry discussed latest updates of reconstruction to I-215/I-15 Interchange.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Devore Weather Report

By Doug Clafin & Bob Kinne

All records are for the weather year started on July 1, 2009

High Temperature to Date (08/28).... 107°
 Low Temperature to Date (08/07) 52°
 Wind Chill Low to Date (08/07)..... 52°
 09-10 Rain Total..... 0.00"
 High Wind Speed (08/06)..... 18 mph

08-09 Rain Total.....18.38"
 07-08 Rain Total.....21.12"
 06-07 Rain Total..... 7.81"
 05-06 Rain Total.....37.56"
 04-05 Rain Total..... approx 93.00"
 03-04 Rain Total.....16.59"
 02-03 Rain Total..... 28.08"
 01-02 Rain Total..... 6.99"
 00-01 Rain Total..... 28.82"
 99-00 Rain Total..... 28.3"
 98-99 Rain Total 16.6"
 97-98 Rain Total..... 60.1"

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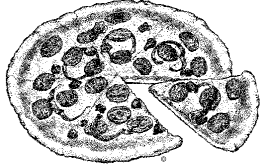
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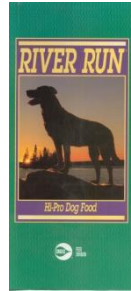
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Fire Station News

Hello all, with a recent call in the Devore area involving Electrical lines; I thought a good article would be on utility safety. We will discuss Electrical, Natural Gas, and Propane.

Electrical-

Here in Devore we seem to get a little wind every now and then. Wind seems to be the greatest enemy of our electrical lines in the area. Yes, an occasional vehicle will find its way into a power pole, but for the most part wind is the number one culprit for causing problems. If you notice or come upon a downed power line, DO NOT TOUCH IT. We consider all lines down to be energized. They will hurt or even kill you. Please safely try and block access to the area and call 911. Please move away from the wires as the system will send power down the line to try and figure out what is wrong and the wire or wires could arch and move around on the ground. We will notify Edison and take over the road closures or deny access as needed. IF you notice a transformer on a pole arching or smoking, do not get underneath it to try and get a better look. They will sometimes arch and explode parts off of it and shower down to the ground. As with wires back away a safe distance and advise the fire department and or Edison. The key to power pole/wire problems is To not put yourself anywhere that the wires could fall or move to strike you or your vehicle.

If your home is in an area where the power has gone out for whatever reason, try and turn off any electrical appliances that may have been on. This is important as when the power is restored they may occasionally cause a power spike that can damage appliances and computers, and the newer televisions do not handle power spikes at all. We also recommend that you walk around your home, after the power has been restored and check all your electrical using devices to make sure they work properly and have not been damaged in anyway. If you feel they are Southern California Edison is your contact.

And since we are in the home, let's go over some safety issues there. Put plastic safety plugs in your outlets to prevent children pushing objects into them. Never remove the third prong from a three prong plug, this is your ground and you could be shocked if that is removed. If you don't have the third prong, adapters are available at your local hardware or home improvement store. Repair or replace damaged or brittle electrical cords. They can cause shorts, shocks or electrical fires. Check appliances to make sure all cords are in good condition. Use ground fault interrupters (GFCIs) to protect yourself from shock. These special outlets prevent shock by detecting electrical faults and shutting off the electricity to the outlet when necessary. These are especially important in kitchens, bathrooms, and other places where water is present. Use electrical cords properly. To avoid damaging cords, remove them from outlets by pulling the plug not the cord, never attach a cord to another surface with nails or staples, which can break the insulation. Avoid kinking, twisting, binding, or walking on cords, never put a cord under a rug or furniture. Take the time to make sure your breaker panel is marked correctly and that the breakers are in good working order.

Always keep electrical appliances away from water. Never use electrical appliances in the shower or bath. Never use electrical power appliances while standing in water. Use

these commonsense rules and guidelines when using electrical appliances.

With the tough economy, Southern California Edison and other providers are having more and more wire stolen; this is illegal and very dangerous. If you are aware of, or see anyone tampering with electrical wires, meters, or facilities, please contact SCE immediately at 1-800-655-4555. WeTip Inc. offers a reward for information leading to the arrest and prosecution of persons selling, buying, or possessing stolen utility wire. The call is toll free at 1-800-782-7463.

Natural Gas-

Natural gas is used every day by all of us safely. But it can be dangerous if it is allowed to escape into the atmosphere. How does that happen? The most common way is an accidental release caused by cutting or damaging the pipe or service line that carries the gas. It is critical to call before you dig anywhere. Call 811 before digging and all underground utilities will be marked for their location. If you smell the odor of natural gas, some safety tips will help keep you safe.

If you suspect a leak leave the area immediately, warn others, do not light a match, start or stop an engine, do not use a phone, or switch lights on or off, or do anything that may cause a spark. From a safe location, call 911 or call the Gas Company serving you.

We also have in our area high pressure under and above ground delivery lines. If you are near these and you smell a "rotten egg" smell call the gas company or fire department. Also call the fire dept. if you hear an unusual noise coming from the ground or an above ground pipeline. A hissing sound may indicate escaping natural gas; call the gas company or the fire department. If you see dirt or water blowing into the air, discolored vegetation surrounding a pipeline or notice standing water continuously bubbling, this maybe a sign of a leak and call the gas company or fire department. As a rule of thumb, natural gas is lighter than air and will rise.

Propane (LPG) -

We also use LPG every day safely and it also can cause problems if released into the atmosphere. BBQ's, recreation vehicles, automobiles and homes all can use LPG as fuel. LPG also has a "different" odor if released into the air. LPG is stored in tanks that have control valves to control the flow of the gas. These may be bumped and a leak could occur. If noticed right away just turning the valve off will mitigate the problem, if allowed to leak in enclosed areas danger of explosion and fire are present.

If unable to control LPG by valve or connection hoses call 911, vacate the area following the same rules as with natural gas, if you use LPG as fuel for your home keep weeds and vegetation away from the tank to help protect it in the event of a wild land fire. As a rule of thumb, LPG is heavier than air and will pool like water.

I hope these safety tips help with the different gases and power we use every day and take for granted. These are for the most part very safe and tested fuels for our area, but if not maintained and checked can cause fires or injury. So check you appliances and BBQ's for a safe summer season.

Ken Lewis, Captain Station 2, Devore



GET READY!

WILDFIRES

According to the national Firewise Communities program, each year, wildland fires threaten hundreds of homes, causing millions of dollars in damage. Areas with an abundance of flammable vegetation and periods of dry, hot, windy weather are particularly vulnerable to wildfires.

Before

- Maintain a Firewise landscape around your home, with nonflammable landscaping materials within 5 feet of the house, and healthy, well-irrigated, well-spaced plants and trees in the area extending 100-200 feet from your home.
- Make sure your roof is made of fire-resistant material. Choose fire-resistant materials for your siding, deck, and porch.
- Sweep gutters, roofs, and eaves regularly. Remove dead branches around chimneys. If fire is approaching, remove combustible materials, including wood piles, lawn furniture, doormats, barbecue grills, and tarps, from around your home.
- Evacuate before the fire approaches your home. Back your car into the driveway and roll up the windows to allow for a quicker getaway. Plan to bring your valuables and your pets.
- Close and protect your home's openings, including attic and basement doors and vents, windows, doors, and pet doors. Remove flammable drapes and curtains and close all shutters, blinds, or heavy non-combustible drapes. Do not lock the doors and windows in case firefighters have to make a quick entry to fight the flames.
- Close all the interior doors in your home and the fireplace screen. Open the fireplace damper.
- Shut off any natural gas, propane, or fuel oil supplies at the source.
- Connect garden hoses and fill any pools, hot tubs, garbage cans, tubs, or other large containers with water.
- Place a ladder against the house in clear view.
- Disconnect garage door openers so the doors will open if there is no power.
- Turn on the outside lights and at least one light in each room to make your house more visible in heavy smoke.

During

- If you are in your car as the fire approaches, roll up the windows and close the air vents. Drive slowly with your headlights on. Watch for other vehicles and pedestrians. Do not drive through heavy smoke.



If you have to stop, park away from the heaviest trees and brush. Turn on the headlights and turn off the ignition. Keep the windows up and the vents closed. Get on the floor and cover up with a blanket or a coat.

- If you are in a building as the fire front approaches, stay inside. The fire will pass before the home burns down.
- If you are outside as the fire approaches, look for an area where vegetation or other fuel for the fire is sparse. On a steep mountainside, the back side is safer. Avoid canyons, natural chimneys, and saddles. If a road is nearby, lie face down along the road cut or in a ditch on the uphill side. Cover yourself with anything that will shield you from the fire's intense heat. If you are in a wooded area, seek a depression with sparse fuel. Clear fuel away from the area while the fire is approaching and then lie face down in the depression and cover yourself. Stay down until the fire passes.

After

- Do not return to your home until authorities say it is safe. If you are at home or able to return to your home, check the roof immediately and put out any roof fires, sparks, or embers. Check the attic for hidden burning sparks.
- Use the water in your pool or tubs. If your power is out, try connecting hoses to the outlet on your water heater.
- Maintain a fire watch for several hours after the fire. Re-check for smoke and sparks throughout the home.

For more information, visit the National Fire Protection Association at www.nfpa.org/disaster.
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KIMBARK News

Kimbark Elementary Annual Fall Festival

6:30 pm Friday, October 16th

Everyone is invited!!!!

Kimbark needs your support. Help Kimbark raise money for this year's fieldtrips. The budget cuts took away more than half of the money allotted for fieldtrips. We got \$25,000 from the district last year and this year we only got \$10,000. In the past the money that we received covered all of our field trip expenses. Now it barely covers our 6th grade Catalina trip. We still have our 5th grade mountain camp and all the other field trips for the lower grades. Our goal is to raise enough money to cover these fieldtrips so that our children can keep on enjoying these special places. Kimbark Elementary can also give any individual or business a tax receipt for any monetary contributions made to the school. Thank you for your support.

Calendar Change for 2010-2011 School Year

School will begin on August 3, 2010 and last day of school will be June 2, 2011. There will be a week off at Thanksgiving, three weeks off at Winter Break and two weeks off at Spring Break.



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Carissa Paugh

If we have missed someone we apologize
Congratulations to Everyone! Good Luck!

“Partners in the Preservation of the Devore Foothills, a DRPA subcommittee”

A group of the DRPA members has now formed the “Partners in the Preservation of the Devore Foothills, a DRPA subcommittee” and along with many other active non-profit environmental groups have joined to become active in the preservation of the foothills near Devore. This is an extremely sensitive animal, plant, Native American and Settlers area. Our aim is to preserve the sensitive land that has truly qualified and will be set aside so that the buffer zone between the “frontage road” and Devore NOT be put through and that valuable native land along with sensitive environmental species be protected. We welcome anyone to volunteer. We will keep everyone apprised of the progress.

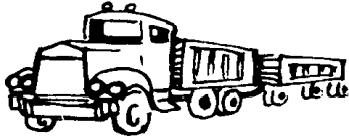
Devore Christmas Parade and Potluck December 19, 2009 put the date on your calendar!

Dorothy Bonkowski, our beloved “Santa’s wife” of the Devore Parade has passed away. She will be truly missed by all.

If you know of someone passing, marriage, birthday, special event please let us know so we can tell your community. Either on-line or call Darcee Klapp (909) 880-8654 business phone leave message I will return your call.

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September 2009

Tuesday 8th - Water Board Meeting 7:00pm at the Devore Water Company

October 2009

Tuesday 13th - Water Board Meeting 7:00pm at the Devore Water Company

November 2009

Monday 2nd - Devore Rural Protection Assn. Meeting 7:00pm at Kimbark Elementary School
Tuesday 10th - Water Board Meeting 7:00pm at the Devore Water Company

December 2009

Tuesday 8th - Water Board Meeting 7:00pm at the Devore Water Company
Saturday 19th - Devore Community Holiday Parade & Dinner 4:30pm Kenwood Ave in Front of Kimbark School

