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It's Coming! The New Devore Interchange

By Val Henry

INTERCHANGE MEETING JUNE 15, 2009 – 7:00PM at Kimbark Elementary School

Were you at the meeting on May 14th that SANBAG (San Bernardino Associated Governments) called to show Devore and the surrounding communities the 3 options that were given for the I-15/I-215 interchange reconstruction? You should have been! This is the biggest change that Devore will ever see. For those of you that did go, are you confused? Me too, a little. Did you know that the I-215 is eventually going to be a 10 lane freeway including truck lanes? It was very overwhelming. I will try my best to describe what was presented, but first some info from SANBAG and Cal Trans.

The I-15/I-215 interchange has been an overburdened bottleneck for many years. Some work has been completed (the truck lane on the N/B I-15, for example), but much is left to do. They plan to add a lane both northbound and southbound on the I-15, with the 15 freeway staying the main flow and the 215 traffic entering and exiting from the right. Truck bypass lanes will also be added. Where Devore is greatly impacted is the restructuring of the on/off ramps and revamping of the transitions to and from both freeways.

Three options were given (Options 2, 3, and 5), the other options have already been eliminated due to feasibility. Options 2 & 5 have the Devore Road bridge removed. To access the freeway or Cajon from the east end of town you have to go across a new road that replaces the current off ramp to the new on/off ramps and the underpass to Cajon Blvd. at Cable Canyon Road. Placing a major on/off ramp at this location allows the developers of Martin Ranch and the plateau above the Cable Canyon wash to connect to the roadway. This would give them the secondary ingress and egress they need to move forward with their projects. This could bring the hundreds of cars into our community, which we just fought against allowing. Also, how do we access the wash or the trail system for hiking, bike riding, or equestrian riding at Glen Helen Park if we have no bridge to get to it? Do we have to go clear to Kenwood to access the wash, or fight traffic along the new road, under the new bridges and then cross Cajon to the wash and the park? Also, we have an important water line in the Devore Road bridge. I foresee another problem in that in case of another major fire (and we all know 99% of them come from the mountains east of us – the direction of San Bernardino), I see us being denied access to this area and being forced to use Kenwood as an emergency exit. Can you imagine trying to shove all of Devore onto one exit? Even if we were allowed to use this Cable Canyon on/off ramp, we would be sharing it with hundreds, possibly thousands, of residents from Verdmont fleeing the fires also.

Where the two options differ most was where the transition ramps are placed and the on/off ramps for Kenwood would be placed. Option 2 has the transition ramps up higher which takes out several properties along the lower portion of town (Nedlee, Nevin, Santa Fe, Marion & Greenwood). Option 5 is less invasive but still takes property in some of the same areas.

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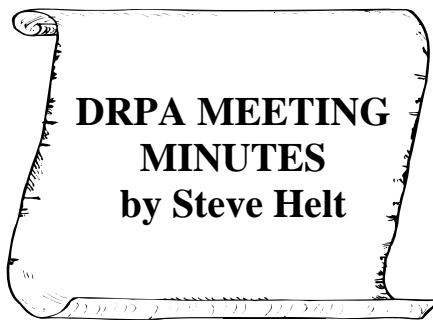
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**DRPA MEETING
MINUTES
by Steve Helt**

May 4, 2009

Meeting Called to Order at 7:03 PM

Board Members Present: Valerie Henry, Karen Hoag, Marybeth Navas, Doug Claflin and Steve Helt.

Board Members Absent; Wendy Cholbi, Suzie Lamb and Robyn Johnson.

Guests; Nicole Arana, Shella Bell, Kathy Gray, Deanna Trombi-Lee, Rex Davis, Ron Kato, Rick Meyer, Paul Musso, Raymond Ross, Katelyn Donegan, Misty and Mick Donegan, Mamie and Wayne Lorenz.

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

Purchase requisition of Not To Exceed \$250 signed for Summer 2009 newsletter, along with signing of purchase requisition for USPS Bulk Postage Permit and check signed.

Checks signed for reimbursement of Spring 2009 newsletter printing costs.

Treasure's Report: Balance of Checking Acct: \$3,552.39, Savings: \$1771.80 for a total of \$5,324.19

Unfinished Business:

Community Emergency Response Team: Completion of 2nd Devore C.E.R.T. class graduated on April 4th. 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 February, 2009 through April, 2009.

Trails: Trail maps completed and forwarded to County for review.

Community Topics:

Principal Hoag spoke on current Kimbark School activities.

Mamie Lorenz discusses start-up of community summertime movie night.

SANBAG/Caltrans to hold public meeting for reconstruction of I-215/I-15 Interchange.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Devore Weather Report

By Doug Claflin & Bob Kinne

All records are for the weather year started on July 1, 2008

High Temperature to Date (9/15)..... 103°
Low Temperature to Date (12/26) 29°
Wind Chill Low to Date (12/17) 8°
08-09 Rain Total 18.38"
High Wind Speed (11/15).....43 mph

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"
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99-00 Rain Total 28.3"
98-99 Rain Total 16.6"
97-98 Rain Total 60.1"

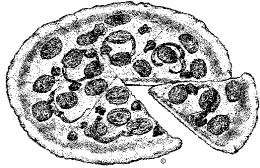
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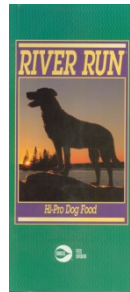
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From The Nurses Corner

By A. Mitchell, RN

Welcome to the Spring 2009 edition of the Nurse's corner. Spring is in full bloom and as we work in our yards our **Ears** are being exposed to lots of loud noises

Our hearing is gradually loss due to age and is a common condition that affects ¼ of all Americans 65-75 years of age and ¾ of Americans over the age of 75.

Over time, the wear and tear on your ears from noise contributes to hearing loss by damaging the inner ear. Doctors feel that between heredity and long- term exposure to loud noises our hearing is gradually lost.

You can't reverse hearing loss, but you can prevent loss of hearing and work with your doctor to improve the sounds you do hear.

Symptoms of hearing loss include: * muffled sounds * difficulty understanding words in a crowded room * needing people to speak slowly or loudly *needing to turn up the volume of the TV and avoiding social situations.

How do you hear? The ear has three major areas: the outer ear, the inner ear and the middle ear. Basically sound waves pass through the outer ear and cause the eardrum and the bones of the middle ear to start a vibration. As the vibration makes its way to the inner ear, it is amplified. These vibrations cause nerve cells to send a message to your brain. Different vibrations send different messages, so we hear different sounds. Of course, it is a lot more complicated than that but that is the basics of what happens.

What causes hearing loss? For some people, it is as simple as a large amount of wax build-up in the ear canal and this prevents the conduction of sound waves. Earwax blockage can happen to anyone of any age.

Damage to the inner ear is a cause of a lot of hearing loss. Damage to this area does not allow nerve cells to send good messages, so sounds are decreased. Higher pitched sounds may become muffled and it may be difficult to pick up words when there is a lot of background noise. Ear infections or a ruptured eardrum may cause loss of hearing.

Risk factors that damage the inner ear that leads to nerve cell loss are: * Aging and the normal wear and tear of sounds may cause damage to your middle ear * Loud Noises such as from farming, construction, factory work, shooting firearms, motorcycling or listening to loud music may contribute to the damage in your ear * Some medications such as Gentamicin or chemotherapy can damage your inner ear and * Some illnesses that result in a high fever can damage the inner ear.

It is very important to consider how loud the noises are that you hear everyday. Sound is measured in Decibels and a **Normal safe range** for your ears is 30-80 decibels.

Risk range is from 85-110 decibels and includes motorcycles, lawn mower, sanders, hand drill, chainsaws and many many more. **Injury range** is from 120-180 and includes ambulance sirens, jet engines, shotgun blasts and

rocket launch. It is amazing that shotgun blasts and rockets are in the same category.

Prevention of hearing loss is not so hard. Protect your ears at your workplace and home. Your employer should provide ear protection if it is required. When shooting firearms, or working around the yard with equipment, please wear earplugs and ear- muffs. Some high- pitched sounds, such as a .22 rifle travel not only into the ear but the sounds travel through the back of the ear. Don't forget to provide the children of the family with hearing protection too. You can't start too early protecting your hearing.

Doctors should be the only ones who clean out the wax from your ears. Like our mama's always said, " Don't stick anything littler than your elbow in your ear!"

If you feel you having a difficult time hearing, see your doctor. They can check for wax and also do a hearing test or send you to a specialist!!!

Remember also, all those new IPODs need to be turned down. Not only to save your hearing but also so that you hear what is going on around you. Twice last week, I almost hit two people in a parking lot because they were listening to music and also texting on their phone. They didn't even see me when I was driving and walked right out in front of my car.

Suggestion of the Month: Hug your family and tell them you love them and take them for Chocolate Ice cream.....Till next time.....A. Mitchell

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Fire Station News

As we all made it thru the snow storm of 08 we are reminded of how important the community of Devore is to the freeway system that runs north to Las Vegas. I-15 & I-215 were parking lots, and of course the motoring public just thought they could drive through Devore around the road blocks to be met with more road blocks. It was re-assuring that our community for the most part was prepared and self reliant for the 20 hours of silliness on the local roads. We here at station 2 were very busy on the freeways above and below the road blocks.

The weather is warming so we all know what that means, time to take a deep breath and clear those areas where the grasses and weeds grow that can spread a wildfire. It seems that we had enough rain to trigger a good grass crop which can be used by fire to get into larger type fuels and create a greater problem than last year. So your help is requested again with the vigilant clearing of those problem areas. Also check out your trees and shrubs, did they get damaged last winter by the snow or wind? If so trim those up off the ground or away from buildings that will help protect your property and buy us time to get into place if needed. For more fire safety tips do not forget to check out the Department web site at WWW.sbcfire.org

Also as you are doing the annual spring cleaning, if you find you have paint, oil, car batteries, or other hazardous waste, please use the proper disposal available to dispose of this waste. If you are not sure what is hazardous or not you can call the Household Hazardous waste program for information and disposal locations at 800-645-9228.

We do have a request for the community, if possible could you check your addresses on your homes and mail boxes for the numbers to be visible from the street coming from either direction, if this can be improved it would help us out greatly. (The code is 4 inch numbers on your home) and the bigger the better on your mail boxes.

I also wanted to mention that as the seasons change to warmer days our little slithering friends will be out and about, so keep your eyes open for rattle snakes as you are cleaning your properties, we seem to always have 3 or 4 calls of human/snake encounters in Devore and would like to try and decrease that number to zero this year. If you encounter a rattle snake give it the right of way and leave it alone, if you feel the snake is in an area that will cause a problem or harm to someone or a pet, call Animal Control at: 800-472-5609. Please do not try to pick it up or move it, this is when the bites happen.

As I started out this report, Spring is here, we are in the full bloom stage of new growth grasses and weeds, now is the time to start the process of keeping all the new growth in check and away from structures and homes, and it's a little cooler to be outside working then in the middle of summer, so take advantage of the nice days and clear those areas that need it, for your protection and ours.

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KIMBARK News

Budget Cuts / Fundraising

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RIMS County Science Fair Participants

Brian Mok
Devin Rethaford *
Julia Stauder
Nicolas Conlin (1st Place) *
Joe Lopez
Justine Chau
Tyler Slobom *
Andy Mok
Tricia Rogers *

* = Lives in Devore

Interchange (continued from front page)

Option 3 leaves the Devore Road bridge alone and has the I-215 off ramp in nearly the same location with a small part of properties taken along Dement to straighten it. The I-215 on ramp is located on the other side of Devore Road where the vacant lot is now. It also takes a small piece of a few properties along the lower portion of Devore (Santa Fe, Greenwood and Marion).

Option 3 seems to me to be the least invasive and destructive for Devore. There are some good and some bad in all three options, and I am not an engineer, but I tried to look at this project from the point of which option would least affect this community and be the best solution for the most people.

I have requested maps for our meeting on the 15th and they are currently available on the SANBAG website at:

http://www.sanbag.ca.gov/projects/interchange_devore.html

I feel this community needs to see just what is in store for them. The meeting on the 15th will show the community what I feel is the most impact that we have ever encountered so far, and probably ever will. You must realize that this is a huge project and we will be affected, no matter which option is chosen. You will see posters up and a mailbox stuffing. We have 30 days to submit comments from April 30th. That means the community needs to see the maps and have all of your comments in by June 30th. I will have a list of comments on what areas are affected and what you can write on your comment papers at the meeting. This affects every person in Devore; whether it takes part of your property or not, whether you ride bikes or horses or hike or simple live here for the rural atmosphere. Please support your community by coming to this meeting and filling out a comment form. Let's unite and face this as a community, not as just a few individuals. Your comments do matter. Your lack of comment tells them you do not care what they do. Come and voice your opinion, or just listen to what is said, but do come!

The bright side to this entire project is that they are reconnecting Cajon Blvd under the freeway with the old portion that continues north to Cleghorn Rd. Route 66 will be reconnected again!

Questions? Call me at 880-9030. I'll do my best to answer them.

Your community... you do have a say in the choice of options!

Another CERT Training Class Completed

By Val Henry

Saturday April 4th was the third and last day of our second CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training class. There were 13 of us. I want to say I am proud to be one of those that wanted to do this so we might be of help if our community should ever need it. I want to thank the great instructors we had and the explorers that were our "victims". I also want to thank the County of San Bernardino for funding this training.

I admit I was nervous to begin with and thought that what little I could do would not make much difference. This class taught us all that we will be of immediate use helping our family, friends, and neighbors until advanced rescue and medical can get here. I suppose the original reason for doing this training was more for my own and my family's benefit, but I realized I can help my neighbors and friends too and that made it even more meaningful to me.

This training doesn't make us professionals by any means, but it gives us the basic training to organize and do "the greatest good for the greatest number". Knowing what to do instead of standing around in a panic was so worth the three Saturdays we all gave up.

Organization is the back bone to CERT. Team work is what makes it function. Getting prepared and practicing basic rescue techniques and basic medical aid in different scenarios is all part of it. We will continue to practice so we can work well together, stay informed, and be ready should the need arise.

Even if you never use the training for more than your own family's benefit, I encourage you all to consider taking the training. We had young mothers, family members, and older folks (even older than me) take the training. It is open to all residents. Another class is possible in May for those that could not attend this one and for any others that wish to take the training. I'm sure we can have even more classes if more residents want to take the training. I encourage you to do this. You will not regret the knowledge and training you receive. You can help in an emergency. If you are interested, call me at 880-9030.



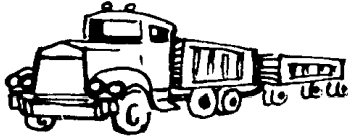
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Tuesday 14th - Water Board Meeting 7:00pm at the
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August 2009

Monday 3rd - Devore Rural Protection Assn.
Meeting 7:00pm at Kimbark Elementary School
Tuesday 11th - Water Board Meeting 7:00pm at the
Devore Water Company

September 2009

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

