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AN INFORMATIONAL NEWSLETTER FOR RESIDENTS OF CARSON CITY

JAC Arrives in Carson City!

JAC is here! On October 3, 2005 JAC and JAC Assist began providing residents and visitors a high level of service and independence.

You may be asking, "Who is JAC?" Well... JAC, Jump Around Carson, is the name for the new general public fixed-route transit service in the Carson Area. JAC brought his brother, JAC Assist. JAC Assist will be the complementary public transit service for the disabled community in the Carson Area who, by a physical, cognitive, and/or visual impairment are unable to utilize JAC for their transportation needs. JAC Assist will be a curb-to-curb service, with door-to-door upon request.

JAC is operating four (4) busses, one bus on each on four (4) different fixed-routes. These fixed-routes begin and end their day at the main transfer point, which is located on the eastside of the street at 705 N. Plaza Street, in front of the Federal Building or the old Post Office. The operating hours for JAC is 6:30 am to 6:30 pm Monday through Friday and 8:30 am to 4:30 pm on Saturday, there is no service on Sunday. Each route operates on one-hour headways, which means each bus departs the main transfer point every hour on the half hour, returning to the garage at the end of the last run.

Two (2) of these routes will be a looped, bi-directional route - meaning that one bus will travel in a clockwise direction on a set of streets, the other bus will operate on the same set of

streets in the opposite direction. These routes provide access to the current Carson-Tahoe Hospital, Western Nevada Community College, businesses and housing along College Parkway, Albertson's at Airport Road and US Highway 50, the Senior Center, the Library and Community Center. The other two (2) routes will be what are called, radial routes. One route will travel to the north, looping around the new Carson Tahoe Hospital complex, then return along all the same streets back to the transfer point - providing access to the Community Center, Library, Senior Center, North Carson Crossing shopping development, and the new Carson-Tahoe Hospital location. The last route will travel south, looping around the Carson Valley Plaza, then, returning along all the same streets back to the transfer point - providing access to the business and residential community of the southwest central business district, State Capitol, NDOT, Department of Motor Vehicles, Post Office, business and residence along south Roop Street and Silver Sage, looping around the Carson Valley Plaza in Douglas County. For accessing JAC, there will be bus stops located along all routes, at about 1,000' intervals or about the



Fares

Fares for adults and youth will be \$1.00 and .50 cents for the elderly and disabled. Bus passes, both monthly and ten-ride punch are available at a reduced rate. The monthly bus pass will have the greatest discount and the ten-ride punch pass will have a small discount over cash fare. The fare for riding JAC Assist will be \$2.00 for the disabled, per every boarding of the bus, and \$2.50 for those who do not qualify as being disabled; using the Americans with Disabilities Act definition of a "transportation related disability."

length of two average city blocks, of typically every change in direction of the route.

Schedules will be available at City offices, grocery stores, Walgreens, Western Nevada Community College, Senior Center, Wal-mart, Library, Community Center, and various other locations in the area. Additionally, schedule and map information are available on Carson City's website at www.carson-city.nv.us -look for the blue panel on the left side and find the link "JAC Jump Around Carson."

For other questions, please call Michael Dulude, Transit/Transportation Planner, Development Services-Engineering at (775) 887-2355.

(* Note: JAC and JAC Assist have replaced the Carson City Community Transit service.)



Carson City's Community Shared Vision Statement

Proud to be Nevada's State Capital, Carson City will perpetuate its heritage, cultural diversity and natural setting by providing a well-planned community for people of all ages and backgrounds. We will work together under an open government process to guarantee the best possible environment of public safety, a strong economy, and an effective infrastructure. Quality education and recreation will provide our citizens with a sense of well-being and personal freedom. Carson City will continue to be a leader in effective local government.



Marv Teixeira
MAYOR



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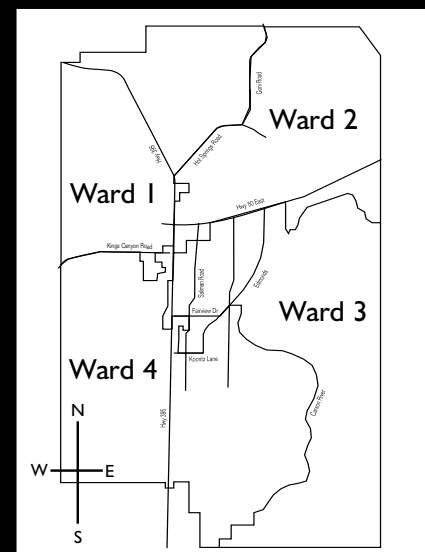
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HOW TO CONTACT PUBLIC SERVICE DEPARTMENTS

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- City Manager887-2100**
- Building Department887-2310**
- Community Development887-2180**
- Recreation Division887-2290**
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- Sheriff's Department (non emergency) ..887-2500**
- Animal Control.....887-2171**
- Health Department887-2191**
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Planning Our Future Together

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Additional copies of CCF are available at the City Manager's Office.

Letter to Our Residents

Well, I just filled my gas tank. Who would have guessed a year ago that we would be paying over \$3.00/gallon for gas!! With prices this high, many folks may be wondering about alternatives to the traditional drive alone to work. Carson City residents now have an alternative - JAC (Jump Around Carson)! Our fixed route transit service started operation on October 3, 2005. Places like the federal building in downtown Carson City, the Library, Community Center, Library, Senior Center, old hospital, new hospital, old Walmart and new Walmart, Western Nevada Community College, Carson Valley Plaza, and the Nevada Department of Transportation are all on a bus route - served on a regular schedule. For example, you can leave the new hospital at 6:51 a.m. and be in downtown Carson City at 7:15. From there, you can transfer to another bus and travel to the Carson Valley Plaza - a 23 minute ride, with 4 stops along the way. Of if you are a student living near Koontz or Clearview Drive, you can catch the bus on Koontz and Carson Street at 7:00 a.m., travel to downtown, transfer to another bus and get to the Western Nevada Community College at 7:40 a.m.. Getting out of class at noon? Just hop on the bus at 12:09 and make it back to Koontz at 12:47! And there are enough stops along the way, if you decide to stop and do some shopping - no problem!! And JAC connects with PRIDE for those of you that commute to Reno. For a bus schedule, go to our website at carson-city.nv.us and click on JAC. Or you can phone 887-2323 and we'll get one to you. And for those that need extra assistance, we offer JAC Assist to provide door-to-door service. To find out if you qualify for this service, call 887-2323. The holidays are fast approaching and I would like to take this opportunity to wish the citizens of this great community a happy and healthy holiday season!

City Manager

Linda Ritter





"Envision" Carson City



A draft city-wide Land Use Map and Policy Framework were released at a public workshop on October 5. The Land Use Map provides for future land uses - e.g. where residential, commercial, industrial or a mix of uses should be developed. The Policy Framework document begins to develop the policies under which future land use decisions and development

reviews will be evaluated.

A complete draft Comprehensive Master Plan document will be developed for release in late November. The latest maps and documents are available on the Envision Carson City website www.CarsonCityMasterPlan.com. For more information, contact the Planning Division at 887-2180.

How to Obtain Flood Information

Upon request, the Engineering Division will provide flood information for any parcel within Carson City. This public service is provided free of charge. Any one interested in obtaining flood information should call 702-887-2305 extension 1212 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Extension 1212 is dedicated exclusively to the exchange of flood information. When connected to extension 1212, you will be prompted by voice mail to leave information associated with your inquiry (Note: to bypass the message press 1 and immediately speak). Please leave the following information, your name, phone number, the address and the assessor's parcel number (A.P.N.) for the address you are requesting flood information. The Engineering Division will respond to each request within 24 hours of receipt.

Carson City Flood Safety Program

Flood Protection Information

Flooding in our city is caused by snowmelt and runoff generated from the surrounding mountain ranges which overflow the banks of the Carson River and the many creeks and streams that flow through the city to that river. Floodwaters can cover many blocks up to one foot or more in depth. The Linear Ditch and Goni Creek are smaller streams which flood during or soon after heavy storms. Floodwaters are not deep, but they still cover streets and yards and can flood cars, garages, basements and lower floors.

Floods are dangerous and citizens of Carson City should endeavor to protect themselves, since flooding in parts of the City can come with little warning. Even though they appear to move slowly (three feet per second), a flood two feet deep can knock a man off his feet and float a car.

Your property may be high enough that it was not flooded recently. However, it can still be flooded in the future because the next flood could be worse. If you are in the floodplain, the odds are that someday your property will be damaged. This article will give you some ideas of what you can do to protect yourself.

City Flood Services: The first thing you

should do is check your flood hazard. Flood maps and flood protection references are available at the Carson City Public Library. You can also contact the Engineering Division of Public Works on Northgate Lane to see if you are in a mapped floodplain. If so, they can give you more information, such as depth of flooding over a building's first floor and past flood problems in the area. In addition, the Building Department has a handout on selecting an architect, engineer, or contractor.

If requested, the Public Works Department will visit a property to review its flood problem and explain possible ways to stop flooding or prevent flood damage. Call the Department at 887-2300. These services are free. If you are in a floodplain or have experienced a flood, drainage or sewer backup problem, check out these sources of assistance.

What You Can Do: Several of the City's efforts depend on your cooperation and assistance. Here is how you can help:

- Do not dump or throw anything into the ditches or streams. Dumping in our ditches and streams is a violation of Carson City Grading Ordinance. Even grass clippings and branches can

accumulate and plug channels. A plugged channel cannot carry water and when it rains the water has to go somewhere. Every piece of trash contributes to flooding.

- If your property is next to a ditch or stream, please do your part and keep the banks clear of brush and debris. The City has a stream maintenance program which can help remove major blockages such as downed trees.

- If you see dumping or debris in the ditches or streams, contact the Streets Department at 887-2345.

- Always check with the Building Department before you build on, alter, regrade, or fill on your property. A permit may be needed to ensure that projects do not cause problems on other properties.

- If you see building or filling without a City permit sign posted, contact the Building Department at 887-2310

- Check out the following information on floodproofing, flood insurance and flood safety.

Floodproofing: There are several different ways to protect a building from flood damage. One way is to keep the

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upcoming events NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2005

Sundays

Ponderosa Bible Baptist Church,
Sierra Room, 10:00am & 6:00pm

Mon-Thurs

Sweat Shop Exercise Class,
Comstock Room, 12:10pm-1:00pm
& 5:30pm-6:30pm

Mondays

Yoga Class,
Bonanza Room, 6:15pm-7:30pm

Mon-Sat

Sweat Shop Exercise Class,
Comstock Room, 9:00am-10:00am

Mon, Wed, Fri

Muscle Resistance Training
for Seniors,
Bonanza Room, 10:00am

Tuesdays

Dog Obedience Classes,
Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall, 6:30pm
New 6-week session begins
November 29, 2005

**Vegetables: Healthy Eating for
Weight Loss,**
Community Center, Kinder Room,
6:30pm-7:30pm
New 6-week session begins
November 15, 2005

Tues & Thurs

Goju-Shorei Karate,
Comstock Room, 4:00pm-5:15pm
& 6:45pm-8:15pm

Tues & Fri

Yoga Class,
Bonanza Room, 7:00am-8:15am

Thursdays

Ponderosa Bible Baptist Church,
Bonanza Room, 7:00pm

Fridays

Yoga Class,
Comstock Room, 6:15pm-7:30pm

Saturdays

Church of God Services,
Bonanza Room, 1:00pm
Yoga Classes,
Bonanza Room, 9:00am-10:15am
(Except the 3rd Saturday of each month)

November 2005

1

Carson Area Coalition
on Obesity Meeting,
Sierra Room, 7:30am

1 & 15

Carson City Parks and Recreation
Commission Meeting,
Sierra Room, 5:30pm

2

Carson River Advisory
Committee Meeting,
Sierra Room, 5:30pm

3 & 17

Carson City Board of
Supervisors' Meeting,
Sierra Room, 8:30am

5

Coldwell Best Sellers "Boot
Scootin' Boogie" Fundraiser,
Exhibit Hall, 5:00pm
(for more information, please call
Avis or Cherry at 883-8500)

5 & 6, 11-13 & 18-20

Western Nevada Musical Theater
Co. presents, "Fiddler on the Roof",
Bob Boldrick Theater, 7:30pm
performances on Fridays & Saturdays,
2:00pm performance on Sundays
(for more information, please call
445-4249)

5 & 19

Carson City Sheriff's
Traffic School,
Sierra Room, 8:00am

8 & 22

Carson City School District
Board Meeting,
Sierra Room, 7:00pm

9

Carson Area Metropolitan
Organization & Carson City Regional
Transportation Commission Meeting,
Sierra Room, 5:30pm

10

Carson City Historic Resources
Commission Meeting,
Sierra Room, 5:00pm

14

Carson City Convention &
Visitors' Bureau Meeting,
Sierra Room, 5:30pm

16

Carson City Airport
Authority Meeting,
Sierra Room, 6:00pm

18-20

Carson City Cooperative Extension
4-H Poultry Club Fundraiser,
Exhibit Hall,
(for more information, please call
Sandy Wallin at 887-2252)

19

Eckankar Worship Service,
Bonanza Room, 10:00am

21

Carson City Open Space Advisory
Committee Meeting,
Sierra Room, 6:00pm

25-27

Pinkerton Dance Academy
presents, "Nutcracker",
Bob Boldrick Theater, 7:00pm
performances on Fridays & Saturdays
& 2:00pm performance on Sunday
(for more information, please call
Ayako Britt at 882-2916)

28

Carson High School Advanced Video
Production PSA's & Documentaries,
Bob Boldrick Theater, 7:00pm
(for more information, please call
Brian Reedy at 283-1652)
Carson City Junior Ski Registration,
Sierra Room, 6:30pm-8:30pm
(for more information, please call the
Recreation Dept. 887-2290 x 101)

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Carson City Recreation Talent
Show Try-Outs,
Bob Boldrick Theater, 4:00pm

30

Carson City Planning
Commission Meeting,
Sierra Room, 3:30pm

December 2005

1 & 15

Carson City Board of
Supervisors' Meeting,
Sierra Room, 8:30am

3

Carson City Sheriff's Traffic School,
Sierra Room, 8:00am

4

Capital City Community Band Concert,
Bob Boldrick Theater, 3:00pm
(for more information, please call
Richard Doede at 883-2219)

5

Carson High School Band Concert,
Bob Boldrick Theater, 7:00pm
(for more information, please call
Felicia Wirgau at 283-1910)

6 & 20

Carson City Parks and Recreation
Commission Meeting,
Sierra Room, 5:30pm

7

Carson River Advisory
Committee Meeting,
Sierra Room, 5:30pm
Carson High School "Warren Miller
Ski Movie" Fundraiser,
Bob Boldrick Theater, 7:30pm
(for more information, please call
Jack Reinhardt at 283-1768)

8

Carson City Historic Resources
Commission Meeting,
Sierra Room, 5:00pm

9

Carson City Recreation Talent Show,
Bob Boldrick Theater, 7:00pm
(for more information, please call
Joyce Lancaster at 782-2105)

10

Carson City Recreation Junior
Ski Registration,
Sierra Room, 9:00am-12:00pm
(for more information, please call the
Recreation Dept. 887-2290 x 101)

11

Arundel Auctions,
Exhibit Hall, 10:00am
(for more information, please call
Pete or Mary Cerquitella at 883-0808)
Carson City Symphony Concert,
Bob Boldrick Theater, 4:00pm
(for more information, please call
david Bugli 883-4154)

13

Carson High School Choir
Christmas Concert,
Bob Boldrick Theater, 7:00pm
(for more information, please call
Stewart Peebles at 283-1910)

13 & 27

Carson City School District
Board Meeting,
Sierra Room, 7:00pm

14

Carson Area Metropolitan
Organization & Carson City Regional
Transportation Commission Meeting,
Sierra Room, 5:30pm

17

Eckankar Worship Services,
Bonanza Room, 10:00am

17 & 18

Dance Spirit presents,
"Nutcracker All Jazzed Up",
Bob Boldrick Theater,
7:00pm performance on Saturday &
1:00pm performance on Sunday
(for more information, please call
Sandy Scheer at 884-1066)

19

Open Space Advisory
Committee Meeting,
Sierra Room, 6:00pm
Carson City Economic Development
& Sierra Nevada Ballet present,
"Peanut Cracker"
Bob Boldrick Theater,
7:00pm performance
(for more information, please call
Pamela Roberts at 772-4480)

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Carson City Airport
Authority Meeting,
Sierra Room, 6:00pm

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Carson City Planning
Commission Meeting,
Sierra Room, 3:30pm



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water away by regrading your lot or building a small floodwall or earthen berm. These methods work if your lot is large enough, if flooding is not too deep, and if your property is not in the floodway. The Building Department can provide this information.

Another approach is to make your walls waterproof and place watertight closures over the doorways. This method is not recommended for houses with basements or if water will get over two feet deep.

A third approach is to raise the house above flood levels. A small wood frame house can be elevated for around \$10,000.

Many houses, even those not in the floodplain, have sewers that backup into the basement during heavy rains. A plug or standpipe can stop this if the water doesn't get more than one or two feet deep. They can be purchased at a hardware store for under \$25. For deeper sewer backup flooding, talk to a plumber about overhead sewers or backup valves.

These measures are called floodproofing or retrofitting. More information is available at the Carson City Public Library. Important note: Any alteration to your building or land requires a permit from the Building Department. Even regrading or filling in the floodplain requires a permit.

If you know a flood is coming, you should shut off the gas and electricity and move valuable contents upstairs. It is unlikely that you will get much warning, so a detailed checklist prepared in advance would help ensure that you don't forget anything.

Flood Insurance: If you don't have flood insurance, talk to your insurance agent. Homeowner's insurance policies do not cover damage from floods. However, because Carson City participates in the National Flood Insurance Program, you can purchase a separate flood insurance policy. This insurance is

backed by the Federal government and is available to everyone, even for properties that have been flooded.

Some people have purchased flood insurance because it was required by the bank when they got a mortgage or home improvement loan. Usually these policies just cover the building's structure and not the contents. During the kind of flooding that happens in Carson City, there may be more damage to the furniture and contents than there is to the structure.

Flood insurance is available to all residents of Carson City. If you are covered, check out the amount and make sure you have contents coverage. Remember: Even if the last flood missed you or you have done some floodproofing, the next flood could be worse. Flood insurance covers all surface floods.

Flood Safety

Do not walk through flowing water. Drowning is the number one cause of flood deaths, mostly during flash floods. Currents can be deceptive; six inches of moving water can knock you off your feet. If you walk in standing water, use a pole or stick to ensure that the ground is still there.

Do not drive through a flooded area. More people drown in their cars than anywhere else. Don't drive around road barriers; the road or bridge may be washed out.

Stay away from power lines and electrical wires. The number two flood killer after drowning is electrocution. Electrical current can travel through water. Report downed power lines to the Power Company or City emergency management office.

Have your electricity turned off by the Power Company. Some appliances, such as television sets, keep electrical charges even after they have been unplugged. Don't use appliances or motors that have gotten wet unless they have been

taken apart, cleaned, and dried.

Look out for animals, especially snakes. Small animals that have been flooded out of their homes may seek shelter in yours. Use a pole or stick to poke and turn things over and scare away small animals.

Look before you step. After a flood, the ground and floors are covered with debris including broken bottles and nails. Floors and stairs that have been covered with mud can be very slippery.

Be alert for gas leaks. Use a flashlight to inspect for damage. Don't smoke or use candles, lanterns, or open flames unless you know the gas has been turned off and the area has been ventilated.



FOOD & TOYS SMASH OVERDUE FINES!

Hear ye! Hear ye! It's that time of year, once again, when library-owing patrons can redeem themselves with Carson City Library's annual amnesty programs.

Patrons of the Carson City Library can clear overdue fines, or return long-overdue items and have their fines waived, by participating in the Food Drive scheduled to run between Halloween and Thanksgiving, or Toys For Tots scheduled to run November 28th through December 20th.

Amnesty for overdue fines will be offered in exchange for non-perishable canned goods, boxed goods, or travel sized toiletries to be donated to the Ron Wood Family Resource Center between October 31st and November 23rd. Amnesty does not apply to lost or damaged items. Last year's Food for Fines produced over 52 cases of food distributed throughout Carson City.

After the Thanksgiving Holiday, the Carson City Library will be a designated drop-off location for the United States Marine Corps Reserve Foundation Toys For Tots program, beginning Monday, November 28th through December 20th. A new, unwrapped toy in original packaging will erase overdue fines and warm the heart of an area youth who may do without this Holiday season if not for the contributions from Toys For Tots. Boys and girls, 12 year olds and older, are sometimes overlooked when shopping for items to contribute. Last year, Carson City Library patrons provided over 18 barrels full of joy for area youth (and brought back hundreds of dollars worth of long-overdue library materials!) The result equaled happy children and the Library Police were called off!

The Carson City Library, open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Friday, Saturday and Monday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., is located at the corner of Roop and Washington Streets. Telephone 887-2244 for more information. Check out our website at www.carson-city.nv.us/library.



Calendar of Events for Carson City Library

Tuesday, November 1st, 6:30 p.m.

Family Night

Saturday, November 19th, Details TBA

Tellabration! A Celebration of Story

Tuesday, November 22nd, 6:30 p.m.

Family Night

Fall Storytime Schedule ends Thanksgiving week; Next series resumes in January

Ongoing Storytimes:

TODDLER LAPSIT (Thursdays, 10:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.)

This 20-minute storytime is for children ages 2 to 3 and their parent or caregiver. This storytime promotes parent/child interaction; each child must be accompanied by one adult. Fun rhymes, sing-alongs and easy stories are perfect for this active age group. Free admission tickets are distributed at the youth desk on the morning of the program.

Program limit: 12 children & 12 adults

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME (Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.)

This story program is for children only! Children ages 3 to 5 are invited for 30 minutes of exciting stories, songs and rhymes. During this program parents and caregivers are asked to wait outside the storytime room, but nearby. This age group is old enough to attend storytime alone as a step towards independence. Program limit: 25 children

FAMILY STORYTIME (Fridays, 10:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.)

All ages are invited to this program which is great for parents and caregivers with more than one child (no daycares, please!). Stories, songs and rhymes are selected to appeal to a broad age range. This storytime is 20 minutes long. Free admission tickets are distributed at the youth desk on the morning of the program. Program limit: 30 Children & Parents

CARSON CITY LIBRARY PUBLIC PROGRAMS

Thursday, November 3rd, author C.O. Lamp, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 9th, Capital City Arts Initiative, 6:15 p.m.

Nevada Neighbors XII: Artistic & Curatorial Practice in Northern Nevada

Sara Gray and Kris Vagner presented in conjunction with CCAI Courthouse Gallery Exhibition

www.arts-initiative.org

Friday, November 11th, Veterans' Day, Library Closed

Thursday & Friday, November 24th & 25th, Thanksgiving Holiday & Family Day, Library Closed

Wednesday, December 14th, *Wild Sage*, 7:00pm. A Benefit for Do-Drop-In

Monday, December 26th, Christmas Holiday, Library Closed



University of Nevada Cooperative Extension

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4-H and Youth Development News

Carson City 4-H Youth Going to Canada’s National 4-H Conference

Carson City 4-H youth Jessica Poole recently received a big compliment when she was one of only a handful of U.S. 4-H youth to be chosen by National 4-H to represent the United States at Canada’s National 4-H Conference in Ontario in November. Michelle Powers, Jessica’s mother, has been chosen as a chaperone delegate. Jessica represented Nevada at the National Conference in Washington earlier this year.

Canada’s National 4-H Conference is a five-day agricultural-based event involving 4-H members ages 16 to 21 from across Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom. The objective of the conference is to educate delegates on the “agriculture and agri-food continuum” from the “farm gate to the plate.” Through presentations, workshops and interaction with industry leaders, delegates will learn about the integrated, complex chain that includes primary agriculture and inputs, processing, distribution, food safety, transportation, wholesale and retail of food and other products derived from agriculture. Jessica is raising funds to cover her trip expenses. This is a distinct honor for Jessica.

Cooperative Extension Thanks Volunteers for Work on Waterfall Fire Projects – Residents Still Hard at Work Jeffrey Pine Trees

Fall brings a welcome change to the hundreds of pine seedlings planted this spring above Lakeview. Dozens of volunteers have watered about 450 surviving Jeffrey pine seedlings throughout summer and fall. Starting with Eagle Scouts planting 900 plants this spring, the project grew into a communitywide service effort. Without watering, only about 100 seedlings would have survived the summer.

Many volunteers answered the call to walk up the steep hill, find the seedlings, repair wells around them, and water them to help restore the burned forest. A big thanks from University of Nevada Cooperative Extension to the following folks; it could not have been done without them: Jo Mizuraca and the management crews from Lowe’s, High Desert Divers, Albertson’s, Cub Scout Pack 512, Girl Scout Troop 164, Savvy Riders, the Keever family, Democratic Women’s Club, AAA Nevada, Carson River Coalition, Carson High School Naval JROTC, GE Volunteers, Student Conservation Association, Eagle Scout candidates Mike Otterstrom and Ian Murdock, and drop-in volunteers from the community and neighborhood. Many thanks also to Juan Guzman and the Carson City Parks Department. Great job everyone!

On tap for early this winter, volunteers from the Carson City Shade Tree Council will be planting hundreds of Jeffrey pine seedlings potted this summer at the Nevada Division of Forestry nursery. Planting during early winter will give the seedlings optimum moisture for establishment. Look for future announcements about how you can help, or contact University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, 887-2252 or waterfallfire@unce.unr.edu.

Fire Safe Council Chapters Reduce Wildfire Fuel

University of Nevada Cooperative Extension helped several neighborhoods establish local chapters of the Nevada Fire Safe Council this summer. Members of the councils and others have been busy making their homes and neighborhoods more fire safe.

The members of the Mexican Dam/Pinion Hills Fire Safe Chapter are giving their time and money to pursue additional water storage. They plan to install one gravity-fed holding tank in Mexican Dam, which will refill more than 10 fire trucks, thanks largely to the efforts of residents Mark Kaminsky and Roland Sala. Pinion Hills residents are hoping to continue the perimeter fuel break begun last year with mechanical and hand-crew fuel removal and reseeding on 25 acres.

The Lakeview Fire Safe Council plans to continue an east-side fuel break begun during last year’s fire. They are organizing their area into small groups for promoting defensible space and community education. They sponsored a slash removal and chipping event this summer. They obtained a wood chipper for the neighborhood to use one day, and encouraged neighbors to remove wildfire fuels and have them chipped.

Kings Canyon residents are piling burned slash that will soon be removed by the Carson City Fire Department and their three new 7-foot by 12-foot dump trailers and two new 22-yard dumpsters. Nevada Division of Forestry crews are helping. The Kings Canyon Fire Safe Council conducted a similar successful project this summer.

The Kings Canyon Fire Safe Council is also dealing with an infestation of Russian knapweed detected since the Waterfall fire. A multiyear control program is off to a good start with help from the Carson City Parks and Recreation Department, Open Space Division, Carson City Public Works, Carson City Weed Coalition, Douglas County Weed District and affected residents. Both mechanical and chemical treatments have been used to help control the weed, and a reseeding program will promote desirable vegetation to discourage the weed from returning.

The Timberline Fire Safe Council is pursuing a cheatgrass control project around the perimeter of their neighborhood. They are also hoping to use the Carson City Fire Department’s new equipment to remove slash and other woody debris.

To establish a fire safe council chapter in your Carson City neighborhood, or for more information, call University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, 887-2252.

School Education

University of Nevada Cooperative Extension will continue the successful “Living with Fire” educational program begun last spring in Carson City elementary schools. The program offers third-, fourth-, and fifth-grade teachers a curriculum to help them educate their students about the history of fire in Carson City, the Waterfall fire in particular, plant succession, and the role trees play in the ecosystem. Classes develop their own seed mixes for revegetation and grow their own Jeffrey pine seedling or willow cuttings. For more information, teachers can call University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, 887-2252.