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From City Manager  
Linda Ritter

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## Reintroducing JAC (Jump Around Carson)



October 2006 marked the first anniversary of JAC (Jump Around Carson), the Carson City, NV, public transit system. The bright green JAC buses with their mascot, a “hopping” jack rabbit, make their way daily throughout Carson City giving residents a ride to numerous destinations in the community. JAC features a 12 hour per day schedule with stops in residential neighborhoods, major activity centers, retail establishments, schools, the hospital and much more. And, in a time when rising gas prices are on everyone’s mind, JAC is an economical alternative that takes Carson City residents and visitors to their destination for just \$1 each direction; seniors pay just \$.50

per direction, and discounted passes are also available.

Additionally, Carson City offers “JAC Assist”, a dial-a-ride public transit service designed to assist people with disabilities who are not able to utilize the JAC fixed route system. JAC and JAC Assist services were created to provide Carson City residents and visitors with an affordable and safe option for arriving at their destinations.

Since the launch of the JAC and JAC Assist programs, City personnel have worked closely with community organizations and institutions to continually refine JAC services. Throughout the city, permanent route markers have been installed, benches and shelters

have been erected in key areas and improvements to the buses have been made. August 2006 saw increased coordination between the bus system and Western Nevada Community College (WNCC) students. Carson City personnel worked closely with college officials to install a bench and shelter on campus, and WNCC mailed a postcard offering the discounted passes to students. Additionally, bus passes are now sold at the college’s bookstore, and sales of the passes have been strong, as students see the value of studying while riding.

Ridership is growing as Carson City residents and visitors realize the benefits of riding JAC. During the second six months of the program, there was a

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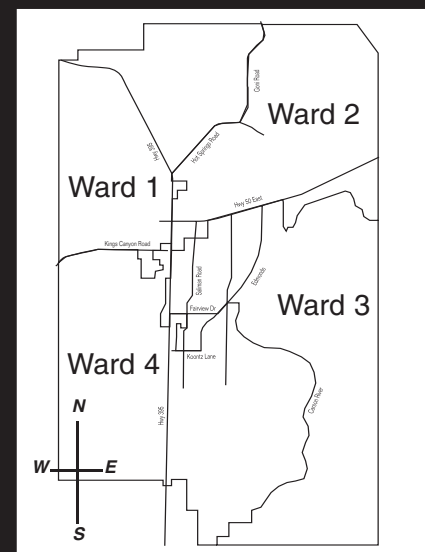
JAC Route 1 serves many popular destinations, including Wal-Mart in the North Carson Crossing Shopping Center.

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# 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



**Robin Williamson**  
WARD 1



**Shelly Aldean**  
WARD 2



**Pete Livermore**  
WARD 3



**Richard Staub**  
WARD 4

## HOW TO CONTACT PUBLIC SERVICE DEPARTMENTS

- Board of Supervisors .....887-2100**
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- Health Department .....887-2191**
- Public Library .....887-2244**
- Utility Department .....887-2355**
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## CAPITAL CITY FOCUS

Planning Our Future Together

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## Letter to Our Residents,

Finally, we are seeing gas prices come down. I heard somebody say the other day, "Wow, gas prices are really getting to be reasonable". After the price per gallon exceeding \$3.00, I guess anything under \$2.90 is reasonable. We all feel the pinch each time we fill our tank. But what's the alternative?

Why not try public transportation - JAC (Jump Around Carson)! Carson City's fixed route system just celebrated its one year anniversary. It's a great service for Carson City residents and visitors. In addition to saving money at the gas station and saving wear and tear on your car, riding JAC is better for the environment, and it's a pleasant experience. JAC's bus drivers are friendly and courteous; the buses are warm in the winter and cool in the summer. With 4 routes and schedules running from 6:30am until 6:30pm Monday through Friday and 8:30-4:30 on Saturday, JAC will get you where you need to go, when you need to go there. You can access a schedule and a map on-line at [www.carson-city.nv.us](http://www.carson-city.nv.us), or pick one up at City Hall, the Library, the Community College, and many other locations around town. You can also call 887-2323 for more information. And don't forget, JAC connects with PRIDE for Reno commuters, and it connects with DART for Douglas County commuters. Wouldn't it be better to be able to read a good book or the newspaper on the way to work rather than gripping the wheel and navigating through traffic? Arrive at your destination relaxed and refreshed -- give JAC a try.

The holiday season is fast approaching. Please enjoy this wonderful time of year and be safe, happy and healthy!

*City Manager,  
Linda Ritter*





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47% increase in riders compared to the first six months. Ridership is expected to continue growing as Carson City's climate is undoubtedly conducive to a public transit system. In the heat of northern Nevada's summers, JAC is a cool alternative to walking or riding a bike. And, when winter snows hit, JAC provides a warm and safe way to travel as all buses are equipped with chains, and drivers are trained to navigate slippery streets.

The primary goal for JAC's second year in operation is to continue making improvements to routes, benches and shelters. Additionally, an advertising and public relations campaign is being launched to increase awareness of JAC, its affordability and convenience with the goal of continually increasing ridership over next twelve months. And finally, Carson City's new transportation manager brings his 11 years experience in enhancing public transportation programs in Wisconsin and Arizona.

“I am very excited to join Carson City's public works department and to work on the JAC service,” said Patrick Pittenger, Transportation Manager. “A community of Carson City's size is large enough to support a public



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transportation system, and it has already proven to be important to the general population. I often meet people that are so happy to have the service. Now everyone, regardless of income or age, has access to transportation and can get to doctor appointments, shopping,

recreation and much more. JAC is a great addition to our community!”

## Board Sets New Drug Testing Policy

The Board of Supervisors has approved pre-employment drug screening for all job candidates, effective November 1, 2006.

This program is a logical extension of the combined efforts of the city and many local groups focused on combating drug use in our community, particularly methamphetamine. And as an “employer of choice”, the city's screening will help to ensure a drug-free workplace for all of its employees.

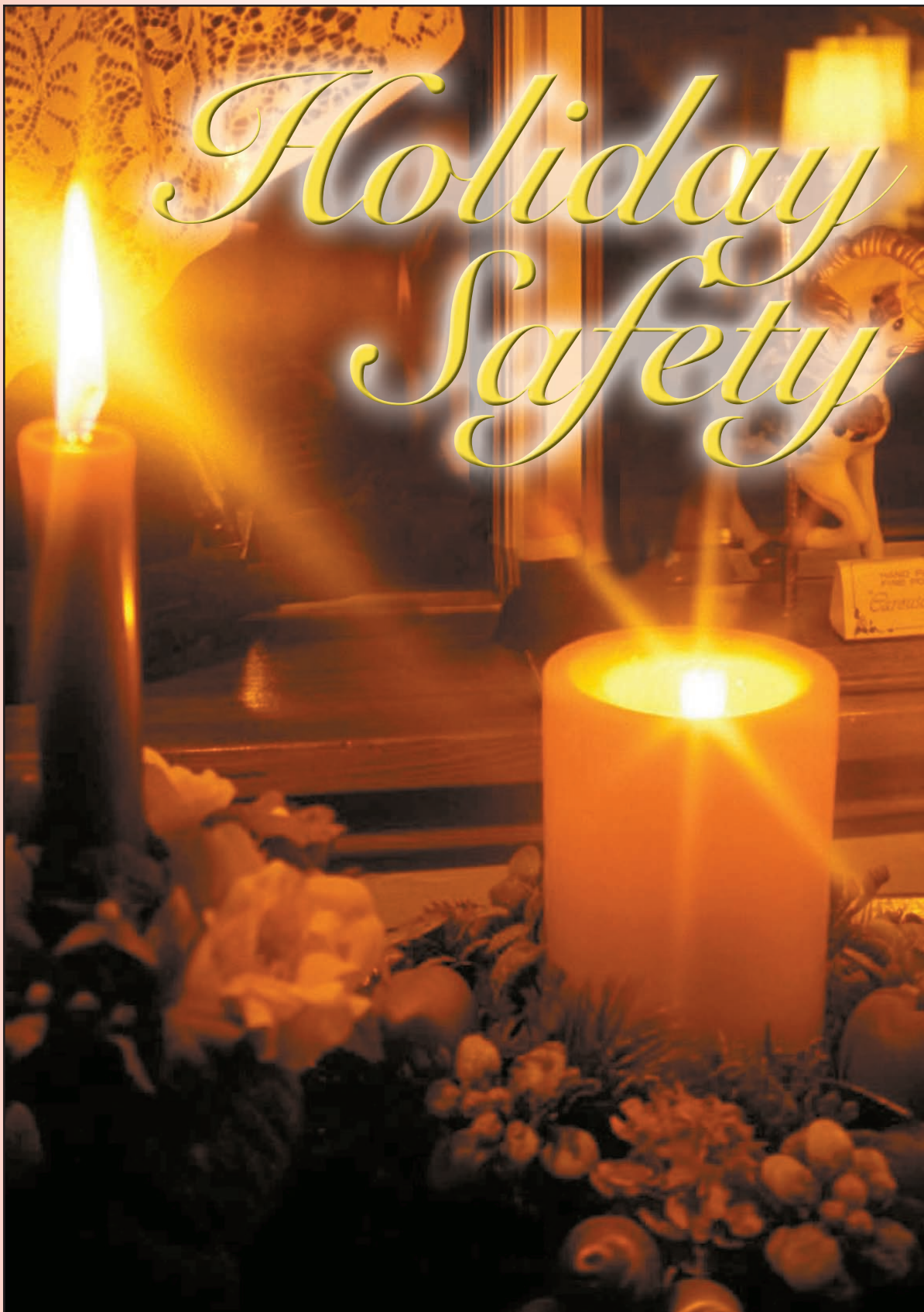
Presently, several other Nevada counties conduct pre-employment screening and the State of Nevada plans to seek legislative approval in the '07 session to introduce testing for all of its job candidates. Carson City currently does pre-employment screening only for those applying for public safety positions.

The Human Resources Department will administer testing through Concentra, located on Goni Rd.





# Have a “Fire Safe” Holiday!



The holiday season is upon us, and Carson City Fire Department hopes that your holidays will be filled with “fire safe” fun and excitement. Here are some ways to ensure you and your family will have safe and wonderful memories.

The winter season brings in colder nights. For safety’s sake, keep all portable space heaters at least 3 feet away from all combustibles like bedding, drapes, and furniture. Make sure all fuel operated units are well ventilated. Have furnaces and fireplace chimneys inspected yearly to ensure there is no dangerous build up of ash and residue. Fireplaces can be warm and beautiful on a cold night, but keep all fires to a minimum and be sure to use a fireplace screen to keep all embers in check. When you clean out the fireplace put all ashes in a non-combustible container until ashes are completely cool before disposal. If you buy a fresh holiday tree, keep it watered well and be sure it is held securely in the stand to avoid toppling over. Dry Christmas trees can be a fire hazard, so be sure to remove the tree after the holidays are over and do not store next to your home while awaiting disposal.

Candles are festive, attractive, and dangerous. Many of us forget they are a source of “open flame” and have caused many home fires. Never leave them unattended and extinguish them prior to going to bed. As always, never leave them where children have access. Remember candles and Christmas trees do not mix.

As far as holiday lighting goes, many lighting strands have warnings on them advising us as to how many can be used together. This can be a source of sparks and fire if you over load circuits and extension cords. Ensure that extension cords are not run under carpets and furniture. They can become very warm and ignite combustibles. All lighting either on the house or on the trees should be turned off prior to going to bed.

Carson City Fire Department wishes you a fire safe holiday. If you have any questions or need additional information, please call (775) 887-2220.



# Calendar of Events for Carson City Library

## Ongoing Youth Programs

### **FAMILY STORYTIME:**

Thursdays & Fridays,

Nov. 2–Nov. 17

10:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

This storytime program is created with the younger child in mind and their parents or caregivers. Stories, songs and rhymes are selected to provide enjoyment for all. Storytime is 20 minutes long and free admission tickets are distributed at the youth desk, the morning of the program. Each program session is limited to 30 children and parents.

Program limit: 12 children and 12 adults

### **EVENING STORYTIME:**

7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

This once a month, Tuesday night, storytime is fun for the whole family. Each storytime will have a special theme with stories, music, crafts, and an occasional guest.

Program limit: 12 children and 12 adults

### **November 14th:**

The magic of making Tortillas:  
Stories, music and tortillas.

### **December 12th:**

Celebrating Traditions: Stories, music, and crafts.

Please check the library website, or contact Youth Services at 887-2244 ext. 1004 for additional information.

## CARSON CITY LIBRARY PUBLIC PROGRAMS

### **Wednesday, November 1st, 7:00pm**

Capital City Arts Initiative  
Nevada Neighbors XVI Elaine Tin-Nyo  
The Pleasure of Your Company: Invitation and Participation in Contemporary Art.

### **Wednesday, November 22nd**

Library Will Close at 6:00pm for the Thanksgiving Holiday  
Reopen Saturday, November 23rd, 10:00am

# HOLIDAY FOOD: BE SAFE, BE HAPPY!!!



With the holidays approaching we think of delicious meals and family gatherings. Be safe and happy and avoid getting sick from your food. People at the highest risk of getting a food borne illness are the elderly, children, and those with weakened immune systems including pregnant women.

You can avoid the risk of FBI (food borne illness) by following four simple steps: Clean, Separate, Cook, and Chill.

**Clean:** Wash hands and surfaces often. Germs (bacteria and viruses) can spread throughout the kitchen and get onto cutting boards, utensils, sponges and counter tops.

Wash your hands with hot soapy water before handling food and after using the bathroom, changing diapers, and handling pets. Wash your cutting boards, dishes, utensils, and counter tops with hot soapy water after preparing each item before preparing the next food.

**Separate:** Don't let germs spread from one food to another. This is especially true when handling raw meat, poultry, and seafood.

Separate raw meats, poultry, and seafood from other foods in your refrigerator and do not contaminate ready-to-eat food with meat

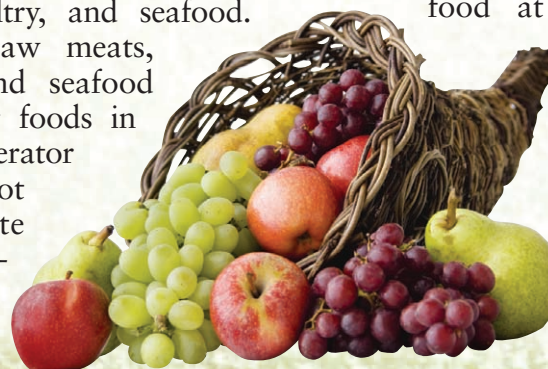
juices. Always wash hands, cutting boards, dishes and utensils with hot soapy water after they contact raw meat, poultry, and seafood. Never place cooked food or ready-to-eat food on a plate which was not washed after holding raw meat, poultry, or seafood.

**Cook:** Cook all food to the proper temperature. Cook food long enough to kill the harmful germs that cause FBI (food borne illness). Use a clean thermometer to make sure meat, poultry, casseroles and other foods are cooked all the way through. The recommended temperature has changed recently for some foods. For example, a whole turkey is now considered safe if the minimum internal temperature is 165 F. Ground beef should be cooked to 155 F and steaks, roasts, and seafood to at least 145 F. Fish should be opaque and flake easily with a fork and should not be slimy. Bring sauces, soups, and gravy to a full boil when reheating. Use pasteurized (heat treated to kill germs) eggnog, apple cider, and other juices.

**Chill:** Refrigerate foods quickly because cold temperature prevents germs from growing and multiplying. Thaw food in the refrigerator or under running water in the sink or in the microwave. Do not thaw food on the counter top at room temperature. Keep your refrigerator at 40 F or less. Check your refrigerator regularly to make sure it is at 40 F or less. Refrigerate or freeze prepared food or leftovers within two hours. Remember, never defrost

food at room temperature. Marinate foods in the refrigerator.

You can find more information on food safety at these two websites, [www.cfsan.fda.gov/](http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/) and [www.fsis.usda.gov/](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/).



# CAPITAL CITY FOCUS

upcoming events NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2006

## 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,  
Comstock Room, 6:15pm-7:45pm

## 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 session begins December 5, 2006  
(for more information or registration  
please call 265-4530)

## Tues & Thurs

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

## Wednesdays

The Trayn'd Band of Blackfriars,  
Exhibit Hall, 6:30pm  
(except 1st Wednesday)  
Yoga Class,  
Comstock Room, 6:15pm-7:45pm

## Thursdays

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

## Saturdays

Church of God Services,  
Bonanza Room, 1:00pm  
Yoga Classes,  
Bonanza Room, 8:00am-9:30am  
(Except the 3rd Saturday)

## November 2006

**1**  
Carson River Advisory  
Committee Meeting,  
Sierra Room, 5:30pm

**2 & 16**  
Carson City Board of  
Supervisors' Meeting,  
Sierra Room, 8:30am

**4 & 5, 11 & 12, 17-19**  
WNCC presents, "Brigadoon,"  
Bob Boldrick Theater,  
7:30pm performance on the 4th,  
10th, 11th, 17th, & 18th, 2:00pm  
performance on the 5th, 12th, 18th,  
& 19th.  
(for tickets, please call 445-4249)

**4 & 18**  
Carson City Sheriff's  
Traffic School,  
Sierra Room, 8:00am

**6**  
Carson City Jr. Ski  
Instructor's Meeting,  
Sierra Room, 7:00pm

**7 & 21**  
Carson City Parks and Recreation  
Commission Meeting,  
Sierra Room, 5:30pm

**8**  
Carson Area Metropolitan  
Organization & Carson City  
Regional Transportation  
Commission Meeting,  
Sierra Room, 5:30pm

**9**  
Carson City Historic Resources  
Commission Meeting,  
Sierra Room, 5:00pm

**11**  
Dr. D'Ascoli Free Study  
Skills Seminar,  
Sierra Room, 10:00am  
(for more information,  
please call 882-1062)

**11**  
Coldwell Best Sellers Boot  
Scootin' Boogie Fund Raiser,  
Exhibit Hall, 5:00pm  
(for more information, please call  
Avis Cherry at 883-8500)

**13**  
Carson City Convention &  
Visitors' Bureau Meeting,  
Sierra Room, 5:30pm

**14**  
Carson City Board of  
Supervisors' Meeting,  
Sierra Room, 12:00pm

**14 & 28**  
Carson City School District  
Board Meeting,  
Sierra Room, 7:00pm

**15**  
Carson City Airport  
Authority Meeting,  
Sierra Room, 6:00pm

**18**  
Eckankar Worship Service,  
Bonanza Room, 10:00am

**18 & 19**  
Carson City Cooperative  
Extension Poultry Club,  
Exhibit Hall,  
(for more information, please call  
Sandy Wallin at 887-2252)

**20**  
Open Space Advisory  
Committee Meeting,  
Sierra Room, 6:00pm

**24-26**  
Pinkerton presents, "Nutcracker,"  
Bob Boldrick Theater,  
7:00pm performances on the 24th &  
25th, & 2pm performance on the 26th  
(for more information, please call  
Ayako Britt at 882-2916)

**27**  
Carson City Recreation Jr.  
Ski Registration,  
Sierra Room, 6:30pm-8:30pm

**28**  
Carson City Recreation Talent  
Show Tryouts  
Bob Boldrick Theater,  
6:00pm-9:00pm  
(for more information, please call  
Carol Petersen at 887-2290 ex.116)

**29**  
Carson City Planning  
Commission Meeting,  
Sierra Room, 3:30pm

**30**  
Carson City Library Board Meeting,  
Sierra Room, 5:30pm

## December 2006

**1**  
Carson High School Warren Miller  
Ski Movie Fund Raiser,  
Bob Boldrick Theater, 7:30pm  
(for more information, please call  
Jack Reinhardt at 283-1768)

**2**  
Carson City Economic  
Development & Sierra Nevada  
Ballet presents, "Peanut Cracker,"  
Bob Boldrick Theater, 7:00pm  
(for more information,  
please call 883-1976)

**2 & 16**  
Carson City Sheriff's Traffic School,  
Sierra Room, 8:00am

**3**  
Capital City Community Band,  
Bob Boldrick Theater,  
3:00pm performance

**4**  
Carson Douglas Leadership  
Alumni Tri County Meeting,  
Sierra Room, 5:30pm  
(for more information, please call  
Ron Kendall at 883-0906)

**5 & 19**  
Carson City Parks and Recreation  
Commission Meeting,  
Sierra Room, 5:30pm

**6**  
Carson River Advisory  
Committee Meeting,  
Sierra Room, 5:30pm  
Carson City Recreation Talent  
Show Rehearsal,  
Bob Boldrick Theater, 6:00pm-10:00pm  
(for more information, please call  
Carol Petersen at 887-2290 ex.116)

**7**  
Carson High School Band Concert  
Bob Boldrick Theater, 7:30pm  
(for more information, please call  
Felicia Wirgau Petersen at 283-1779)

**7 & 21**  
Carson City Board of  
Supervisors' Meeting,  
Sierra Room, 8:30am

**8**  
Carson City Recreation Talent Show  
Bob Boldrick Theater,  
7:30pm performance  
(for more information, please call  
Carol Peterson at 887-2290 ex.116)

**9**  
Carson City Recreation Jr.  
Ski Registration,  
Sierra Room, 9:00am-12:00pm

**10**  
Arundel Auction,  
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 performance  
(for more information, please call  
David Bugli at 883-4154)

**11**  
Carson City Convention &  
Visitors' Bureau Meeting,  
Sierra Room, 5:30pm

**12**  
Carson High School Choir Concert,  
Bob Boldrick Theater, 7pm performance  
(for more information, please call  
Susan Sonnemaker at 283-1778)

**12 & 26**  
Carson City School District  
Board Meeting,  
Sierra Room, 7:00pm

**13**  
Carson Area Metropolitan  
Organization & Carson City  
Regional Transportation  
Commission Joint Meeting,  
Sierra Room, 5:30pm

**14**  
Carson City Historic Resources  
Commission Meeting,  
Sierra Room, 5:00pm

**16 & 17**  
Dance Spirit Performing Arts  
presents, "Ebenezer Scrooge All  
Jazzed Up Like the Dickens,"  
7pm on the 16th & 1pm on the 17th  
(for more information, please  
call 884-1066)

**16**  
Eckankar Worship Service,  
Bonanza Room, 10:00am

**18**  
Open Space Advisory  
Committee Meeting,  
Sierra Room, 6:00pm

**19**  
Carson Middle School  
Choir Concert  
Bob Boldrick Theater,  
7:00pm Performance,  
(for more information, please call  
Nancy Mielke at 283-2885)

**20**  
Carson City Planning  
Commission Meeting,  
Sierra Room, 3:30pm

**28**  
Carson City Library Board Meeting,  
Sierra Room, 5:30pm



# City Gets Ready for Winter

The City has announced that it will be getting 9 new dump trucks with snowplow and sander. Seven have already been delivered and 2 more are on order to arrive next spring. The cost of each piece of equipment is \$116,000. (Photo caption: One of the new 5 yard dump trucks with snowplow and sander.)



## University of Nevada Cooperative Extension

*"Bringing the University to You"*

### 4-H and Youth Development News

## Public Service Benefits Youth & Our Communities

Young people connect to our community and learn to give back to others when they participate in service and citizenship activities. Youth organizations like 4-H offer opportunities for our children to practice generosity through service to others.

Research shows that service to others helps young people find purpose and meaning in their lives and promotes lifelong learning.

4-H members find opportunities to benefit their community through club service projects. These service projects help 4-H members understand that their efforts to assist others are vital to the greater good. Members come to understand they do not live in a secluded

world. Service helps our young become more aware of others and that leads to more compassion for others. This leads to healthier communities.

When young people are engaged with their communities through service projects, the benefits flow both ways. Community members receive help with public or private projects, but those young people involved in service gain also. Research shows youth feel more self-worth and competence when involved with public service. Youth learn that community adults accept, acknowledge and appreciate their contributions. Adults learn to view youth as partners in community endeavors. These equitable partnerships can lead to

further civic engagement by our young people and can transform the image of youth in their communities.

Each 4-H member makes a formal pledge that dedicates their hands to larger service.

Every member who makes that pledge comes to understand that she/he is not an isolated unit, but an integral, engaged and compassionate member of the community. For more information on public service opportunities or to learn more about 4-H membership for your child, please contact Jim Barcellos or Sandy Wallin at the Carson City/Storey County office of the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, 887-2252.



# Fire at Sheriff's Office

On Saturday, September 23, 2006, when Chief Bev Moltz stopped by the Sheriff's Office, the building was on fire and flames were shooting out of a window. Quickly, she dialed up dispatch and summoned the fire department. The fire turned out to be small in flame, but intense heat and smoke had damaged and littered the entire building. At first glance inside the Detectives Division, one would think a total loss of everything, and nearly so it was.

Within hours of the fire and before the fire department had left the scene, a full complement of city department heads and employees were on site assessing damages and putting together a plan for recovery. By early afternoon a plan was in place to have the Detectives Division up and running Tuesday, just 48 hours away. With the biggest workloads projected, Building Maintenance crews and the IS Department were in high gear cleaning and salvaging. At the same time, Detectives were helping inmates carry cans of paint and cleaning materials over the still outstretched fire hoses in the hallways.

The plan called for the fastest, most efficient and cost effective way to relocate the Detectives out of their destroyed offices. A basement area of the Sheriff's Office was selected and work intensified. There would be time for sleep the first night after 11 p.m., but only a mere eight hours before everyone was back working again. Wires were stretched, an interview room built, electrical supplies constructed, and office furniture summoned. Sunday ended and the previous hole in the wall was beginning to look like an office. Then early Monday morning, everyone was back at it before the Sheriff's Office main lobby doors were open.

On Tuesday, the Sheriff and City Manager Linda Ritter toured the facility still being cleaned. At the door of the relocated Detectives Division stood a sign "Grand Opening." The primary thrust was completed on time and the officers were back capable of responding to any emergency call that may come in.

While the cost estimate has not yet been completed, the damage is estimated at approximately \$50,000.



Sheriff's Detective Dena Lacy salvaging what she can.

# SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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# Value of a Library Card

For those who have overdue fines and long-overdue items, it is time to reinstate the most valuable card in their wallets—their Library Card—by returning overdue items to the Carson City Library. Food for Fines and Toys for Tots provide two opportunities for patrons, having library debts, to clear fines by bringing a canned food item from October 30th through November 22nd, or a whirligig (toy) between November 25th and December 21st.

How is it that a Library Card can be the most valuable card in someone's pocketbook? The current conservative fiscal climate is a direct indication that library users know the value of a library card. As a tax-supported entity, the Carson City Library must respond to the needs and demands of the public, while maintaining fiscal vigilance over public resources. The same goes for patrons of the Carson City Library.

--The retail cost of a new hardback bestseller can cost an average of \$28. Free at the Carson City Library.

--Some people prefer to read light-weight paperbacks. The retail cost of a mass marketed paperback is now averaging \$8. Free at the Carson City Library.

--Commuters and travelers have taken

to the road listening to books recorded on tapes or compact discs. Retail costs for audio recorded books vary depending on the number of cd's or tapes used to compile the books. Free at the Carson City Library.

--Many patrons enjoy feature films or prefer learning new concepts with the visual aid of a video or DVD. Skip the retail store and hop over to the nearest video rental business. An average rental fee may run about \$2.99. Free at the Carson City Library.

--Some people prefer the convenience of having magazines delivered to their home at an annual average cost of \$40, but sometimes only an article or special feature is all that is needed. Dozens of current magazine titles are available at the Carson City Library, and back issues are shelved for two years. Free at the Carson City Library.

--Have a reference question? Services for an information broker can run \$50 an hour. Free at the Carson City Library.

--Average retail cost for a dictionary or almanac runs about \$12. Free at the Carson City Library.

--Have a personal computer at home but haven't subscribed to an Internet Service Provider yet? Need to type a word processing document? The cost of a PC can run from a few hundred dollars to several hundred dollars. Subscription to an ISP might cost about \$29 a month, depending on what specials are currently being touted. Free at the Carson City Library.

## To paraphrase a popular advertisement:

The cost of an overdue library book = \$5

The cost of a can of vegetables = \$.80

The value of a library card = priceless

## NEED TO KNOW

Participation in Amnesty Programs will waive overdue fines for library materials; fees for lost or damaged items are excluded from the Amnesty Programs.

## Food for Fines Oct. 30-Nov. 22

*Boxed or canned items.*

Acceptable Items Include:

pastas • rice • dried beans • flour • grocery store gift card • cereals • baby food items

For a complete listing of acceptable (or unacceptable items), please call 887-2244. Staff of the Carson City Library reserve the right to refuse items that are rusted, damaged, expired, samples or complimentary products, toiletries, alcoholic beverages, unlabeled manufactured items, homemade items, items purchased in bulk, perishable items, candy, sugary snacks, chips or opened packages.

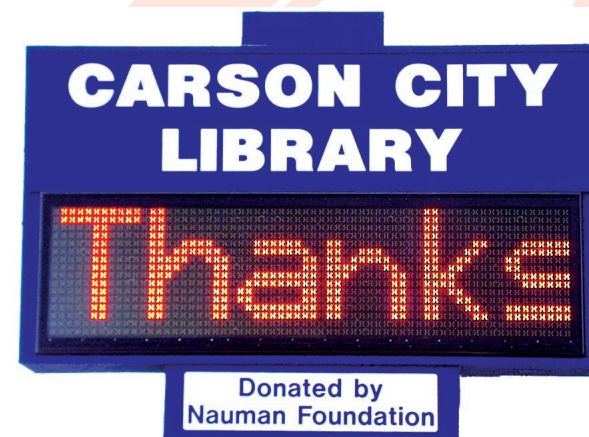


## Toys for Tots Nov. 25-Dec. 21

*New, unwrapped toy in original packaging.*

Carson City Library is an officially designated drop-off location for the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Foundation.

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# Silver & Snowflakes Holiday Tree Lighting

Silver & Snowflakes Holiday Tree Lighting will be on Thursday December 7, 2006 from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM. Festivities begin on the Capitol grounds.

The State tree will be lit, Santa will give out candy canes, and the 300 voices of the Carson City 5th Grade Music Students Singing Ensemble will contribute the music. A warm feeling envelopes the Capitol as families gather to hear children sing and to watch the tree and all of Carson Street spring to light. The young and young at heart all squeal with delight as Santa arrives in a decorated 1926 Model T.

## *Schedule of Events for the Evening of December 7, 2006*

- 5:20pm** CC 5th Grade Music Students Singing Ensemble starts to sing. Carson Middle School Red Hot Bell Peppers handbell choir will accompany them.
- 5:30pm** Santa Arrives in a 1926 Model T Ford. He will give out candy canes.
- 5:40pm** Remarks by Governor and Mrs. Kenny Guinn.
- 5:45pm** Tree Lighting; all of Carson Street is lit up.
- 5:55pm** Remarks by Mayor Teixeira.
- 6:00pm** Candlelight Procession to City Tree at Musser & Nevada Streets (First Presbyterian Church). Songs by Chorus of the Comstock and the Home School Singers.
- 6:15pm** City Tree Lighting.
- 6:30-7pm** City Hall Open House.  
Art Contest winners announced and prizes given by the Mayor.  
Chorus of the Comstock will sing.  
Refreshments will be served.



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