

THE CREDIT UNION COLUMN

ENVISION 2020

If you want a say in the future of our community, or even just your own neighborhood, you now have the opportunity. Envision 2020 is an effort on the part of our City to develop "...a strategic plan to help guide our elected leaders as they help move us forward." The meetings have been structured to allow four separate "neighborhoods" the opportunity to hear and discuss issues unique to them, as well as the community as a whole.

The meetings have been scheduled as follows:

- Lakeside Area of Town: Thursday, February 9th, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
- Residential Areas North of Adams Blvd.: Saturday, February 11th, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- Industrial/Commercial Areas: Thursday, February 23rd, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
- Residential Areas South of Adams Blvd.: Saturday, February 25th, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

All meetings will be held at City Hall and are open to the public. Don't miss this opportunity. If you are concerned for the future of our town, but do not attend these meetings, please don't complain about any resulting changes.

BACK TO THE FUTURE

The difficulties of the economy have had a significant, negative influence on our City the last few years. Navigating the financial impact of reduced revenues has not been easy, and our elected officials deserve a great deal of credit for their hard work over the last five years.

The future is looking brighter. Thanks to the vision of our Council and the work of City leadership, our future revenue streams are stronger than ever, and we did not have to sell one acre of land to get there. Ironically, our community (and this Credit Union) was built on the backs of those who built the dam that provided power throughout the southwest. Power generation is now having an even greater impact on the vitality of Boulder City. The scheduled lease revenues from the Eldorado solar projects will enable our City to pay off all debt and plan for a future that, if managed properly, could make our community the jewel of the West.

"Managed properly" will be the key variable. Want to have a say in how those revenues should be managed? See the top of this column. Now is the time to have a voice in what could be a tremendous future for our Community!

SWEEPSTAKE SCAMS

Between the scammers trying to make a quick buck and a public desperate to overcome the effects of the economy, a very dangerous combination has been created. Despite our constant focus on current scams and their warning signs, we still have members who find the deals too good to pass up. The following is an excerpt from a "Costco Connections" that identifies the top warning signs that a sweepstakes is a fraud.

1. You are asked to pay to receive the prize (even if it is only \$10.00, don't take it).
2. The sweepstakes uses a free e-mail account.
3. You don't recognize the contest you've supposedly won.
4. You receive a large check with your notification.
5. You are instructed to wire money.
6. You are pressured to act in a hurry.
7. Bank or credit card information is required to receive your prize.
8. The "win" is from a lottery (i.e. lotteries do not contact you to tell you that you won).

Please be on your guard and avoid a "weak" moment that could cost you much more than you realize.

SENIOR CENTER FUNDRAISER

Friday, March 2, the Senior Center of Boulder City will be hosting a BBQ Dinner with live music by the "Rambling Pickers". If you've never seen a rambling picker, now is your chance! Doors open at 5:30 and dinner is served at 6:00. Tickets are \$20 and all proceeds benefit the Senior Center. Come spend time with the seniors and the Pickers, all for a good cause!

WORDS OF WISDOM

Government does not solve problems; it subsidizes them.

-Ronald Reagan



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