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Among the honored guests attending the BLAC Christmas Party were (l. to r.) Los Rios Community College District Trustee John Knight, El Dorado County Supervisor John Hidahl, and Sixth District California Assemblyman Kevin Kiley.

BLAC CELEBRATES THE HOLIDAYS

Officers Elected for 2019

It was party time for Bass Lake Action Committee members and guests on Monday, December 3. Thirty members and guests once again celebrated the opening of the holiday season with their annual Christmas party at the home of Fran and John Thomson in WoodRidge.

In addition to food and beverages catered by the BLAC Board of Directors, attendees brought their favorite appetizers and desserts to share. It was a festive time when residents of the Bass Lake Road corridor joined together for fellowship and delicious food.

Special guests included Assemblyman Kevin Kiley and District Representative Heidi Hannaman, Supervisor John Hidahl and his wife Eileen, El Dorado Irrigation District 1 Director Lori Anzini, El Dorado Hills Community Services District Director Alan Preist, and Los Rios Community College District Trustee John Knight and his wife Georgianne.

Officers for the coming year were elected at the short business meeting: President, Kathy Prevost; Vice President, John Davey; Secretary, Jan Buxton, and Treasurer, Wil Brunet.

From all appearances, everyone had an enjoyable evening. Make sure you don't miss the next BLAC Christmas party in December 2019. ~



TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE FORMED FOR BASS LAKE ROAD

A Traffic Safety Committee (TSC) for Bass Lake Road was formed in October to consult with the local road authority, the County of El Dorado, on ways in which traffic accidents may be reduced, and traffic safety increased, along Bass Lake Road from Green Valley Road to Highway 50.

The TSC will operate under the auspices of the Bass Lake Action Committee (BLAC), which is a 501(c)(4) non-profit public benefit California corporation.

The founding members of TSC are Ron Cassity, Bridlewood Canyon HOA; John Davey, BLAC and El Dorado Hills Area Planning Advisory Committee (APAC); Frank Sulzberger, Bridlewood Canyon HOA; and John Thomson, Bass Lake Bulletin. Membership in TSC is open to any resident or property owner whose property is connected with Bass Lake Road.

The TSC will review and make recommendations on matters related to vehicular and pedestrian safety along Bass Lake Road. The TSC may independently conduct investigations and make reports and recommendations, or may respond to requests by appropriate public agencies, responsible private citizens, or community organizations.

Issues which may be considered by TSC may include, but are not limited to: (1) roadway design and circulation; (2) speeding issues and speed enforcement; (3) sight distance issues; (4) school safety issues; (5) traffic control requests; (6) installation or removal of traffic control devices such as warning signs, beacons, stop signs, yield signs and traffic signals; and (7) installation or removal of pavement striping and crosswalks. ~

BLAC CHRISTMAS PARTY AND ANNUAL MEETING 2018

~ All Photos by Fran Thomson ~



*Bob and Grace Shauger and 2019 BLAC
President Kathy Prevost*



Harry and Karen Hart



Barbara and Roy Hecteman



*Walter Oberloher and Outgoing BLAC
Treasurer Jeanette D'Amico*



*Assemblyman Kiley and Sixth District Representative Heidi
Hannaman with Eileen and John Hidahl*

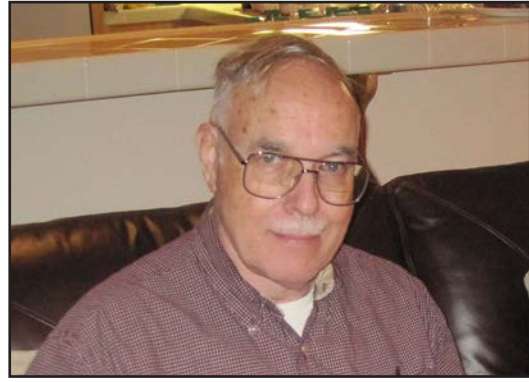


Hosts John and Fran Thomson

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Outgoing Treasurer Jeanette D'Amico



2019 Secretary Jan Buxton



Eileen Hidahl, District Representative Heidi Hannaman, and Georgianne Knight



Hedi and Walter Oberloher



Helene Sulzberger



Frank Sulzberger

BLAC CHRISTMAS PARTY AND ANNUAL MEETING 2018



Ron Cassity



*Community Services Director Alan Priest,
Geogianne and John Knight*



Barbara Erpenbeck



Karen and BLAC 2019 Treasurer Wil Burnet



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Meirve and 2019 BLAC Vice President John Davey

BASS LAKE PARK CONCEPT PLAN RELEASED BY CSD



preserving for community benefit, or it may end up as a residential application just like the Old Executive Gold Course has now become a vision for Parker Development.

“The Bass Lake Project Initiative is another example of how the CSD, through parks and recreation, franchising services for waste hauling and telecommunication, CC&R enforcement and even representing your voice legislatively at times, is the heart of El Dorado Hills,” Loewen continued. “The heart is only one part of an interconnected system and it cannot work without the help from vital partnerships with other local public agencies.”

As it stands, the properties surrounding Bass Lake are owned by RUSD (142 acres), El Dorado Irrigation District (16 acres), El Dorado County (42 or so acres) and

EDH CSD HOPES TO DEVELOP PARK LAND

Several organizations own the property around Bass Lake. The goal of the El Dorado Hills Community Services District (CSD) is to build a regional park on the site. The concept land use plan above is courtesy of the CSD.

The CSD and Rescue Union School District (RUSD) jointly announced earlier this year that RUSD would sell their 142-acre land parcel at Bass Lake to the CSD. Both boards ultimately voted in favor of the real estate transaction.

The CSD intends to further develop the land as a larger park complex as part of its Bass Lake Project Initiative for use by members of the El Dorado Hills community and neighboring communities.

El Dorado Hills CSD officials have said they aim to make Bass Lake Park the largest park and recreational project in the area, ultimately spanning more than 200 acres. Initial plans include the addition of more sport fields and courts, a full disc-golf course and a trail system that will provide safe, multi-use connections to existing and planned trails in the area. Early design concepts are being explored by the CSD in collaboration with stakeholder groups including: RUSD, Bass Lake Action Committee, El Dorado

County Parks and Recreation Commission, EDH Area Planning Advisory Committee, Serrano HOA and other groups. The design concepts are being developed to meet the needs of the community as they relate to parks, recreation, outdoor education and open space preservation.

RUSD has a keen interest in seeing some of the space used for an outdoor and environmental educational center.

“Rescue Union is particularly excited about the idea of partnering with El Dorado Hills CSD to provide our students with an opportunity for outdoor learning,” said Superintendent Cheryl Olson. “We see tremendous potential in the concept of allowing our students to engage in STEM-based learning in the natural environment in our local community.”

“The Bass Lake acquisition and park development project has been a topic of interest for years and we’re thrilled that it is finally becoming a reality,” EDHCSO General Manager Kevin A. Loewen said. “The CSD Board of Directors realizes the site and other properties around it require

Parker Development (12.5 acres), which, Olson and Loewen state in a press release, “This property is owed to the community by Parker Development as part of the Serrano Development (EDH Specific Plan) and it is expected that the dedication will occur immediately now that there is no expectation of a school being built at Bass Lake.”

RUSD purchased the Bass Lake property in 2015 for \$300,000. It includes Bass Lake and approximately 50 surrounding acres, including Sellwood Field. EDHCSO purchased it for \$570,000.

“It is zoned for recreational only and limited by the Naylor Act for its scope of purpose,” Olson explained. “We sold it for only how much we had in to it, over the years, with work done on the dam and weed abatement, etc. Since it was purchased with Mello Roos funds the money will go back into that funding source.”

The 16-acre EID property is currently in the transactional stages, with an expected transfer of ownership by summer of 2019.

Acquisition of the county’s 42-acre property is being actively discussed with county staff, with the expectation that an agreement for either an outright transfer or long-term lease will be solidified by spring 2019. ~

Credit: Village Life Staff





EIA: PROPANE PRICES TO REMAIN STABLE

As noted in last month's Bulletin, the average nationwide propane price is expected to remain in the \$2.50 per gallon range through this winter, according to the U.S. Energy Information Agency (EIA). The average nationwide price at December 3 was \$2.426 per gallon, compared to \$2.452 this same time last year.

Since California is not included in the EIA price survey, that forecast can be but a broad indicator of relatively stable propane prices, rather than actual prices paid in California.

For example, the delivered price to Bass Lake homes under the JS West pricing agreement was \$1.760 on November 28.

Homewoners in Bridlewood Canyon, Woodridge and Sierra Crossing who wish to take advantage of the JS West pricing agreement may call JS West Sales Representative Kari Norton at (530) 642-7001. ~



It's Christmas Time

Towards the end of November,
You start to feel it in the air.
Christmas time is coming,
As it does but once a year.

So many things to get done,
Presents, Christmas greetings and more.
This rushing season has begun,
Sometimes feeling like a chore.

But once things get done,
You can relax a little more.
Sit back and take in the season,
All the favourite things you adore.

Enjoy all the music
And the calmness that it brings.
Sing about Rudolph,
And the three wise kings.

Let the light illuminate,
Your house, yard and tree.
There is magic in the air,
I think we'd all agree.

—Julie Hebert



The EDITOR'S CORNER

Hello All,

Here we are at another Holiday Season, with bright lights, mistletoe and holly. At our house the lights and decorations went up right after Thanksgiving, as Fran and I were hosting the BLAC Christmas Party on the following Monday. So for us the month of December will be filled with cheer.

The number of planned new street intersections along Bass Lake Road has prompted the formation of a Bass Lake Road Traffic Safety Committee, sponsored by BLAC, to study and advise the county about road design and safety. The committee emphasizes that its goal is proactive coordination and planning, not reactive carping and complaining.

I see that local resident Steve Ferry is putting a lot of energy into his campaign to make El Dorado Hills into a city. While I admire Steve for his dedication, I was active in the last effort, in 2005, and I'm afraid cityhood will be an uphill battle. But in the end it's up to the people of El Dorado Hills, so I wish Steve and his fellow cityhood advocates the best of luck.

Perhaps you don't know that El Dorado Hills has its own Area Planning Advisory Committee, which is a semi-official body made up of local residents. APAC weighs in on development projects and advises the county supervisors and staff about local concerns. You can see their work and catch up on local issues at edhapac.org.

Since this is the last issue of the year, I'll say Merry Christmas, and wish everyone a happy Holiday Season.

Sincerely,

John E. Thomson

Editor



BLAC ELECTS BOARD FOR 2019, SETS FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING DATE

The Bass Lake Action Committee Christmas Party and Annual Membership Meeting was held on Monday, December 3, 2018, at 6:00 PM at the home of John and Fran Thomson. The election of officers for 2019 was held during the brief Annual Meeting with the following results: President, Kathy Prevost; Vice President, John Davey; Secretary, Jan Buxton; and Treasurer, Wil Brunet.

The next BLAC Board Meeting will be held in February. The date and location of that meeting will be announced in the January *Bass Lake Bulletin*

For further information about BLAC meetings and membership, please contact Vice-President John Davey at 530-676-2657. ~



Merry Christmas

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