

Changing the Conversation

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Pahrump Town Board

"Theodore Roosevelt said that it is not the critic who counts, not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles or where the doer of deeds could have done better.

The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by the dust and sweat and blood; who errs and comes short again and again; who at his best knows high achievement and at his worst fails after daring greatly."

This statement by President Teddy Roosevelt made at the turn of the 20th Century is an apt description of what members of the various Pahrump Advisory Boards must feel like when they work through an issue on their agenda. The same can be said for the members of the Pahrump Town Board, past and present.

Often volunteers that step forward to serve their community by being on a board feel let down and unappreciated from the constant criticism and polarization tactics that come from a small percent of the population.

The view that objective truth is almost irrelevant; that just because one's belief is passionately held, it must be the correct view -- just leaves people feeling frustrated. When people do not take the responsibility to listen to what others think, then we as a community have failed at the basic function of 'being open to learning'.

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Town Business

What is Happening within Your Town?

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Town Manager

Pahrump Community Pool – The pool has been closed for one month now. More work has started on the pool deck as well as installing a new Sump Pump. The new Pool Deck started to crack within a few weeks after opening. Instead of closing the Pool the Town and Contractor decided to wait until the season ended to repair the cracks. It appears the whole deck may need to be replaced. Since the deck is under warranty there will be no cost to the Town.

Contour Entertainment Interim Report (Destination Park) – Contour submitted their Phase I Final Report to the Town on Tuesday, October 11th. Mr. Chris Brown, President - Contour Entertainment and Mr. Don Holbrook, Partner - The Vercitas Group were present at the Town Board meeting. Mr. Brown gave a 45 minute presentation outlining the concepts and strategies. The Town Board will be digesting the report over the next couple of weeks in an attempt to decide what will be the next step. The Final Report is available on the Town's website for viewing. The following are a few excerpts from the report.

- Adventure Springs Lake** – This would include a lake area of about 8.5 acres with walkways, landscape and desert landscape of about 6 acres.
- Visitor Center Including Reservations Center** – Approximately 2,000 square feet (sq ft).
- Iconic Tower** – Observation tower with café / bar at base, flex rooms for small parties and events. Approximately 6,300 sq ft over six stories.
- Reservation and Reception Center for Think Tank Attraction** – Minimum of about 2,500 sq ft with likely expansion with other elements for more casual visitor experiences including simulators, games, and rides to about 4,000 sq ft indoors.
- Cinema** – Five (5) screen cinema with a total of 590 seats. Two theaters with 80 seats each, two with 100 seats each and one theater with 130 seats.
- Family Entertainment Center** – Indoor areas of approximately 33,000 sq ft and outdoor areas in the range of 160,000 sq ft including go-kart tracks and miniature golf for a total of 4 to 5 acres.

community. The learning that takes place is not necessarily formal education but instead is the sharing of ideas, aspirations and expectations between friends and neighbors within the larger community. Without an informed educated community people are performing on a lower standard and not doing what they are capable of doing.

We have a responsibility to each other to be as informed and able to speak with fact based knowledge as possible. It is the same in communities as it is with families when encouraging children to be productive and positive forces in the world around them; we must also encourage each other to be willing to find positive ways to move forward. When children receive nothing but criticism they soon lose hope for the future. When people hear nothing but a cacophony of criticism they lose hope for the future of their community.

Let us start a new conversation together which is based on learning from each other. If an effort fails we can profit from things that go wrong; we can learn from our mistakes, and press ahead to successfully complete projects that are meant for the betterment of the community. Let us all come together in an effort to solve our major problems.

Calendar of Events

THE 13TH ANNUAL PAHRUMP POWWOW

PETRAK PARK

Friday, Saturday, & Sunday November 18th, 19th & 20th, 2011
Native America Crafts, Music, Food and Dancing

PAHRUMP VALLEY YOUTH ACTIVITIES BOWL-A-THON

PAHRUMP NUGGET BOWLING CENTER

Saturday, November 19th, 2011 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
All ages welcome. Proceeds benefit the Pahrump Valley Youth Activities

NYE COMMUNITIES COALITION HOLIDAY TASK FORCE ANNUAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

THE OLD MANSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Thursday, November 24th, 2011 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Help give our neighbors a reason to be Thankful this Thanksgiving.

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7. Target Golf Shooting Range – The 3-story driving platform, gallery and bar / restaurant is about 5,000 sq ft and the range takes up about an additional 8 acres.
8. Event Space – Flexible for many types of events. This area would be prepped and ready to accommodate any type of event, which could range from BMX competitions to Renaissance Festivals.
9. Retail, Dining and Entertainment District – This could house the Chamber of Commerce or other public offices.
10. Parking – The initial plan would be about 7 acres for 700 cars and some parking for buses.

Pahrump Valley Fire & Rescue Service – The Town Board approved the purchase of two (2) new ambulances. The totals cost for the two ambulances is \$275,316.00. The funds for this expenditure came from the Ambulance Enterprise Fund and from Brothels Fees.

An investigator from the Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) was in town investigating several complaints filed against the Pahrump Valley Fire Rescue Service. Overall a total of fifteen (15) complaints were filed.

Out of those fifteen complaints, fourteen complaints were dismissed. NOTE: two of the fifteen complaints were outside of OSHA’s scope of work (rules and regulations) therefore they were not addressed by OHSA.

The last complaint was valid, however the good thing about that complaint is staff was already addressing the issue and repairing the problem before the inspection.

So the finding on this complaint will be “Valid but the Town is working on replacement of the defective items”.

Overall, the Town passed with flying colors. The official report will not be available for approximately 30-days. Once the report is available Town Officials will make it open to the public.

Town Board Retreat – The Town Board Retreat was cancelled due to unexpected issues. The Town Board is currently working on setting a date to hold their first Town Board Retreat. Once that date is set, it will be released to the public as well as the location of the Retreat.

Pahrump’s Newest Employees – Mr. Tim Gunderson, Pahrump Valley Firefighter. Congrats Tim. ❖

Town Board Meetings	2nd & 4th Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Nye County Administrative Complex
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