

CUMMINGS VALLEY PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

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*** 2ND DISTRICT SUPERVISOR CANDIDATES FORUM**

According to the CVPA President Ray Heit, all four candidates for the 2nd District Supervisorial seat have agreed to attend a Candidate's Forum on February 3rd.

The Forum will be jointly sponsored by The Friends of Tehachapi and the Cummings Valley Protective Association. Solveig Thompson, who represents Friends of Tehachapi, says that her organization works to preserve the natural and social conditions which contribute to the quality of mountain life traditionally enjoyed in our area.

The Forum will be held at the Oak Tree Country Club on Thursday, February 3, at 7:30 PM. Gate passes will be arranged. Each candidate will have 5 minutes for a statement, and after all statements have been presented, the candidates will answer questions from the audience. This will be an important event for all of us in the 2nd District, so plan to attend...bring along your friends and neighbors and have your questions ready! Coffee will be served.

*** BUDDHIST RETREAT UPDATE**

Kern County Planning Department has guaranteed that the CVPA and Friends of Tehachapi will be providing input when requested prior to any public hearings. We are closely monitoring the progress of this project and will keep our members advised.

*** CVPA SPHERE OF INFLUENCE WIDENED**

At a special meeting of the Board of Directors on December 21, it was agreed that CVPA would expand its sphere of influence to include the communities of Brite Valley and Indian Hills.

CVPA is well-established now and has good relations and communication with the Kern County Planning Department. This enables our organization to learn about proposed projects as soon as, or even before, applications are filed. This gives CVPA the opportunity to be closely involved in the review process and to make the position of area residents known early on. The inclusion of Brite Valley and Indian Hills under CVPA's umbrella will give residents of those communities that same advantage.

We welcome Brite Valley and Indian Hills...there is strength in numbers!

*** CVPA MISTLETOE REMOVAL PROGRAM**

Among the major attractions of our area are the magnificent oak trees, large and small, which add significantly to property values. These priceless contributors to the beauty of the community are dying at an alarming rate and in most of the area are not being replaced by new seedlings.

A variety of causes contributes to the decline of the oaks, including the recent prolonged drought, diseases, burrowers and disturbances by man. There is substantial evidence that mistletoe weakens and kills infested trees, particularly when they are under stress from other causes. Mistletoe is a parasite, living off the host tree's vital nutrient stream. Reduced sap flow in any part of the tree allows invasion by boring insects, which causes further damage. Most arborists agree that removal of mistletoe can only be beneficial.

As a community service, CVPA is organizing a group mistletoe removal program in an attempt to reduce individual costs as much as possible. We have sent bid invitations to 18 tree service companies. The bidding format was designed to allow property owners to determine exactly how much each tree would cost, based on trunk circumference, number of mistletoe clumps (more or less than 10) and program size (total number of trees in program).

A choice of contractor will depend not only on prices, but on qualifications including experience, insurance and ability to get the work done. IN ORDER TO JUDGE THE LAST CRITERION, WE NEED SOME IDEA OF THE NUMBER OF TREES INVOLVED.

If you are interested in participating in this one-time opportunity (assuming reasonable prices), please complete and return the form below immediately. Or, you can call Chuck McCullough at 822-3478. If you get the answering machine, leave your name and the number of trees you would want mistletoe and/or dead wood removed from. Invite your neighbors and friends to respond, also.

THIS IS NOT A COMMITMENT BY YOU AT THIS TIME. When prices are known, you will be contacted to see if you still wish to participate. In order to organize and complete the program before leaf out next spring, we need to expedite responses. Please don't put this off!! DO IT NOW!!

CVPA MISTLETOE REMOVAL PROGRAM
(Tentative Participation Response)

YES, I (we) want to participate in the mistletoe/deadwood removal program if the price is right.

NAME _____

Total number of trees for program

Tree categories (if available)

10 or fewer mistletoe clumps:

More than 10 mistletoe clumps:

No. of large oaks _____

No. of large oaks _____

No. of med. oaks _____

No. of med. oaks _____

No. of small oaks _____

No. of small oaks _____

Oak size = lowest representative circumference between 2 feet and 6 feet above average ground level.

Large = more than 8 feet

Medium = 3 to 8 feet

Small = less than 3 feet

Please return this form immediately to:

Chuck McCullough
17851 Tejon Drive
Tehachapi, CA. 93561

or call: 822-3478

*** OCTOBER/NOVEMBER MEETINGS**

OCTOBER

Chuck McCullough reported on CVPA's participation in the art show, Festival of the West, to be held at Boomtown in Stallion Springs. We will have a table with informational material available.

Ray Heit reported on our continuing efforts to have the Country Cable sign outside the Bear Valley gate removed.

NOVEMBER

We signed up two new members at the art show, and made \$65 on the ostrich egg raffle.

Steve Perez, candidate for the 2nd District Supervisorial seat attended our meeting and was introduced to the audience by President Ray Heit.

Plans for the Candidate's Forum on Feb. 3 were discussed.

Owen Menard, an urban planning consultant, who is representing the Buddhist group, spoke to a large audience about the group's plans to build a Buddhist retreat in Brite Valley. Four other promoters of the project, including the architect, were also present at the meeting. Most of the audience felt that the retreat would not be a beneficial addition to our area.

*** WILLIAM VON PLATEN 1920 - 1993**

We are all saddened at the loss of a good friend, Bill Von Platen, who passed away December 12.

Bill always strongly supported the goals of CVPA and worked diligently to preserve the rural character of Cummings Valley.

Bill dedicated his retirement years to his community. He was a member of the Kern County Civil Service Commission and served 4 years on the Bear Valley Springs Association Board of Directors.

Our sincerest condolences to Bobbie and the family.

**2ND DISTRICT SUPERVISORIAL ELECTION
...CANDIDATE'S FORUM...**

Meet all the Candidates:

Steve Perez

Joe Green

F O Roe

Dick Rutan

??Ask Questions??

***THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD.
OAK TREE COUNTRY CLUB - BVS
7:30 P.M.***

Presented By:

Cummings Valley Protective Association

Friends of Tehachapi

Refreshments...

DON'T MISS THIS IMPORTANT EVENT!!!

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