

CVPA AT WORK

CVPA is regularly notified of any proposed zoning changes or general plan amendments in our area. Recently we were notified of a proposal to create 2.5 acre lots out of a 25.66 acre parcel located at the northwest corner of Banducci Road and Vincent Street, immediately east of the Brite Lake Recreational Area. CVPA went into instant motion - to better understand the proposal, the risks, the neighborhood and the plans.

We met quickly with the neighbors, and found that the three closest neighbors on Vincent Street were opposed to this but were unsure of the appropriate steps to take next. We shared with the neighbors the documentation from Kern County Planning related to the Negative Declaration and assisted them with their comments. We then met with Kern County Planning to further discuss the proposal. CVPA took a position against the proposal and wrote letters. When the time came for the public hearing in front of the Kern County Planning Commission, CVPA was there - in support of the neighbors, our environment, and our rural area and lifestyle.

The neighbors spoke at the Planning Commission against the proposed changes, as did the CVPA. The Planning Commission rejected the idea of 2.5 acre lots and instead supported 5 acre lots.

CVPA will be there when the Kern County Board of Supervisors hears this item.



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Beautify the Cummings and Brite Valleys on Saturday May 21

- let's do trash and lunch...

It's time once again to tackle all that debris along the scenic roadsides of the Cummings and Brite valleys! CVPA has been a key player in the world of trash and this is a great way for all of us to make a difference. Please plan to join in for a rewarding half-day and a great sense of accomplishment.

Choose your section of road or take an assignment. Mobilize at the old school on Pellisier across from Superior Sod at 8:00AM on Saturday May 21st. Wear comfy work clothes and toss some gloves in your car. Bags, vests and water will be provided. At noon we will call it a day, and CVPA will provide you with a free lunch at Winnie Graham's elegant barn at the far south end of Pellisier Road (the dirt extension south of Banducci).

You will feel great after helping out.... join us! If you can't swing the full four hours, feel free to come for an hour or so!!!!

An e-mail reminder will be sent out, and telephone calls to those locals not on the e-mail listing.

FAMOUS BUS TOUR SATURDAY JUNE 4TH!

RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW!

What is more fun than getting to visit interesting homes, particularly historic ones in our area? This is what is in store for you on Saturday, June 4th, when the CVPA bus tour visits homes in the Brite and Cummings valleys. This is the 7th biennial tour, and Jon Hammond, Tehachapi News columnist and local historian, will be our guide, along with local geologist Chuck McCollough.

There will be two tours on a modern, air-conditioned tour bus, one starting at 9AM (sorry, already sold out) and the second one at 12 Noon (nearly half full). The cost is \$10 for CVPA members and \$12 for nonmembers. Only a few seats remain, so make your reservation today by calling Maureen at 822-8673 providing a name and telephone number. Then immediately put a check in the mail to back up reservation: make the check out to CVPA and send it to CVPA, PO Box 1020, Tehachapi, CA 93581.

This year's tour includes two historic Brite Valley homes. The 1939 Pennsylvania Dutch stone cottage, which is listed as the Old Stone House on the National Register of Historic Places, was designed by renowned architect Donald Parkinson (LA City Hall, LA Depot, the Coliseum) for the war-years' Lockheed CEO, Courtlandt Gross.

The second featured home, known historically as the Rocking Horse Ranch, is also in Brite Valley. This lovely cottage has a checkered past, including being the site of the biggest drug raid in Kern County history as of 1982. Post-drug raid, it was purchased, bullet holes and all, and lovingly restored to its present charm.

We also will be touring the grounds and barn of Jack and Elaine Palance in Cummings Valley. The Holly-Brooke Ranch's barn houses Jack's art studio and classic cars.

More historical and geologically significant spots will also be shown during the bus tour. Reserve your spot today!

CVPA ELECTION & OPEN HOUSE MEETING

Thursday June 2nd, 7:30PM

Join us for a special meeting - an election and Open House meeting, to be held on Thursday June 2nd at 7:30PM at the Stallion Springs Community Services District office at 28500 Stallion Springs Drive. Fun is the agenda, including watching a very funny edited piece from the Tejon Ranch Film Department. Plus finger food, snacks, goodies and desserts! The business part of the meeting will include elections. This is a great time to come and get acquainted with the CVPA.

The proposed officer slate is listed here. Additional nominations can be made at the meeting!

President - Janice Armstrong Vice President - Sandy Young
Recording Secretary - Barbara Zervas Corresponding Secretary - Laurie Rude
Treasurer - John Mester

Come join us for fun, food and a little business!

“Whole lotta shakin goin on”

A nice-sized crowd was present for the CVPA April meeting, held at the Stallion Springs Community Services District office on a rainy evening. We were fortunate to have Dr. Wally Kleck speak to us on earthquakes. Wally is a local geologist who teaches extensively. Wally is a natural teacher and speaker and he enthralled us all with so much information about our local area. There have already been requests to schedule him for another talk. Thanks so much, Wally!!!!

CVPA Hits Home Run with Tire Program

“It's a huge success” exclaimed Janice Armstrong, CVPA Vice President, who, along with Laurie Rude, staffed the Kmart collection site on a cold, rainy Saturday afternoon. “We are getting more tires than we ever imagined!” At the Golden Hills CSD site, Gene and Eileen McPhee said, “It is wonderful, and people have been so nice and appreciative of the chance to get rid of the things while helping to benefit our area by reducing mosquito breeding and the West Nile Virus threat.” Others mentioned getting rid of eyesores from their yards and outlying areas.

A total of 1,467 tires were recovered, most of which included water, mud and debris - a wonderful place for mosquitoes to breed.

Credit for the success of the program is due to many. First, to CVPA for providing the idea and for donating \$1000 to cover a large part of the cost, as well as promoting the effort and organizing the volunteers. Credit goes to the sixteen CVPA volunteers who manhandled (or womanhandled) those tires, unloading them from cars, trucks and trailers and stacking them in the blue bins. These stalwart volunteers, working in two-person teams, included Don Kordes, Bill Ritzo, Sandy Young, Jo Anne Huckins, Gordon McWilliams, Sandi Shepard, Patty Souza, Mike Belgarde, Gene and Eileen McPhee, Janice Armstrong, Laurie Rude, Susan Wellington, Ross Williams, Susan Kneale, and Chuck McCollough.

Tremendous credit is due to Supervisor Don Maben and Mary Beth Garrison, who backed the program and coordinated the arrangements with Kern County Waste Management and Benz Sanitation. Thanks to our friends at Benz Sanitation, who provided a price break for the roll off bins and, on an emergency basis, brought more bins when we were overwhelmed with tires. Thanks to KMart for generously allowing the use of their back parking area. Thanks also to the Golden Hills CSD for allowing the use of their site, and to their staff members who interrupted their weekends to open and close the site for us.

Special special thanks to all those people who brought in tires on a cold, rainy, miserable weather day! The public response to the program was exceptional, and once again shows the local sense of community and responsibility.

Save the Date - September 24, 2005

Flip your calendar over a few pages and put a big star on Saturday, September 24th, 2005. That will be our CVPA Barbeque day!

Check your label! Your membership expires June 30 of the year printed in the center of the top line. Please keep your membership current. We value your support.

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