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Preliminary Draft Martis Valley Community Plan Online -- Placer County, Calif.



### **Preliminary Draft Martis Valley Community Plan Online**

The Placer County Planning Department has published the <u>preliminary draft of the Martis Valley Community Plan</u> on the county Web site. Three maps from the plan are also available on the Web page.



# State and County Celebrate Improvements to Child Support Collections

Jan. 8, 2002

Child support collections have increased and customer services have improved under the partnership between the new California Department of Child Support Services (CSS) and Placer County's new **CSS** Department, according to both state and local officials. (Child support payments are usually made

by a non-



Marking Placer County's achievement in improving child support services - Placer County District 3 Supervisor Harriet White, Assemblywoman Dion Aroner, State CSS Drector Curtis L. Child, Placer County CSS Director Carl DePietro

custodial parent to help support their child.)

Placer
County
Supervisor
Harriet White
spoke at a
Governor's
Office news
conference
last Friday
lauding the
changes and
improvements
made over
the last two
years.

Placer was one of the "pioneer" counties which made an early transition to the new department. Statewide, child support collections exceeded \$2 billion in the first full year. According to state officials, Placer County increased child support collections 21 percent, an increase of more than two million dollars.

"Our families received more than \$16.7 million last year," noted White. "We hope to bring that number up to \$18 million this year."

Placer County has made significant program changes this year in customer service, advocacy group participation and outreach to the community, White said. "We have extended our office hours to better assist families, provided extensive staff training, and begun a media and outreach campaign to tell families about our services. Our Child Support Services staff meet regularly with advocacy groups to improve communication and idea-sharing, and we thank them heartily for their help in this process.

"Placer County remains committed to strive for continual improvement in its programs and its customer service," White added. "We thank the State Department of Child Support Services and Director Curtis Childs for his leadership and efforts in improving child support services across the state."



### Annual PlacerGROWN Farm Conference Coming February 2, 2002

Saturday, February 2nd, 2002 Lincoln High School 1081 7th St, Lincoln, CA 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM

The 8th Annual PlacerGROWN Farm Conference is coming! This year's conference again promises to contain a wealth of information. Over 26 workshops are scheduled for this year. Workshops are again placed in strands or groups of workshops including: Getting Started in Farming, Agricultural Tourism, Growing Mandarins, Wine Grapes, Getting Started with Blueberries, Livestock, Local Agricultural Marketing Efforts, and Farmer's Markets.

We are especially pleased that the keynote speaker for the conference will be cookbook author and chef, Deborah Madison. She teaches cooking to both professionals and home cooks.

Originally from Davis, California, she now lives in Santa Fe, New Mexico, where she has long been involved with her local farmers¹ markets. Her newest book, Local Flavors: Cooking and Eating from America's Farmers' Markets, will be published this June by Broadway Books. Her keynote address will include an informative and sometimes amusing slide show and looks at America's new farm movement, the farmers market, from the customers and the farmers' point of view. She will do a question / answer workshop following her presentation.

Registration is only \$40 per person and includes the trade show, lunch, conference proceedings and workshop handouts. You may choose to attend all workshops in a strand or jump around to workshops in different strands.

Lunch will once again be prepared and served by the Lincoln FFA Chapter. In addition, there will be a trade show featuring booths from area agricultural organizations and businesses. Please make plans today to attend this informative conference. A registration

form can be obtained by accessing the <u>Placer/Nevada County U.C. Cooperative Extension</u> <u>website</u> (ceplacer.ucdavis.edu). You will also find conference information at <u>www.</u> <u>placergrown.org.</u>



#### **New Library Opens in Meadow Vista**

Dec. 21, 2001

Meadow Vista residents have something extra special to celebrate this holiday season: a new library.

The Auburn-Placer County Library has opened a branch library in Meadow Vista in the Village Center on Placer Hills Road just before Combie Road. The address is 16981 Placer Hills Rd., Suite B-6. The library is now open Tuesday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wednesday 3 to 8 p.m., Thursday and Friday noon to 5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m to 2 p.m., and closed Sunday and Monday.

More than \$100,000 was spent to create a collection of new books, videos, DVDs, audio books, and more for the community – more than 7,000 pieces altogether. Six computer workstations with Internet access are also available. Starting in January, storytime for 3-5 year olds will be held every Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m.

"Meadow Vista residents have been very supportive of libraries for many years, and it's wonderful to see this dream become reality," said Supervisor Rex Bloomfield. "Stop by soon for a visit."

All residents are invited to attend the Grand Opening Celebration on Saturday, Jan. 12, from 2 to 4 p.m. More details will become available later.

Further information about Placer County libraries is available on the County Web site. It's also possible to search the county's collection online at <a href="www.mvls.lib.ca.us">www.mvls.lib.ca.us</a>. The library phone number is 530-878-2647. Library visitors can also pick up a handy refrigerator magnet listing the library hours.



# Film Productions Provide Another Record Year in Placer County

Dec. 21, 2001

Producers of films, television shows and commercials spent more than \$3.2 million in local businesses in Placer County in 2001, according to statistics released by the Placer-Lake Tahoe Film Office.

Recently the Foresthill Bridge has been the film site for a feature movie "XXX" and a Nike commercial set to air during the Winter Olympics; however other Placer County sites have been used as well. The crew for "Gentle Ben I" and its sequel recently spent two months filming in and around Auburn, Foresthill and Dutch Flat. It's set to air next Thanksgiving on the Hallmark channel.

Most of the money is spent directly with small businesses in the community, rather than in tax dollars. "As an example, when "Gentle Ben" was filmed, crews copied hundreds of pages of a thick script each day, totaling tens of thousands of pages overall," noted Beverly Lewis, Director of the Film Office and part of the County's Economic Development office.

"The Gentle Ben production crew rented houses for the crew members, then rented furniture such as beds for their family members, and recently more than 1,000 nights in local motel rooms." she added. Nike crews rented a huge triple axle tow truck.

Crews generally eat out each night as well, and purchase clothing, dry cleaning, personal care items, as well as supplies for the production. "Some gourmet coffee houses have done very well with these productions," she noted. Hardware and office supply stores also are often patronized by film production crews.

During their off hours, film crew members can often be found in laundromats, renting athletic gear to enjoy local attractions, and flying in family members for weekend visits. They also rent vehicles.

Because of the economic benefit to the community, Placer County does not charge companies for a film permit. Lewis explained, "We would rather have the production companies spend their money on the things they need and can get locally. Placer County requires that companies pay all expenses, including the salaries and expenses of deputies, public works crews and others who must spend time to assure safety. Local crew members are also hired directly by the production company.

In the case of "XXX", the production crew made a \$1,000 contribution to the Foresthill Safety Club for their assistance.

"One long term benefit from production is the impact our area has on crew people, who work here for a few days and start talking about coming back here for vacation and to see more of the area," Lewis added.



#### **Assistant County Executive Officer Successor Named**

Dec. 14, 2001

Yuba County Administrative Officer Robert Bendorf has been named to eventually succeed Gloria Coutts, who plans to retire in early summer, as Placer County's Assistant County Executive Officer (CEO).

Bendorf has served as Yuba's CAO since June of 2001. Prior to that he was the Principal Administrative Analyst in the County Administrative Office where he developed and administered the County's \$100 million budget, did legislative analysis, and worked with the Board and county department heads. He began his 15-year Yuba County career in the Sheriff's Office where he rose to the rank of Detective Sergeant. He became a departmental systems manager in the Health and Human Services Dept. after serving as a welfare fraud investigator. For five years he taught POST-certified law enforcement courses at Yuba Community College and has a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Phoenix.

"Robert has executive level experience and is particularly effective in working with people as well as projects," noted County Executive Officer Jan Christofferson in making the announcement. "He also brings great optimism and enthusiasm into an organization, and has been very successful in every county job he has filled. I believe he will be a valuable addition to our staff."

Bendorf will fill the unclassified position beginning in mid-January, working with Assistant CEO Gloria Coutts until mid-June as part of a planned transition for the critical role to be filled. The Assistant CEO assumes responsibility for county operation in the absence of the CEO, manages the CEO department serving as chief of staff, and oversees development of the County budget.

"I anticipate facing new and very different challenges in Placer County, and am very pleased to be appointed," said Bendorf. "However, leaving behind 15 years of great working relationships and friends in Yuba County will be difficult."

Gloria Coutts joined Placer County in 1980, and has served as Assistant County Executive Officer since March of 1985. "Gloria will be a tough act to follow," noted Christofferson. "Her positive leadership and financial skills have helped steer the County through very difficult financial periods, and positioned Placer for a bright future."



# I-80 Applegate Closures Expected to Run More Smoothly

December 7, 2001

Winter has arrived in the Sierra bringing with it road closures of Interstate 80 at the Applegate interchange. The Placer County Public Information Office has issued the following tips to ease the challenge for local residents:

When Caltrans lights up the sign east of Bell Road on I-80 notifying drivers the highway is closed ahead at Applegate, local traffic is encouraged to exit the freeway and take the county roads home before getting caught in the traffic snarl. Another option is to exit the freeway and re-enter at the Applegate onramp by showing a local sticker (available for \$10 from the Colfax Chamber of Commerce) or by providing local identification to the CHP officer on duty.

Occasionally I-80 is closed to ALL traffic – even locals. When CHP directs all traffic to exit the freeway and turn around, please obey and get out of the way. Each minute a CHP officer spends talking to a driver, traffic backs up on I-80 creating more congestion. The CHP is there to protect motorist and keep the roads safe. If they are turning all traffic around, it is because there is a safety hazard ahead like a fire that has jumped the freeway, a hazardous materials spill, or a multiple-vehicle accident. This is not the time to stop and chat with the officer directing traffic.

The operation of the Applegate exit during highway closures is anticipated to run more smoothly this year according to the Placer County Department of Public Works (DPW). This agency hosted a meeting earlier this month to discuss strategies for decreasing delays for motorists during the winter highway closures at Applegate. DPW, California Highway Patrol (CHP), Placer County Sheriff's Office (PCSO), California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Colfax Chamber of Commerce, City of Colfax and area residents were all represented at this meeting.

CHP Commander, Rick Ward announced that he has created a new snow team. "The snow team is a group of officers who will be assigned to the highway closures at

Applegate each time the highway is closed," said Ward. "This will ensure consistency and increase efficiency." Ward anticipates having more officers staffing the area of the exit than in previous years. Additional officers will patrol the surrounding roadways enforcing parking violations and directing truckers back to the Auburn Fairgrounds to wait out the storm. PCSO will assist CHP in these efforts, when needed.

Caltrans has agreed to display a message on the lighted sign on I-80 at Newcastle alerting truck traffic to tune their radios to a station that will direct them to the Auburn Fairgrounds when the freeway is closed ahead. This gives truck drivers time to exit the freeway before getting caught in traffic backups. Caltrans will hand out informational fliers directing truckers who continue to the Applegate exit back to the Auburn Fairgrounds. This will encourage truckers to go back to Auburn rather than park illegally along Lake Arthur and other county roads.

The other agencies are doing their part to increase safety and reduce traffic delays. Now we need to do our part. When the highway is closed, please pay attention and exit the freeway.



#### Sup. Bloomfield To Host Coffee at Colfax Library

December 5, 2001

As part of his ongoing series of informal community meetings, Supervisor Rex Bloomfield has invited local residents to a coffee on Tuesday, December 11 at 12 Noon at the Colfax Library, at 2000 Church Street. Supervisor Bloomfield has been holding his coffees throughout his district, to talk with residents about the issues they feel are most important.

Even though he regularly attends the monthly meetings of the Weimar/Applegate/Colfax Municipal Advisory Council, Supervisor Bloomfield hopes local residents will find the library coffee presents a less formal atmosphere and a good opportunity for conversation on any subject.

At this meeting, he particularly hopes for community input on several issues, including the Weimar, Applegate, Colfax Community Plan Update, now under way; proposed speed limit changes in the area; and the feasibility of establishing a Family Resource Center in Colfax to provide health and other services more conveniently to local area residents.

While the coffee klatches and MAC meetings offer a convenient way to speak with Supervisor Bloomfield and county staff, he encourages residents to contact him on any subject by email to rbloomfi@placer.ca.gov, by mail to 175 Fulweiler Ave., Auburn, CA 95603, or by phone at the Board office, at 530-889-4010. The dates and times of the Weimar/Applegate/Colfax Municipal Advisory Council meetings are available on the county Web site at <a href="www.placer.ca.gov/bos">www.placer.ca.gov/bos</a>, or by calling the Board office. "I hope residents will come and discuss their interests or concerns on any topic, to improve our understanding of their needs," he said. "Improving communication is usually the first step to identifying and solving problems."



#### Federal Funding for Walerga Road Bridge Secured

Dec. 4, 2001

An important bridge in South Placer County which has flooded many times may be a step closer to replacement following Congressional approval last week of \$1 million toward the project.

The Walerga Road bridge across Dry Creek is part of an old rural road which is now used as a main roadway in busy South Placer County west of Roseville. Heavy winter rains often flood this bridge and adjacent roadway, creating traffic obstructions and emergency response issues, and requiring that motorists use other roadways.

"A new bridge would improve both traffic circulation and safety," declared Placer County Supervisor Bill Santucci. "Because of regional growth, the traffic volumes on the bridge continue to increase. Replacing this bridge is important to our residents. Staff has worked hard to solve this problem, and while our work isn't over, this is certainly a marvelous step in the right direction. Our thanks to our Congressional representatives, Congressman John Doolittle, and Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein, who were instrumental in securing this for Placer County."

Staff estimate that up to \$7 million may be needed to complete the project. A scoping study is the next step for the project, which will likely include four vehicle lanes, shoulders/bike lanes, construction of bridgeway approaches and adequate height to pass the 100-year flows in Dry Creek. The proposed project will be designed to blend in with open space and greenbelt concepts in the creek and adjacent riparian areas. Local development will contribute to the project through traffic fees.



#### **Supervisors To Hear Bickford Ranch Proposal**

Dec. 3, 2001

Placer County Supervisors will hold a special public meeting on Monday, Dec. 10, to hear the Bickford Ranch proposal. The meeting will take place at the County Administrative Center, 175 Fulweiler Ave., in Auburn beginning at 3 p.m.

Staff presentations will take place from approximately 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Next, project proponents will speak for up to 15 minutes, then organized community groups may speak for up to 15 minutes each. Residents and other citizens may then speak for up to 3 minutes each.

The Board will take a break about 5 p.m., then resume hearing testimony at 6 p.m.

The Bickford Ranch project is a large scale, mixed-use planned development including 1,880 residential units including an age-restricted component. The developer, U.S. Homes, Inc., also proposes to construct an 18-hole golf course with driving range and 2 clubhouses and 9.7 acres of retail/office uses. The project also includes 2 public park sites, a fire station, Sheriff's substation, and an elementary school site. Access to the site is proposed to be from Sierra College Blvd.

The site includes 1,954 acres and is located four miles west of I-80 and south of

Hwy. 193 between Lincoln, Penryn and Newcastle areas. The site is generally bounded by Hwy.

193 to the north, Union Pacific Railroad to the south, a 300' tall communications tower to the east, and Sierra College Blvd. to the west. The site extends 4 miles from the project's westerly border on Sierra College Blvd. to its easterly border.

As part of the project, the Board will consider closing and/or abandoning portions of Clark Tunnel Road. They will consider retaining access for emergency vehicles, public utility and non-motorized transportation.

Copies of the staff report may be obtained through the Placer County Planning Dept., 530-889-7470. Some additional information is available on the County Web site at <a href="www.placer.ca.gov/bickford">www.placer.ca.gov/bickford</a>.



#### **Snow Removal Reminder**

Nov. 27, 2001

The Placer County Public Works Department has issued the following reminders to residents and guests in North Lake Tahoe this winter.

- Be sure to park your vehicle off the road and off the shoulder from now until May 1, regardless of weather or snow conditions. The owner of a vehicle parked on a road or shoulder can be fined \$50, with fines ranging to \$300 if the vehicle interferes with snow removal operations. The vehicle may also be towed at owner's expense.
- Be sure to remove wood piles, boats or anything else which might obstruct snow plows. It is also a violation of California Vehicle Code to put snow or ice onto the road or highway.
- You can receive general information about snow removal on county roads in North Lake Tahoe by calling 530-581-6222, a message machine which is updated when there are significant changes. Callers select from information about each of the five snow removal routes. The routes themselves can be identified on the phone or on-line at <a href="www.placer.ca.gov/works">www.placer.ca.gov/works</a>. For information about state highways, call Caltrans at 1-800-427-ROAD.

Placer County is responsible for the second largest snow removal program in California, second only to Caltrans.



#### **Fire Study Meeting Held**

Nov. 7, 2001

How should fire services be improved on the western slope in unincorporated Placer County? The seven-member Fire Study Advisory Committee appointed by a number of local agencies held its first meeting yesterday in Auburn to set the stage for a study with an eye to potential future improvements.

Sixty thousand dollars was allocated by the Board of Supervisors and \$20,000 from the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) to pay a consulting firm to research the issues, conduct the study and write the report. The advisory committee will help draft the study's scope of work, help select the consulting firm and review and comment on draft versions of the study.

"As Placer County continues to experience growth, we need to develop a vision for the future of fire services," declared committee member Wayne Nader, President of the Fire District Association of the Western Slope, and a Board member of Placer Consolidated Fire Protection District. "To provide real value to our citizens, we need to be proactive rather than reactive as we plan for the future."

Yesterday, committee members discussed ideas for the study, including whether minimum levels of service should be established for fire and emergency medical care responses, and if so, how those standards should be chosen and implemented. Fire entities spend the greatest share of their time responding to emergency medical care calls rather than fires. All members agreed that including the public in setting the standards will be important.

Another priority appears to be coordination with city fire departments, even though these agencies are not included in the specific objectives of the county study. All independent fire protection districts are being encouraged to participate in the study.

The Fire Study Advisory Committee will meet several times over the next few weeks, and likely will be at work for several months. Members of the committee include Nader, Mike

DeLong, Penryn Fire Protection District Board Member; Leonard Inch, Regional Executive Director, Sierra-Sacramento Valley Emergency Medical Services Agency; Chief Tony Clarabut, Unit Chief, Nevada Yuba Placer CDF/Placer County Fire; Stan MacDonald, representing Special Districts on LAFCO; and Placer County Supervisors Bill Santucci and Rex Bloomfield.



#### **Placer County Probation Officers Sworn In**

November 6, 2001

In a ceremony before family members, friends, other officials, and Probation Department staff, Placer County Chief Probation Officer Norma Suzuki administered the oath of office to seven new county probation officers today. The new officers are Lawrence Franco, Ed Goldman, Nicole Jue, Russ Neault, John Spaich, Diane Taber, and Sanda Ticarat.

"In a sense, you are counselors and mentors, as well as law enforcement officers," said Chief Probation Officer Suzuki. "You're beginning a very rewarding career, which will be challenging and sometimes frustrating. In addition to the values of honesty and integrity, which we seek in all law enforcement personnel, it's important you also possess flexibility."

The seven new officers went through a rigorous selection process. In addition to meeting the job qualifications and passing a written and oral exam, each candidate is interviewed. If selected, the candidate must pass a thorough background investigation, a psychiatric exam, and a physical exam. The officers will train with department staff before undertaking probation activities on their own. During their first year of service, they must also attend a several-week training program to gain certification with the California Board of Corrections, and must take annual training required to maintain their state certification.



#### **Supervisor Gaines to Hold Breakfast Meeting**

Nov. 2, 2001

Supervisor Ted Gaines plans to have breakfast with Granite Bay residents on Wednesday, Nov. 14, 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., at La Bou Restaurant in Granite Bay.

The no-host breakfasts offer a convenient way for residents and business people to means to ask questions or share information with their elected representative. Gaines will provide a status report on county issues, then open discussion on any topic of interest.

"I am always interested in working with the community on issues of local concern," said Gaines. "Meeting in a smaller group can be a very productive way to identify issues before they become problems, and to answer questions the community may have about county processes and projects. I hope you will join us."

The La Bou Restaurant in Granite Bay is located at 4110 Douglas Blvd. For more information, please call the Board office in Roseville, 916-787-8950.



#### **Granite Bay MAC to Hear About Alternate Route**

Nov. 2, 2001

Thomas Aiken, Area Manager of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, will meet with the Granite Bay Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) on Nov. 7 at the request of Placer County Supervisor Ted Gaines to review a feasibility study conducted by the Bureau regarding building a new link between Folsom and Placer County.

The feasibility study reviews options for a road and bridge which could cross the American River approximately 200 yards downstream from Folsom Dam Road where it crosses the Dam.

If this new route were to be approved and constructed in the future, it could carry virtually all the traffic which now uses Folsom Dam Road, and the dam road would be used for its original purpose: maintenance, operation and security for the dam and related activities. A federal transportation project of this scope would require Congressional approval.

The Granite Bay MAC meets on Wednesday, Nov. 7, at 7 p.m. at the Eureka School library, 5477 Eureka Road, Granite Bay.

"This presentation will give residents an early look at the feasibility study and a chance to ask questions," said Supervisor Ted Gaines. "I encourage you to come and learn about this important study."



### Public Meeting on Auburn-Folsom Road Widening Project

October 29, 2001

The Placer County Department of Public Works will hold a public workshop on the Auburn-Folsom Road Widening Project on Tuesday, November 6, from 6 to 9 PM at the Eureka School multi-purpose room. The Eureka School is located at 5477 Eureka Road, in Granite Bay.

The purpose of the workshop is to gather public input on three preliminary conceptual designs for the road-widening project. The workshop will be informal, with maps and other display items. County staff will be available to discuss the preliminary designs, to answer questions and discuss issues of concern, and to provide other information on the project.

The Department of Public Works proposes to widen Auburn-Folsom Road from two lanes to four lanes from the Placer County/Sacramento County line, just north of Pinebrook Drive, to Fuller Drive, just south of Douglas Boulevard. The department is using a four-step process for the project. The preliminary design is the first step in the project. This workshop is the first of two workshops planned during the preliminary design project step. The second workshop will be scheduled later this winter.

When the preliminary design project step is completed, the County will begin the environmental review project step. The purpose of the environmental review is to assess any potential environmental impacts from the project. During the environmental review process there will be many opportunities for public involvement. Placer County will hold more public meetings and formal hearings on the project. The public will also be invited to provide written comments on the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) produced for the project. If any significant environmental impacts are identified, mitigation measures will be determined and included in the EIR. The final two steps in the project are the creation of the engineering construction plans and the actual construction. The Department of Public Works estimates that each of these steps will take approximately a year to complete.

Public Meeting on Auburn-Folsom Road Widening Project -- Placer County, Calif.

#### For further information

call the Public Works Department, at 530-889-7500, or request information by <a href="mailto:e



#### Free On-Site Yellow Starthistle Control Help Available

October 29, 2001

The Placer County Agriculture Department and the Nevada Placer Weed Management Area (NPWMA) are offering free on-site advice on effective control for Yellow Starthistle. This weed is one of the most troublesome invasive weeds in Placer County, and throughout the state. The next crop of Yellow Starthistle will start germinating with the first fall rains, so it's important to plan control measures for this weed now.

Yellow Starthistle is a highly invasive and obnoxious weed which is painful to step on, harmful to horses, and takes pasture and range land out of production. Since its introduction into California in the 1850's, this weed whose bright yellow flowers are surrounded by thorns, has spread into most counties in the state. In Placer County, it has led to declining property values, decreased production of livestock forage, diminished wildlife habitat, and reduced recreational use of property on both private and public lands.

Call the Agriculture Department (530) 889-7372 Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, for an appointment to arrange a free on-site visit from a professional site advisor. The department offices are located at 11477 E Avenue (DeWitt Center), Auburn. Funds for this free on-site service are limited, and service is provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

Because each parcel and its use are a little different, there are many methods of controlling the weed. Control measures including mowing, grazing, hand-pulling, herbicide treatments and re-vegetation. If pesticides are recommended for control, Agricultural Department staff will provide a 20-minute pesticide use training during the appointment, before the site advisor visit is scheduled.

The NPWMA site advisor is also a licensed pest control advisor who specializes in noxious weed control and suggests integrated weed control tailored for each specific land use and parcel. El Dorado County has used the site advisor program for a couple of years, and many property operators in that county have had great success with suggestions from this program.

Free On-Site Yellow Star Thistle Control Help Available -- Placer County, Calif.

The Yellow Starthistle control service is one of many offered by the local Weed Management Area group, through the Placer County Agriculture Department, as they help local property owners try to control several invasive species of unwanted weeds.



#### Sierra College Boulevard Clean-Up Planned

October 29, 2001

Volunteers from CIMBL - Citizens Involved Means Better Living - plan their biggest clean-up of the year along Sierra College Boulevard for this Saturday, November 3. This is CIMBL's biggest clean-up project each year, running 15 miles from Hwy 193 to the Placer County line.

"We'll need 50 to 60 volunteers to do a really good job," said Hal Albertsen, CIMBL founder and schedule organizer. "Sierra College Boulevard is our largest effort, and it's always the county road with the most trash, so we need a big crew!"

Volunteers will meet on Saturday at 9 AM at the Sierra College parking lot located at the corner of Sierra College Boulevard and Rocklin Road, at the east end by the football field. Volunteers should wear comfortable shoes, a hat, layered clothing, and gloves. CIMBL will supply safety vests, track pick-up sticks, and plastic trash bags.

CIMBL won the state-wide Keep California Beautiful "Outstanding Volunteers" award this year. The organization has been cleaning up Placer County roads for over seven years, with support from Placer County. With a membership of 400, their trash collection tally to date includes 15,385 bags of trash and 1,537 tires, from clean-up projects along 1,650 miles of county roads.

For further information about CIMBL or this weekend's clean-up project, call Hal Albertsen at 916-645-3599. "We hope for beautiful fall weather," Albertsen said. "If it rains, we'll have to cancel." In case of threatening weather, volunteers should call 530-886-5250 to see if the clean-up will be held.



#### **Safety Information Readily Available**

Oct. 24, 2001

Placer County residents who have questions about mail safety, anthrax or emergency preparedness can easily obtain information seven days a week now, thanks to the Governor's Office of Emergency Services information and referral line.

From 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. each day, you can call 1-800-550-5234 to obtain recorded information about emergency preparedness, anthrax, and handling suspicious mail. Or if that information doesn't answer your question, you can speak directly to a person who can help you or offer a referral. Information is available both in English and Spanish.

The <u>California Office of Emergency Services</u> Web site also includes numerous links for health and safety information.

There have been no credible anthrax threats in Placer County, and no cases of anthrax reported on the West Coast, according to Dr. Richard Burton, Placer County Public Health Officer. However local emergency services personnel have responded to numerous calls from citizens because of the heightened awareness of the health and safety issues on the East Coast. The Placer County Sheriff's Department has provided training in safe mail handling to city, county and business personnel. Training videos are available through the California Highway Patrol, and are sometimes being played on local television stations so residents and businesses can tape them.

"Recent national events have understandably left people feeling uncertain," Burton said. "Receiving accurate information can help to allay those concerns. Our best advice is to remain cautious, stay informed and keep things in perspective. I have great confidence in our local physicians and emergency responders."



#### **Hackworth Is Appointed Public Works Director**

Oct. 24, 2001

Tim Hackworth has been appointed Placer County Public Works Director. Previously he had served as Acting Director and had held other positions in the department.

"Tim has demonstrated his leadership abilities in being responsive to the public's needs while keeping a watchful eye toward using our financial resources as wisely as possible," said Jan Christofferson, County Executive Officer.

Hackworth came to Placer County 10 years ago from a consulting business in Grass Valley. He has also served as Public Works Director for the City of Grass Valley. He earned his degree in Civil Engineering from California Polytechnic Institute, Pomona, and is also a registered engineer in Nevada.

His goals include "making our operations more efficient, and more understandable to the public."

The Public Works Director is responsible for maintenance of county roads and bridges, the public works analysis on land development projects in the unincorporated area (such as the impact on transportation and drainage), Tahoe Area Regional Transit bus system in Tahoe, Placer County Transit which serves the rest of unincorporated Placer County, short term and long term transportation planning, mapping and managing the county's vehicle fleet. He will also oversee the second largest snow removal operation in California. The Department has about 250 employees and a budget of \$55 million.



### Additional Public Meetings Confirmed on Bickford Ranch Proposal

October 23, 2001

The Placer County Planning Commission and the Penryn Area Advisory Council (PAAC) have confirmed three additional public meetings to review and discuss the proposed Bickford Ranch project during the next three weeks. The meetings will give residents an opportunity to obtain information about the proposed project and offer their comments. The PAAC will likely make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors on the project.

The PAAC will hold a special meeting to discuss the proposed project next Monday, October 29, at 7 PM in the Penryn Elementary School Gym, located at 6885 English Colony Way, in Penryn.

The Planning Commission will hold two public meetings to discuss the project. The first meeting will be on Thursday, November 1, at 6 PM at Twelve Bridges in Lincoln, at 3075 Twelve Bridges Drive, in the Oaks Conference Room. No decision will be made by the Planning Commission at this first meeting.

The second meeting will be on Thursday, November 8, at 2 PM, in the Board of Supervisors' Chambers, at 175 Fulweiler Avenue, in Auburn.

Bickford Ranch project applicants hope to build a total of 1,880 homes, some with age restrictions, on 1,942 acres located east of Sierra College Boulevard., south of Highway 193, and north of Penryn. The project would also include an 18-hole golf course and clubhouse, and is proposing 9.7 acres of commercial development. Sierra College Boulevard would be the primary access.

Additional information about the project will be available at the meetings, and is also available on the county's Web site, at www.placer.ca.gov/bickford or from the Planning Department, at 530-889-7470.



#### **Board of Supervisors Approves New Voting System**

October 23, 2001

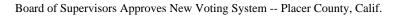
At their meeting on October 23, the Placer County Board of Supervisors approved the purchase of a new optical scanning voting system, to replace the county's current punchcard system.

For some time, County Clerk/Recorder/Registrar Jim McCauley, his staff, and an advisory committee of county residents and officials had been researching systems to replace the county's current system, adopted in the late 1970s. McCauley arranged a county-wide test of an optical scanning voting system during the November, 2000 election. The optical scanning system enabled Election staff and volunteers to complete a preliminary tally of county ballots before 10:30 PM, earlier than ever before. In addition, 85% of county voters surveyed during the test rated the new voting system as "good" to "excellent."

"Even before the furor over punchcard voting systems in 2000, we knew it was time to look for alternatives," said Clerk/Recorder/Registrar McCauley. "Because of the importance of the election function, we don't make changes quickly or often. But it was clear even before November, 2000, that we could and should use new technologies to improve the election experience and services for county voters."

While not the same system tested in 2000, the new optical scanning voting system, from Global Election Systems, Inc., works in a very similar way. The system will also work with the current Elections management software and is expected to improve and speed election services and reporting. It will also meet anticipated new state legislation requirements for voting systems. The Board's approval will allow Placer County to take advantage of possible state funding in a proposed March, 2002, bond measure to upgrade and improve vote-counting systems statewide, reducing direct system costs to the county.

"This is only the second time in its 150-year history that Placer County has changed its voting system," McCauley said. "We went from hand-written ballots to punchcards in the late 1970s, and now we're improving the important election process by using reliable, tested new technologies. Placer County voters have made it clear they like this type of



system."

For further information on the new voting system, contact the Elections Division at 530-886-5650.



#### Sup. Bloomfield To Host Coffee at Tahoe City Library

October 22, 2001

As part of his ongoing series of informal community meetings, Supervisor Rex Bloomfield has invited local residents to a coffee at 9 AM on Tuesday, October 30 at the Tahoe City Library, at 740 N. Lake Boulevard. Supervisor Bloomfield has been holding his coffees throughout his district, to spend time with residents and to gather information about the issues they feel are most important.

Even though he regularly attends the monthly meetings of the Squaw Valley Municipal Advisory Council and the North Tahoe Regional Advisory Council, Supervisor Bloomfield hopes local residents find the library coffee will present a less formal atmosphere and a good opportunity for conversation on any subject. He's particularly hoping for community input on several key issues, including:

- The Tahoe Transportation District's proposal to become the lead agency on the proposed 64-Acre Intermodal Transit Center project;
- Lake access issues; and
- The Tahoe City library addition, now in progress.

While the coffee klatches and MAC meetings offer a convenient way to speak with supervisors and county staff, Supervisor Bloomfield encourages residents to contact him on any subject by email to <a href="mailto:rbloomfi@placer.ca.gov">rbloomfi@placer.ca.gov</a>, by mail to 175 Fulweiler Ave., Auburn, CA 95603, or by phone at the Board office, at 530-889-4010. The dates and times of the <a href="mailto:Squaw Valley Municipal Advisory Council">Squaw Valley Municipal Advisory Council</a> and <a href="mailto:North Tahoe Regional Advisory Council">North Tahoe Regional Advisory Council</a> meetings are available on the county Web site, or by calling the Board office. "Improving communication is usually the first step to solving problems," he said. "I hope residents will come and discuss their interests or concerns on any topic, to improve our understanding of their needs."



## Information on Mail Handling Safety

We are providing this information on how to handle mail more safely, from the State of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services and the National Centers for Disease Control (CDC), as a convenience for Placer County residents and other Web site visitors.

### State of California - Governor's Office of Emergency Services

#### MEMORANDUM

TO:

Regional and Operational Area Emergency Managers Regional and Operational Area Law Enforcement Regional and Operational Area Fire Agencies Local Health Officers Regional Disaster Medical Health Specialists

FROM: Dallas Jones, Director

DATE: October 12, 2001, 5:30 p.m.

SUBJECT: GUIDELINES FOR MAILROOMS

Many people have questions about how mailrooms and offices should handle mail that may contain a written threat of chemical or biological material inside, or mail that may contain some form of powder. Following are common sense steps to take in workplaces. They have been developed jointly by health professionals, the FBI, and the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services. Please forward this information to your cities and special districts, and feel free to share these guidelines with businesses in the community.

The risk of contracting any disease from an envelope is extremely low. General awareness of one's surroundings and suspicious mail is appropriate.

General precautions for those who handle large volumes of mail:

- Wash your hands with warm soap and water before and after handling the mail.
- Do not eat, drink or smoke around mail.
- If you have open cuts or skin lesions on your hands, disposable latex gloves may be appropriate.
- Surgical masks, eye protection or gowns are NOT necessary or recommended.

If a letter is received that contains powder or contains a written threat:

- 1. Do not shake or empty the envelope.
- 2. Isolate the specific area of the workplace so that no one disturbs the item.
- 3. Evacuation of the entire workplace is NOT necessary at this point.
- 4. Have someone call 911 and tell them what you received, and what you have done with it. (Law Enforcement should also place a call to the local office of the FBI and tell them the same information.) Indicate whether the envelope contains any visible powder or if powder was released.
- 5. Wash your hands with warm water and soap for one minute.
- 6. Do not allow anyone to leave the office that might have touched the envelope.
- 7. When emergency responders arrive, they will provide further instructions on what to do.

### **Important:**

- Do not panic.
- Do not walk around with the letter or shake it.
- Do not merely discard the letter.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM OFFICIAL CDC HEALTH ADVISORY

(Added for your information by the County Executive Office)

#### How to identify suspicious packages and letters

Some characteristics of suspicious packages and letters include the following:

• Excessive postage

- Handwritten or poorly typed addresses
- Incorrect titles
- Title, but no name
- Misspellings of common words
- Oily stains, discolorations or odor
- No return address
- Excessive weight
- Lopsided or uneven envelope
- Protruding wires or aluminum foil
- Excessive security material such as masking tape, string, etc.
- Visual distractions
- Ticking sound
- Marked with restrictive endorsements, such as "Personal" or "Confidential"
- Shows a city or state in the postmark that does not match the return address



### Free Senior Health Fair - "Walk It, Don't Rock It!"

October 5, 2001

Mark your calendar today for the eighth annual free Senior Health Fair and Fitness on Wednesday, October 24, from 9 AM to 1 PM, at the Multipurpose Senior Center, 11577 E Avenue, DeWitt Center, in Auburn. You'll find free medical screenings, low cost flu shots, and clear information about complicated issues like Medicare.

Local seniors from the Placer Adult School will show that fitness can be fun, by clogging, tap dancing and line dancing. Come enjoy music, free drawings for prizes, snacks, and guest performer Bob Webb playing Mark Twain, at 10 AM. To reserve a BBQ chicken lunch at a modest price, call the Foothills Café (at the Multipurpose Senior Center) at least 24 hours ahead of time at 530-888-8103.

You can get free medical screenings for things like blood pressure, blood sugar and body fat, hearing, and muscle strength, and even a free massage. Experts will be available to provide clear information on complex issues like insurance coverage and programs, Medicare, legal issues, and health services.

Placer County's Preventive Health Care for the Aging program has organized the event in cooperation with the Multipurpose Senior Center and other community sponsors. Other community supporters of the event include AARP, Health for All, the Sutter Auburn Faith Cardiac and Cardio-Pulmonary Rehabilitation units, the Foothill Volunteer Center, and the Placer County Commission on Aging.



## Supervisor Gaines To Hold First No-Host Monthly Breakfast Meeting

October 5, 2001

Placer County District 4 Supervisor Ted Gaines will begin his schedule of monthly nohost breakfast meetings in Roseville and Granite Bay on October 10 from 7:30 to 8:30 AM, at Bernardo's, 1563 Eureka Road in Roseville. Supervisor Gaines will provide a brief update on items of county and district interest and concern, and will have time for questions from residents.

Although Supervisor Gaines attends the monthly meetings of the Granite Bay Municipal Advisory Council and the Horseshoe Bar Advisory Council, the breakfast meetings will provide additional informal opportunities to provide information, answer questions and address the concerns of local residents. It is not necessary to order breakfast to attend the meetings.

While the breakfast meetings and Advisory Council meetings offer a convenient way to speak with Supervisors and county staff, Supervisor Gaines encourages residents to contact him on any subject by email (tgaines@placer.ca.gov), by mail to 175 Fulweiler Ave., Auburn, CA 95603, or by phone at the Board's Roseville office, at 916-787-8950. The Roseville office is located at 101 Cirby Hills Drive, Suite 1, in Roseville.



## CIMBL and Leadership Auburn Host Clean-up Event

Oct. 1, 2001

On Saturday, Oct. 6, members of Leadership Auburn, a year-long community training program, and CIMBL (Citizens Involved Means Better Living) will host a massive road side clean up of Highway 49 and Dry Creek Roads in the Auburn area.

All interested residents are encouraged to help. Volunteers from Leadership Auburn will clean Highway 49 from City Hall to Dry Creek Road. To join in, please congregate on the steps of Auburn City Hall, 1225 Lincoln Way, at 9 a.m.

CIMBL volunteers will meet at the Auburn Regional Park on Dry Creek Road (2 blocks west of Hwy. 49) and clean Dry Creek Road from Joerger Road to Interstate 80.

Jodie Hale, Auburn City Council Member, John Marin, Administrative Officer to the Placer County Board of Supervisors, and Hal Albertsen, CIMBL Chairman will host the event, expected to take about three hours.

The massive event is being held in honor of "National Make a Difference Day" and the seventh anniversary of CIMBL. Clean up efforts will be followed by a barbecue at John Marin's home in Christian Valley from noon to 2 p.m., complete with a huge CIMBL anniversary cake. During the past seven years, CIMBL volunteers have cleaned more than 1,600 miles of county roads, picked up nearly 16,000 bags of trash, and helped dispose of nearly 1,600 old tires. CIMBL volunteers who have participated in a minimum of 20 separate clean ups will be honored with a CIMBL golf-style shirt from CIMBL and the Placer County Visitors Bureau. They will also receive a \$20 gift certificate for a meal courtesy Bootleggers, Brookfields, Café Delicious, Latitudes, Shanghai or Old Town Pizza.

Volunteers are advised to wear comfortable shoes, gloves and a hat, and to bring bottled water. Safety vests, pick-up sticks and trash bags will be provided by CIMBL. In addition to picking up litter, volunteers will clean up the intersections, sweep the sidewalks and remove weeds in some locations.

District 3 Supervisor Harriet White and Auburn Mayor Alice Dowden Singh are honorary chairpersons of the event.



## **County Honored with Statewide Award**

Oct. 1, 2001

A Placer County program to help keep residents in touch with county government and new projects facing their communities has been honored as one of the most creative county programs in the state.

The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) is honoring Placer County for its Municipal Advisory Councils - MACs as they are commonly called - with a Merit Award for Excellence.

"The CSAC Challenge Awards program exemplifies the very best of county government," said CSAC Executive Director Steven Szalay. "The programs highlighted each year demonstrate how California's 58 counties are striving continuously to serve their constituents more efficiently and cost-effectively."

This year, 174 entries from 33 counties were entered in the Challenge Awards competition. A panel of distinguished judges with expertise in county government selected the winning entries based on their innovation, creativity, resourcefulness, effectiveness, collaboration, cost savings and ability to be duplicated in other counties. All entries will be highlighted in a directory published and distributed statewide by CSAC later this year.

Twelve entries received 2001 Challenge Awards; another 14 including Placer received Merit Awards.

As one of the fastest growing counties in the state, Placer County has created Municipal Advisory Councils to listen to the community and to remain conveniently available to meet with and address residents concerns. Members of the 13 MACs, appointed by the Board of Supervisors, hold monthly public meetings in which residents attent to learn about and provide input on new land development projects proposed for their communities. Other local issues are related to public works, law enforcement and public safety. They receive community reports from agencies such as the Placer County Sheriff,

the California Highway Patrol and the California Dept. of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF).

"Receiving this award underscores our pride in the MACs, and the MAC volunteers who serve in that capacity," said Board Chairman Bill Santucci. "Residents have participated eagerly in their local MACs. In turn their enthusiasm has contributed to Placer County's ability to meet the challenge of keeping constituents active and well represented in county government."

### **Placer County Municipal Advisory Councils**

- Foresthill Forum 1st Monday, 7 PM, Foresthill Memorial Hall
- Granite Bay MAC 1st Wednesday, 7 PM, Eureka School Library
- **Horseshoe Bar MAC** 3rd. Tuesday, 7 PM, Loomis Library (every other month -- January, March, May, July, September, November)
- **Meadow Vista MAC** 1st Thursday, 7:15 PM, usually Room 22, Placer Hills School. Call to confirm location.
- Newcastle/Ophir MAC 3rd Thursday, 7:30 PM, 661 Newcastle Road, Suite 1, Newcastle (building next to Denny's Restaurant)
- North Auburn MAC 2nd Tuesday, 7 PM, Planning Commission Hearing Room, DeWitt Center
- North Tahoe Regional Advisory Council 2nd Thursday, 6 PM, locations vary
- **Penryn Area Advisory Council** 4th Tuesday, 7 PM, Penryn Elementary School (every other month -- January, March, May, July, September, November)
- Rural Lincoln MAC 3rd Monday, 7 PM, Mt. Pleasant Hall
- Sheridan MAC 2nd Wednesday, 7:30 PM, Stewart Hall
- Squaw Valley MAC Last Thursday, 6 PM, Squaw Valley Fire House
- West Placer MAC 2nd Thursday, 7 PM, Dry Creek Elementary School
- Weimar/Applegate/Colfax MAC 4th Wednesday, 7 PM, Colfax Veterans Memorial Hall, 22 Grass Valley Street West, in Colfax

Typical meeting schedules are shown above. To confirm the details, call the Board office at 530-889-4010.



### **Chief Probation Officer to Retire**

Sept. 17, 2001

Chief Probation Officer Norma Suzuki has announced that she will retire at the end of the year following 33 years of service to Fresno and Placer Counties.

Suzuki was hired as Placer County's Chief Probation Officer in October of 1996 after serving as Probation Division Director in Fresno County.

Working with Facility Services, she helped oversee design and construction for the new Placer County Juvenile Detention Center. When the new Center opened in January of 2000, it replaced a 1950's-era facility which Grand Juries had considered inadequate for several years.

Last year she encouraged and helped coordinate Placer County's new partnership with Solano and Colusa Counties to operate the Fouts Springs Youth Facility in Solano County, a camp/ranch which serves young people convicted of crimes, including Placer youth, who need a very structured environment. She helped develop a Juvenile Drug Court and a restorative justice program, and improved domestic violence programs for adult offenders.

Norma is Vice President of the Chief Probation Officers of California, a state association, and acted as co-chair of a state task force active in major reform of group homes serving youth in California, and changes to the Comprehensive Youth Services Act and Crime Prevention Act, which helped bring new state dollars to Placer County Probation programs.

While she has announced no firm plans, she expects to be involved with adolescents and adult offenders in new ways – perhaps as a volunteer - and looks forward to leisure time, and particularly spending some more time in Hawaii.

# Revised Schedule for Sup. Gaines' No-Host Monthly Breakfast Meetings

September 19, 2001

In response to the tragic events of September 11th, District 4 Supervisor Ted Gaines canceled his first scheduled no-host breakfast meeting on September12th. Instead, these monthly will begin in October. At each meeting, he'll provide a brief update on items of county and district interest and concern, and will have time for questions from residents. The meetings will be held the second Wednesday of each month, with a holiday break. The meeting schedule is below, and will also be available on the Board's Web calendar, available through a link on the Board's Web page (www.placer.ca.gov/bos).

Supervisor Gaines will hold meetings in Roseville and Granite Bay, and they will rotate each month to a different area restaurant.

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Date	Location
October 10, 2001	Bernardo's, 1563 Eureka Road, Roseville
November 14, 2001	Granite Bay location to be announced
December/January	holiday hiatus
February 13, 2002	Roseville location to be announced
March 13, 2002	La Bou Restaurant, 1730 Douglas Boulevard, Granite Bay
April 10, 2002	Bernardo's, 1563 Eureka Road, Roseville
May 8, 2002	Granite Bay location to be announced
June 12, 2002	Roseville location to be announced

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## EXTENSION OF DEADLINE FOR FILING APPLICATIONS FOR CHANGED ASSESSMENT

Bruce Dear, Placer County Assessor, announced today that the deadline for filing Applications for Changed Assessment (Assessment Appeals) has been extended from September 15 to October 29, 2001.

The extended deadline is in consideration of the public calamity associated with the September 11, 2001 tragedies in New York and at the Pentagon. Anyone impacted by the tragedies to the extent that they were unable to meet the original appeal filing deadline of September 15, 2001 must now file an appeal no later than October 29, 2001. Extending the filing deadline is authorized by Section 155 of the State of California Revenue and Taxation Code.

If you are unable to meet the original deadline, and believe that the assessed value of your property is incorrect for any of the following reasons, you may file an Application on or before October 29, 2001:

- If you believe that the market value as of January 1, 2001 was less than the value shown on the assessment roll.
- If you acquired the property within the past four years and you believe that market value was less than the base year value established as of the date of your acquisition.
- If you completed new construction on your property within the past four years and you believe that the market value of the new construction was less than the base year value established for the new construction as of the date of completion.

Application for Changed Assessment must be filed with the Clerk of the Assessment Appeals Board, 175 Fulweiler Avenue, Auburn, CA 95603. Applications may be obtained by calling the Clerk at (530) 889-4020.

Bruce Dear, Placer County Assessor

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## Meadow Vista Celebrates Opening of New Equestrian Center Park

September 13, 2001

On Wednesday evening, approximately 100 Meadow Vista residents, members of the Meadow Vista Trails Association, and Placer County officials and Parks employees celebrated the opening of Placer County's newest park, the Meadow Vista Trail Staging Area and Equestrian Arena, at 2950 Combie Road, in Meadow Vista.

District 5 Supervisor Rex
Bloomfield was the Master of
Ceremonies for the 25-minute
ceremony, which he opened with
a moment of silence to honor all
those affected by the terrible
events of the week. Then Boy
Scouts of America Troop 6
presented the colors and lead the
crowd in a heart-felt flag salute.



District 5 Supervisor Rex Bloomfield talks with Meadow Vista residents Amy and Lisa Balmain, and Tiffany Van der Linden.

"This was a long time coming," said Supervisor Bloomfield. "The Meadow Vista community can be proud of its hard work and of this great facility, which will be a fine

resource for our kids and community members. We'll continue our work to extend and create a system of trails for Meadow Vista and all county residents to enjoy."

The ceremony also included remarks from others who contributed to the park. Placer County Parks Commissioner Ed Mahany spoke on the value of local volunteer support. Meadow Vista Trails Association President Bill Vogel outlined the process to establish the park. Placer County Parks Administrator John Ramirez described the hard work and satisfaction he and his team felt at the cooperation and problem-solving shown by all those involved in establishing the park.

Each speaker lauded the wide community support during the 9-year effort to establish the new equestrian park and staging area, especially recognizing Trails Association member Sherri Bloomfield and active community volunteer Celia Broadwell, who raised thousands of dollars for the special fencing required for the equestrian event arena and warm-up ring. Community members Joe Chevreaux, Sr., now deceased, and Joe Chevreaux, Jr. were praised for their assistance and contribution of time and materials to the project.

In addition to local fundraising efforts, the Board of Supervisors provided \$235,000 in construction funding from county parks fees paid by development in the area. Information on Placer County public trails, on the new park, and on how to grant a trails easement on private property is available from the Placer County Parks Division, at (530) 889-7750.



## Emergency Operations Center Closed; No Problems Encountered

Sept. 12, 2001

Placer County's Emergency Operations Center (EOC), which was opened yesterday as a precaution in the wake of the terrorist attack, has been closed. There have been no incidents reported nor anticipated locally.

Yesterday the Placer County Office of Emergency Services was working through the EOC with all Placer County departments, and was in contact with all local cities, many key local agencies, State agencies and others, as is the usual procedure when there is an emergency or the potential for an emergency. A total of three briefings were held, and the EOC was open from about 8 a.m. to midnight. Security was heightened in some situations, however normal security precautions generally remain in place in county facilities. Staff were available to answer the public information line but few calls were received. County services remained available.

Residents who may be experiencing significant distress following this terrorist disaster may call the Placer County Crisis and Emergency Service hotline (ACCESS), 888-886-5401, which is operated through the Health and Human Services department for assistance. This 24-hour emergency response service is set up to assist children and adults experiencing crisis.



## **No Local Problems Following Terrorist Attack**

Sept. 11, 2001 --- 1 PM

There have been NO local problems reported in the wake of an apparent terrorist attack on the East Coast.

However, Placer County has activated its Emergency Operations Center as a precaution, and is in contact with the State, and local cities and local agencies, as is the usual procedure.

County offices remain open, and critical staff have been alerted. Some employees have been allowed to take vacation for personal reasons. Security has been heightened in some situations, however normal security precautions are generally in place.

"Our Emergency Operations Center will remain open as needed as a precaution, however there have been NO local problems reported or anticipated," said Jan Christofferson, County Executive Officer. "Our best advice is to stay informed and alert, but understand that there have been no local problems reported."

The Public Information line into the Emergency Operations Center is 530-886-5310. Staff are present to answer calls, however there have been few.



## Visit Placer County "Then and Now"

August 29, 2001

Gold has shaped Placer County's past and present and will shape its future - from its colorful Gold Rush and agricultural heritage, to today's gold rush of good jobs and tomorrow's bright future as the region continues to prosper.

The County of Placer also began serving residents in 1851 – just after the Gold Rush -- and provides an even broader spectrum of services today.

You can help celebrate Placer County's 150th Anniversary at the Gold Country Fair in Auburn, with historic exhibits and hands-on displays, a "Then and Now" fashion show, gold panning, and even free birthday cake!

The Gold Country Fair takes place Sept. 6-9 at the Gold Country Fairgrounds in Auburn. On Thursday and Friday, county displays are open from 4 to 9 p.m.; on Saturday and Sunday from noon to 9 p.m. The Gold Country Fair is located at 1273 High St. in Auburn (the pedestrian entrance). Parking is located off Fairgate St., from Auburn-Folsom Road.

A "Then and Now" Fashion Show will take place at 4 p.m. on Saturday in the Gold Country Court, featuring local officials and county employees in fashions from the 1850's to today.

A 150th Anniversary cake will be cut and served at 5 p.m. on Saturday at the Farrell Wrenn Park section of the Fairgrounds, where the other County displays are located.

Learn to pan for real gold and rediscover history first hand with volunteers from the Mother Lode Gold Hounds Association on Saturday and Sunday. The Placer County Gold Panning Championships begin at noon on Saturday, Sept. 8, and continue through Sunday afternoon. There is a \$10 charge to enter the contest, but for just \$1.50 you can learn to pan for fun. And any gold you find is yours to keep!

Celebrity Gold panning takes place at 5:30 PM on Friday in the County display. Come cheer media celebrities and local officials as they demonstrate their skills.

Then help your children register their "gold mining claim" through the County Clerk-Recorder-Registrar's Office, which has been serving since the 1850's. Then let them vote: should horses be allowed to drink from the fountain at the Courthouse?

See "This Old Truck", Placer's historic snowplow now restored, which bravely tackled the perilous dirt roads of Tahoe and Iowa Hill. A display of old photos tell fascinating stories of roads and road builders in Placer County, including the Foresthill Bridge.

Check out old maps of Placer County when its golden dreams were mostly agricultural. Old maps, such as those of Joel Parker Whitney's Citrus Colony in Penryn, and historic photos will also be on display.

You can view the Assessor's parcel maps of Roseville in 1926, or pull a parcel map of your property today from the County's computers. In 1851 County assessed value topped \$300,000; today it's more than \$23 million. Meanwhile the County's population has climbed from 10,784 in 1852 to more than 257,500 in 2001. Look for a special treat and good information at the Treasurer Tax Collector and Auditor Controller's display.

Placer County Sheriff's displays will let you decide: is this a REAL gun or a toy? Volunteers will show off the Sheriff's Humvee and let you sit in a squad car.

The District Attorney's Office will let you try out their DUI glasses -to let you experience why it's dangerous and illegal to drive drunk.

Storytellers from the Placer County Libraries will entertain children and others who are young at heart. The ever-popular Bernhard Museum display, with its animated historic characters, will also revisit the Fair.

The Personnel department will offer information on applying for a wide variety of County jobs which open throughout the year. Child Support Services offers your child an opportunity to create their own button.

There's plenty to see and do at Placer County's 150th Anniversary Celebration - mostly all free. See you there - at the Gold Country Fair in Auburn.



# Supervisors Continue Transit Center Issue to Explore Options

August 29, 2001

Placer County Supervisors agreed Tuesday evening to explore a number of options for transit improvements in the Tahoe area before deciding what to do about the Intermodal Transit Center proposed for construction on the 64-Acre Tract in Tahoe City.

During a public hearing at the Resort at Squaw Creek, Supervisors unanimously agreed to continue the public hearing for one year. They directed staff to look at limiting the number of parking spaces, exploring other options for transit centers and incorporating the possibility of a Hwy. 89 Bypass into the design.

More than 40 residents spoke during the hearing, which was continued from July 24.

"This transit center cannot be opened until an environmental impact report has been completed and funding is secured for the improvement of Fanny Bridge," noted Supervisor Rex Bloomfield. "Therefore we can give staff more time to come up with a better solution."

He noted that traffic congestion in the Tahoe area will worsen as more people visit the Lake, but that destination visitors would be more likely to choose public transportation over renting a car if good public transportation is in place and correctly sited.

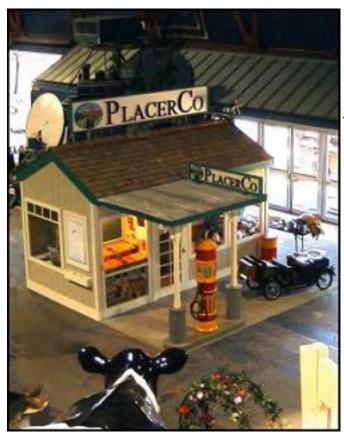
"Location is the key issue," he said. "Would a site north of Tahoe City better attract transit users and provide better traffic circulation? Are there other viable locations? Should parking spaces be more limited? Should the possibility of a Hwy. 89 Bypass be incorporated into the design?"

Other Supervisors agreed unanimously to postpone their decision.



## County 2001 State Fair Exhibit Continues Winning Streak

August 24, 2001



Placer County's 2001 State Fair Exhibit, "Fuel Up for Fun," continued a long county tradition of success by receiving a Gold Medal Award from the State Fair exhibit judges. This year's exhibit also won a special award for the "Best Creative Use of Products/Produce/Artifacts in an Exhibit." Each year, the Counties Exhibits are the most popular program at the State Fair. Placer County's exhibit is a popular way to introduce hundreds of thousands of fairgoers to the county's recreational opportunities available from the Sacramento Valley to the High Sierra.

The 2001 exhibit features a gas station circa 1920, "PlacerCo," as the starting point to explore the county's highlights and scenery. It includes a Visitors Center with brochures and maps from locations throughout the county, from Roseville to Tahoe and everywhere in between, to guide a visitor's adventure. Each year, exhibit designers make a special point of including fun elements for children and families, often using animated models and figures. This year, parents and children will enjoy a stroller-eye view of lively kittens in the gas station window and a mock old-time gas pump. There's also an "antique" car complete with seats and a working horn, perfect for pictures with young children.

This year, Placer County also celebrates its 150th anniversary, so that theme has been

woven into the exhibit. The exhibit is staffed throughout the fair by volunteers, including county employees, and Placer County Visitors Center staff and volunteers, to answer fairgoers' questions.

The current exhibit is located in the State Fair Counties Building, and the State Fair runs through Labor Day, Monday, September 3, 2001.



## Work Plan Approved for Nevada Street Construction Site

August 15, 2001

Construction work voluntarily halted in Auburn last week after the discovery of serpentine rocks onsite will begin again soon. Serpentine is a rock commonly occurring in California which sometimes contains asbestos fibers.

Laboratory testing results performed on the Nevada Street site have showed asbestos in serpentine rock samples collected at the Cinecon construction site. The work was voluntarily stopped at the request of Placer County Air Pollution Control District and Placer County Environmental Health while a plan for control measures was prepared. During the work stoppage the site has been kept wet to reduce any dust from blowing off the site.

Representatives of the Placer County Air Pollution Control District and the Placer County Environmental Health Services have reviewed and approved a work plan prepared by the contractor's consultant. This work plan will allow for trenching activity at the site. However, any further construction at the site is dependent on a comprehensive site assessment and work plan. All employees are receiving training on the handling of soils where asbestos is found.

According to Dr. Richard Burton, Placer County Public Health Officer, there is no increased risk to the community. All appropriate control measures are in place. Air monitoring will be conducted during construction to confirm mitigation measures are effective. Auburn City and Placer County staff will be documenting compliance with the plan several times per week on a random basis.

A comprehensive control measures plan for the entire project will be submitted shortly which identifies the extent of asbestos at the site and addresses the remainder of work. All requirements of the California Air Resources Board are being followed in handling the situation.

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No one other than authorized employees will be allowed access to the site.



## **August is Child Support Awareness Month**

August 15, 2001

On August 7, the Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to proclaim August as Child Support Awareness Month in Placer County. District 3 Supervisor Harriet White read the Board's proclamation, which stressed the important role the Child Support Services department plays in "assisting children & promoting strong family ties," and said "Awareness of the needs of children and the responsibilities of parents to provide for the support of their children benefits all Placer County residents."

The Child Support Services Department also extended its public service office hours from 8 to 5 Monday through Thursday to 7:30 to 5:30 Monday through Thursday, on a trial basis from September 3rd through December 31st. The extension is part of a major customer service initiative responding to recommendations from child support advocacy groups. The department plans to tell its clients about the expansion of office hours and evaluate their response before making the change permanent.

"We think this is an important signal and message to our clients," said Child Support Services Director Carl DePietro. "Many of our staff are already in the office at these hours, and we want to make our services available to the public for this extended period."

"It's a great idea," said Board Chair Bill Santucci, who represents District 1. "You're innovative in your thinking, and it's marvelous."

Also in response to suggestions from advocacy groups, the department has remodeled its public waiting area to serve its clients more effectively. To introduce the range of improved customer service efforts, the department will hold an open house at its office on Thursday, August 23, from 3:30 to 6:30 PM. The public is invited to the open house, which also will introduce the new customer service efforts to those who manage the complex child support services process, including county and state officials and managers, judges and other members of the legal system and law enforcement, local and state child support advocacy groups, and employers. The Child Support Services office is located at 11795 Education Street, Suite 101, in Auburn.

For more information, contact Annette Moody, 530-889-5782, or Cheri Fairchild, 530-886-4732, in the Child Support Services Department.



# County Nutrition Program Can Help Stretch Food Budget

August 9, 2001

For families having problems making their food budget meet family needs, the Placer County Women, Infants, and Children's - WIC - Nutrition Program may be able to help. The WIC program is designed to help pregnant and breastfeeding women and young children in Placer County meet their basic nutrition needs, to stay healthy.

"The three most important things to assure healthy and thriving children are good nutrition, physical activity, and close, meaningful relationships with their parents and other family members," said Dr. Richard Burton, Placer County Health Officer. "WIC has a long successful track record in providing important nutritional resources and education for women and children."

The WIC Program provides food vouchers for nutritious staples like milk, cheese, peanut butter, and eggs. The program also offers classes on nutrition and food purchasing and preparation, and on successful breastfeeding techniques for new mothers. Program requirements include having a child or children under five, or being pregnant or breastfeeding. There are also income requirements. For example, a family of four is eligible for the program if they make no more than \$32,653 a year. The application process is very simple.

To learn if you are eligible or for more information on the program, call the Placer County WIC Program office at 530-889-7187, or 1-800-829-7199 toll-free in Placer County. This program may be a good way to help stretch a tight family food budget.



## Construction Site Voluntarily Closed Pending Tests on Rocks

August 8, 2001

An Auburn construction project has been halted pending the results of geologic tests on the serpentine rocks discovered on the site.

Placer County Health Department and Air Pollution Control staff have asked the contractor to stop work voluntarily on the site located on Nevada Street as a precaution while tests for asbestos takes place. Serpentine sometimes contains asbestos fibers which can be hazardous to health if they become airborne, however there is no confirmation of asbestos on this site at this point. Nevada Street remains open. Signs are being posted which warn of a potential health hazard and advise people to stay off the site. Appropriate steps are being taken to keep people out of the construction area.

Site contractors have been cooperating in the investigation, which was launched after serpentine rock was discovered on site. They have voluntarily ceased construction.

The Placer County Environmental Health and Air Pollution Control Districts are notifying immediate neighbors of the testing and assessment.

"Based on available information, there is no threat to residents as long as they stay off the site," said Dr. Richard Burton, Placer County Public Health Officer. "As a precaution the site is being managed as if asbestos is present until the situation has been fully assessed."

All requirements established by the California Air Resources Board will be followed in handling the situation.

More information will be released as soon as it becomes available. Test results will not be available today.



## Wiring Harness Manufacturer Brings New Industry to Foresthill

August 8, 2001

Blaylock's, an electrical wiring harness manufacturer, broke ground on a 54,000 square foot manufacturing facility in Foresthill today on the site of an old lumbermill which closed in 1993 and ended 250 jobs. Blaylock's is owned by Jim and Karen Paul, originally from the Bay Area, who chose Placer County as the place to expand their business. The company will bring nearly 100 new jobs to Foresthill, with possible future growth.

Economic development officials say that Blaylock's may be the catalyst for a new industrial park on the site, and together with development of a new high school next door, an opportunity to bring more new businesses to a liveable small town setting.

"It was just as easy to choose Sacramento over Foresthill," said Jim Paul. "But we chose Foresthill because of the quality of life the area has to offer and the mill site offered a solution; the only flat piece of ground big enough for our new building."

The redevelopment of the former Georgia Pacific Mill site has been a cooperative project involving Placer County, the Foresthill community and the State of California's California Mill Reuse Pilot Program. The program's goal is to establish new economic ventures on the sites of former California mills, after mitigating any hazardous materials left from the mill work. Administered through the California Technology, Trade and Commerce Agency, the program is funded by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. In addition to cleaning up areas of possible environmental concern, the program is designed to provide economic stimulus in communities like Foresthill, which have lost jobs due to changes in the timber industry.

"Foresthill was accepted as a pilot site because of the ongoing support and vision shown by the community and the property owners of the former mill site," said Bruce Grogan, Deputy Secretary for Economic Development for the California Technology, Trade and Commerce Agency. "Especially important was the community's desire to recover Foresthill's sense of place and culture while redeveloping a site to attract clean industries

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and companies which wanted to share its values."

"This new plant is a wonderful opportunity for the Foresthill community," noted Supervisor Rex Bloomfield. "Community leaders and I are very pleased to bring jobs to this area. We want people to be able to work where they live."



## Sewer Fees Raised "Reluctantly"

August 8, 2001

Yesterday Placer County Supervisors approved what they saw as "difficult but necessary" increases to user fees for Placer County Sewer Districts and some other special districts.

In their recommendation to the Board, staff cited the need to make sure districts comply with increasingly strict state laws, 50 percent increases in electrical and fuel costs, and maintenance of aging water collection systems, liftstations and equipment. These costs are funded through user fees.

Under the law, sewer maintenance districts (SMDs) and other community service areas (CSAs) must be funded by the residents and businesses using the system. Separate, additional fees are charged for new connections to the sewer system and annexations. During the last few years, SMD-1, which serves the Auburn area, and SMD-2, which serves the Auburn Folsom Road/Granite Bay areas have been required to make significant and costly improvements to the sewer systems. In some cases in the past, reserves have been used for operating expenses to avoid raising fees.

In 1997 SMD-1 was actually fined \$50,000 for failure to comply with new laws. The Cities of Auburn and Folsom have also faced enforcement actions.

All supervisors expressed dismay at the prospect of raising fees to meet expenses and pay for improvements. Supervisor Robert Weygandt noted that problems will be solved if the new regional wastewater treatment facilities, proposed for the Lincoln area, is constructed. It will serve six jurisdictions and allow closure of several aging treatment plants, which are expensive to maintain.

"This important project will improve the environment," he said. "Because we've been fiscally and environmentally responsible for the past five years, Congress has so far helped us with \$2.2 million from the Clean Water Act to begin the planning process for this important project. It will improve the environment, however they are not willing to backfill if we are irresponsible with maintenance." Large, modern facilities are much

more efficient, meet current standards and spread the costs over more users.

"We don't want to raise the fees, and staff are trying to do the right thing," said Supervisor Harriet White. "Previous boards did not raise fees, now we must raise them to a level where it's feasible to take care of these aging systems. I don't want to do this, but I have to."

"I share your frustration," noted Supervisor Bloomfield. "However on the flipside, if we're fined, all users must pay, and we will be mandated to fix the system."

In SMD-1, monthly user fees will climb over three years from \$38.75 to \$44.75 effective July 1, 2001, to \$51.50 effective July 1, 2003.

In SMD-2, which ties into the Roseville Waste Water Treatment plant, monthly fees will climb from \$20.50 to \$27.00 effective July 1, 2001 to \$34.75 effective July 1, 2003. "By working with Facility Services, I made sure that our solution to soften the impact was prudent and responsible," said District 4 Supervisor Ted Gaines.

Residents of mobile homes in SMD-2 will receive a 27 percent sewer rate reduction. By metering wastewater discharges from mobile home communities the county has determined that these homes only produce an average of 73 percent as much wastewater as is produced by a typical single family residence. Therefore, residents of these communities will only be charged 73 percent of the adopted user fees. "This savings will make their current payment lower, even with the increase," noted Supervisor Ted Gaines.

Other one year increases were recommended for SMD-3, Sheridan, Applegate, Livoti, and Blue Canyon. Facility Services staff do not anticipate needing significant future increases for the SMD-1 and SMD-2 unless state or federal regulations mandate major changes.

"Facing fee increases like this is every elected official's nightmare," said Chairman Bill Santucci. "Each of us have worked with staff to see where costs can be reduced. But the truth is that we must do it now or do it later and face significant regulation, fines and all the expenses."



# North Auburn MAC to Host First Briefing on Work Force Housing

August 7, 2001

The North Auburn Municipal Advisory Committee (MAC) will host the first of a series of community presentations on the county's work force housing program. The MAC will meet Tuesday, August 14, beginning at 7 p.m. at the County Adminstrative Center, 175 Fulweiler Ave. in Auburn.

Staff from the Placer County Redevelopment Agency will describe the county's overall responsibilities, requirements and opportunities to assist in developing quality housing for working residents rather than highlighting any specific project. Focusing on the myths and realities of work force housing, the presentation will be repeated throughout the county in different communities to interested community groups.

"Our work force housing program is open to households earning up to 80 percent of the median income," noted Harriet White, District 3 Supervisor, whose supervisorial duties also include the Redevelopment Agency Board.

"According to our salary survey, our work force housing would be serving workers such as starting teachers, police officers and firefighters; certified nursing assistants; grocery clerks; school secretaries; and library assistants."

"The state's housing policies set local standards for the community to provide quality housing for all income levels within the county, and Placer has a responsibility to assure that opportunities to construct work force housing are available," explained Rich Colwell, Redevelopment Director. "If the Redevelopment Agency has a role as a lender in housing development, it may require such things as responsible onsite management, a good maintenance program and careful screening of tenants to help build good neighborhoods."

Supervisor Rex Bloomfield has arranged for a second workshop, to be held on Sept. 10 in Foresthill as part of the Foresthill Forum meeting, with many others anticipated. Any community group which would like a presentation should contact the Placer County

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Redevelopment Agency at 530-889-4245.

"I hope you will take time to visit this informative and important presentation," said Supervisor White.



# Learn the Keys to First-Time Homeownership from the Experts

August 1, 2001

The County of Placer is hosting a First Time Home Buyers Seminar on Wednesday, August 8th, 2001 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. This free event will take place at Sierra Valley Title Company, located near Highway 80 on 13555 Bowman Road, Suite 200, in Auburn.

The seminar is part of Placer County's work force housing development program, in this case a first-time homebuyer program through the Placer County Redevelopment Agency designed to help families purchase first homes in unincorporated Placer County. Placer's first time homebuyer program is funded through the California Housing and Community Development Department. To qualify, households must earn 80 percent or less of the median income of Placer County.

At the seminar, panelists will explain how to qualify for deferred payments, low-interest loans, and silent second mortgages, all tools which make it possible for income-qualified families and individuals to become homeowners.

Joe Serrano, Senior Redevelopment Specialist for Placer County, will moderate the program. Patrick Talbot, Community Development Specialist for the non-profit Mercy Housing California, will explain Placer County's Down Payment Assistance Program which allows \$35,000 in deferred payment second mortgages. Mary Ravitz, Director of Marketing for the State's Rural Home Mortgage Finance Authority brings her expertise in the Rural Access Program. Kelly Gibson, representing private sector lending institutions, will describe the California Variance Program, which has been designed to satisfy the federal Community Reinvestment Act requirements. Additionally, the non-profit Home Loan Counseling Center will outline their Homeownership 101 class to assist buyers in the homeownership process. Applications for these programs will be available on site, and staff will assist those who are interested.

"The Placer County Home Buyers Seminar will help potential first time homeowners find

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the necessary information, resources and tools on the special loan programs offered through Placer County," said Serrano. "It's an easy way to learn what's available and what to do." Interested persons are encouraged to call 530-889-4239.



### **Granite Bay and Loomis Road Work Schedule**

July 31, 2001

Good summer weather means it's time for Placer County road improvement projects. County road crews and contractors do important preventive maintenance work on county roads to extend the life of county roads and improve their quality and smoothness. This year, the Board of Supervisors added \$3.25 million for county road maintenance, beyond the amount already budgeted for roads.

While the work is important to county residents and visitors, it can also affect driving plans. It's good to know in advance when work is planned in your area, to leave a little extra time in your driving schedule. The road maintenance scheduled on Placer County roads in the Granite Bay and Loomis areas is chip and seal work. Chip and seal seals the road surface and also fills in minor surface cracks.

This work schedule is the most current schedule information available for road maintenance work by county crews and the county contractor. However, changes in weather and equipment difficulties may cause schedule changes at any time.

The tentative schedule for maintenance work on all or portions of these roads:

- August 1, 2001 Country Court, Lakevista Court, N. Lakeshore Boulevard, Magellan Drive, Oak Vista Way, and Hudson Court
- August 2, 2001 Lake Court, Sierra Drive, Lakeshore Drive, Mooney Drive, Ridge Way, Hill Road, Lupin Lane, Meadow Lark Lane, Auberry Court, Sandstone Court, Granite Oaks Drive, and Park Vista Drive
- August 3, 2001 Hill Road, Red Bud Lane, Moony Road
- August 6, 2001 Bainbridge Court, Bronson Drive, Crest Court, Harrogate Court, Weatherby Court, Twig Court, Capella Drive, E. and W. Granite Drive, Lakeland Drive, Shadowood Court, Woodborough Drive, Woodridge Way
- August 7, 2001 Mia Linda Court, Conquistador Court, Acorn Drive, Dove Court, W. and E. Granite Drive, Lakeland Drive, Breeze Way, Oak Knoll Drive
- August 8, 2001 Long Meadow Road, Royall Oaks Drive, Almond Knoll Court, Itchy Acres Road, and Miners Meadow Court

Placer County has over 1,000 miles of county-maintained roads. Routine roadway maintenance protects the county's investment in its essential infrastructure. For further information on this and other road work, call the county road construction office, at 530-889-7558.



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The tentative schedule for maintenance work on all or portions of these roads:

- August 1, 2001 Apple Lane, Delores Drive, Kellie Lane, Wimbledon Drive, and Copper Penny Lane
- August 2, 2001 Foothill Oaks Drive, Rolling Oaks Court, Linda Drive, Live Oak Way, Lilac Lane, Live Oak Lane, Channel Hill Road, Racquet Club Drive, and Opal Drive.
- August 3, 2001 Channel Hill Road, Galena Drive, Tahoe Street, Sunshine Way, Panorama Way, Meadow Brook Drive, Country Meadows Court, and Meadow Brook Court
- August 20, 2001 Garth Lane, Net Lane, Tahoe Street, Garnet Way, Park Drive, the parking lot at the end of Park Drive, Rainbow Valley Lane, and Tony Herrington Drive.

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# CIMBL Earns State Outstanding Environmental Achievement Award

July 30, 2001

Just in time for its seven-year anniversary, CIMBL (Citizens Involved Means Better Living) has received first place in Keep California Beautiful's Outstanding Environmental Achievement Award.

The award, given for Outstanding Volunteers in a community group, will be officially presented to founder Hal Albertson by California's First Lady, Mrs. Sharon Davis, in a luncheon on August 23 in Sacramento.

"I am very pleased that CIMBL was chosen for this award," said Albertson. "It is wonderful that our dedicated volunteers were recognized in this way."

August 6 marks CIMBL's seventh anniversary. Since its start in 1994 the group has collected 14,786 bags of roadside trash, retrieved 1,488 tires and cleaned a total of 1,563 miles.

When asked why he started CIMBL, Albertson said, "I wanted to make Placer County roads the cleanest in the state. The roads were beautiful but dirty, and we decided to do something about it."

On Saturday Aug. 11 volunteers will meet at 8 a.m. at Fowler's Nursery on Virginiatown Road, which is where the group held its first cleaning event seven years ago. Volunteers are reminded to bring hats and work gloves, and wear comfortable shoes. For more information about CIMBL, contact Albertson at (916) 645-3599 or the CIMBL hotline at (530) 886-5250.



## Volunteers Sought to Repair McKinney-Rubicon Springs Road

July 30, 2001

Placer County and the Friends of the Rubicon, a volunteer organization, are seeking volunteers to help repair drainage features on the upper portion of McKinney-Rubicon Springs Road, the unpaved access road to the world-renowned Rubicon Trail, located near Homewood in the Lake Tahoe Basin.

This popular trail is widely used by recreationalists including hikers, backpackers, cross country skiers and off-road enthusiasts. During a special volunteer weekend August 18 and 19, volunteers are needed to help restore the trail in order to reduce the impact of its use on water quality within the Lake Tahoe Basin.

During this event organized by Friends of the Rubicon and Placer County, volunteers will help to rebuild drainage features in the roadway according to Placer County's restoration plan by placing rocks to protect rolling dips and water bars. Volunteers are also needed to assist with food preparation, equipment maintenance, if necessary, litter removal, and other event support roles. Friends of the Rubicon is an informal coalition of groups and individuals dedicated to keeping the Rubicon Trail open and available to all recreationalists.

"We encourage anyone who is interested in preserving access to this road and water quality in the Lake Tahoe Basin to help us with this important project," said Rebecca Bond, Placer County Public Works Department.

Although the County has maintained about four miles of this public road since 1985, this is the first collaborative trail repair event that the County has hosted. This effort is expected to benefit all types of trail users by ensuring that the trail is kept in good shape for withstanding continued use while minimizing wet season washing of sediment into McKinney Creek and Lily and Miller lakes. The County hopes to continue to develop this cooperative trail maintenance program over the years to come.

If you can help, please contact Rebecca Bond at Placer County Public Works, (530) 889-7615, or <a href="mailto:rbond@placer.ca.gov">rbond@placer.ca.gov</a> . Complete information and confirmation of your volunteer assignment will be provided to you.

"Placer County and FOTR would like to thank the volunteers who have signed up already," Bond said. "We appreciate your dedication and look forward to working with you during this important and historic event."



### **Supervisor Gaines to Hold Monthly Breakfast Meetings**

July 24, 2001

Starting on September 12, 2001, Supervisor Ted Gaines will hold monthly no-host breakfast meetings at restaurants within his district. At each meeting, he'll provide a brief update on items of district interest and concern, and time for questions from residents. The meetings will be held the second Wednesday of each month, with a holiday break. The meeting schedule is below, and will also be available on the Board's Web page (www.placer.ca.gov/bos).

The first meeting will be on Wednesday, September 12, from 7:30 to 8:30 AM at the La Bou restaurant at 1730 Douglas Boulevard. Supervisor Gaines will hold meetings in Roseville, Rocklin, Loomis, and Granite Bay, and they will rotate each month to a different area restaurant.

Although Supervisor Gaines attends the monthly meetings of the Granite Bay Municipal Advisory Council and the Horseshoe Bar Advisory Council, the breakfast meetings will provide additional informal opportunities to provide information, answer questions and address the concerns of local residents. It is not necessary to order breakfast to attend the meetings.

While the breakfast meetings and Advisory Council meetings offer a convenient way to speak with Supervisors and county staff, Supervisor Gaines encourages residents to contact him on any subject by email (bos@placer.ca.gov), by mail to 175 Fulweiler Ave., Auburn, CA 95603, or by phone at the Board's Roseville office, at 916-787-8950. The Roseville office is located at 150 Cirby Hills Drive, Suite 1, in Roseville.

Date	Location
September 12, 2001	La Bou Restaurant, 1730 Douglas Boulevard, Granite Bay
October 10, 2001	Bernardo's, 1563 Eureka Road, Roseville
November 14, 2001	To be announced
December/January	holiday hiatus
February 13, 2002	To be announced
March 13, 2002	La Bou Restaurant, 1730 Douglas Boulevard, Granite Bay
April 10, 2002	Bernardo's, 1563 Eureka Road, Roseville

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May 8, 2002 June 12, 2002 To be announced

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# CIMBL Volunteers to Clean Up Taylor, King Roads in Loomis

July 20, 2001

Volunteers from CIMBL - Citizens Involved Means Better Living - will meet at 8 AM on Saturday, July 28, at the intersection of King and Taylor Roads, to clean up trash along those two roads.

"We'll do a great job along King Road, for certain, because we expect 20 or 25 volunteers," said Hal Albertsen, CIMBL founder and schedule organizer. "If we're lucky enough to get 30 or 40 volunteers, we want to clean up Taylor Road, too, from King to Sierra College Boulevard."

Volunteers should wear comfortable shoes, a hat, layered clothing, gloves, and sunscreen. CIMBL will supply safety vests, trash pick-up sticks, and plastic trash bags.

CIMBL has been keeping county roads clean for nearly seven years, with support from Placer County. With a membership of 400, CIMBL volunteers have picked up trash along 1,580 miles of county roads, and have collected 14,870 bags of roadside trash. Volunteers and county staff have also disposed of 1,506 old tires.

For further information about CIMBL itself or any CIMBL clean-up project, call Hal Albertsen at 916-645-3599. While it's unlikely during the summer, in case of threatening weather, volunteers should call 530-886-5250 to learn if the clean-up will be held.



#### Yellow Starthistle Control Advice Available

July 19, 2001

The Placer County Agricultural Commissioner's office is now offering free training and advice on how to control Yellow Starthistle, a highly invasive and obnoxious weed which is painful to step on, harmful to horses, and takes pasture and range land out of production.

Since its introduction into California in the 1850's, this weed whose bright yellow flowers are surrounded by thorns, has spread into most counties of the state. In Placer County, it has led to declining property values, decreased production of livestock forage, diminished wildlife habitat, and reduced recreational use of property on both private and public lands.

Control measures including mowing, grazing, hand-pulling, herbicide treatments and revegetation, can be effective in the control of YST, but the correct timing in utilizing each control method is critical. To participate in the county's program, a management plan must be developed by the property owner to control the weed over a three to five year period to decrease the seed population, and ultimately have a YST free property. A licensed Pest Control Advisor (PCA) is now available, free of charge, to meet with property owners at their site. The PCA will describe and recommend a variety of integrated control techniques, which can be tailored to meet specific land-use goals.

Pesticide use training will be required prior to receiving this free advice, which will be provided by appointment only at the Placer County Agricultural Commissioner's Office, located at 11477 E Avenue, (DeWitt Center), Auburn. To make an appointment, call (530) 889-7372 Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Although funds for this program are limited, a similar service may be provided next year for those who can't participate in the program this year.

The project is being done in cooperation with the Nevada/Placer Weed Management Area (NPWMA), which was formed through legislation passed in 1999 and 2000, part of the state's Integrated Weed Management Plan to wage war against invasive weeds in the county.

"This is a great opportunity for landowners to learn how to fight this invasive weed, which is a major problem in Placer County," noted Christine Turner, Placer County Agricultural Commissioner. "It spreads particularly easily in soil which has recently been graded. Most animals won't eat it, so the land can be of limited use. However, through diligence and incorporation of a good integrated weed management plan, Yellow Starthistle can be controlled. That's what our new program seeks to accomplish."



# Martis Valley Community Plan Update - Notice of Preparation

July 18, 2001

The Placer County Planning Department will be the lead agency preparing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Update to the Martis Valley Community Plan, originally written in 1975.

The plan is being rewritten to address new environmental and land use issues in the area, and to make sure the plan is consistent with the County's General Plan. Many changes have taken place, such as the incorporation of the Town of Truckee, the region's increased popularity with tourists, new development in the area, and the Highway 267 bypass route.

Residents, businesses, and agencies are invited to submit written comments regarding the kinds of environmental issues that the Environmental Impact Report should address. Placer County has identified such issues as water quality, air quality, traffic impacts, aesthetics of the area, open space preservation, wildlife impacts, and land use planning in relation to the plans of other agencies in the region, such as the Tahoe-Truckee Airport.

In addition, the cumulative impacts of development in the Plan area in combination with development in surrounding areas, has been identified as an impact to be addressed in the Plan EIR. Once the draft plan is completed, currently scheduled for September 2001, the public will have opportunities for comment on the plan's proposals in advance of the more formal public hearing process.

The Martis Valley Community Plan generally covers about 35 square miles of land between the Placer/Nevada County line on the north, Highway 89 on the west, the Lake Tahoe Basin on the South and the California/Nevada state line on the east.

All recommendations should be made in writing to the Placer County Planning Department by August 14; mail should be addressed to 11414 B Ave., Auburn, CA 95603, or faxed to 530-889-7499, or emails to planning@placer.ca.gov. A complete copy of the Notice of Preparation is also available. For more information, call 530-889-7470.

Martis Valley Community Plan Update - Notice of Preparation -- Placer County, Calif.

The draft EIR release will be announced through local news media.



### County Awarded Planning & Technical Assistance Grant for Housing in Foresthill

July 18, 2001

The County of Placer has been awarded a \$31,500 Planning and Technical Assistance grant from the Department of Housing and Community Development's (HCD) Community Development Block Grant program (CDBG). A recent letter from HCD confirmed the award.

The funds will be used in Foresthill, an area with unmet housing needs. The first task will be to inventory the condition of housing units. This exterior survey will allow Placer County to provide accurate information for grant applications, such as for work force housing, and to help identify programs and long term strategies to assist the Foresthill community.

Information received will help pinpoint which areas of Foresthill most need housing rehabilitation and what the need is overall. It will also help determine how to best meet the need for work force housing in the community, a strategy to be incorporated into Placer County's new housing element of the general plan.

The grant will also fund a study of income and needs assessment of households in Foresthill, and seek community perspective to prioritize the needs. This information may be used to help develop work force housing projects or services where the need is greatest.

This is the 8th successful grant application for Placer County, totaling \$1.7 million, to address work force housing issues in several different communities.

"Our new grant will bring a boost to work force housing in the Foresthill community, and will also support the housing rehabilitation efforts," noted Supervisor Rex Bloomfield.

"We are grateful for this opportunity."



### **County Road Improvements Under Way**

July 18, 2001

Improving county roads - a key priority for Supervisors during Placer County's 2000-2001 budget process- - is happening all over Placer these days as crews move forward on a number of major resurfacing projects.

A total of \$3.25 million is being spent beyond the County's normal road maintenance budget. This summer most of the money will be spent applying asphalt concrete overlay to almost 18 miles of roadway, providing a smoother ride and extending the useful life of the road by several years. Other roads will receive slurry seal or chip seal treatments, which also improve driving surfaces.

Road work schedules often change due to weather or equipment issues, however here are the locations where asphalt concrete overlay work is still taking place during July.

- Baseline Road west of Roseville (one mile west of Watt Ave. to Brewer) on Saturday July 21 and July 28, from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. There will be pilot cars and delays, so motorists would be wise to avoid the area, particularly as a route to the airport.
- McCourtney Rd. (Lincoln City limit to Wise Rd.), Thursday and Friday, July 19 and 20;
- Treelake (Roseville Pkwy. to Swan Lake) on Tuesday, July 24;
- Nicolaus Rd.near Lincoln (Canal Rd. to Critter Creek Rd.) during the first week of August.

Other roads or portions of road where work is nearly or totally complete include East Roseville Pkwy in Granite Bay, Auburn Folsom Rd. in the Loomis Basin, Oak Hill Dr., Bell Road in North Auburn (Joerger Rd. to Hubbard Lane), Stanley Dr. east of Auburn, Virginia Dr., Blue Grass Dr. north of Auburn, Moss Rock Dr., Colwell Rd. in Penryn,; and Citrus Colony Rd. in Penryn.

Schedules for applying chip seal on 99 roadway miles and slurry seal on 43 roadway

miles will be announced later. For more information contact the Placer County Public Works Department at 530-889-7565.

- Squaw Valley Rd. (Hwy. 89 to Squaw Creek Rd.);
- McKinney Rubicon Springs (McKinney Creek Rd. to Hwy. 89);
- Big Pine Dr. (Tahoe Park Heights Dr. to end);
- Silver Tip Dr. (Big Pine Rd. to end).



# In-home Support Services Advisory Committee Members Sought

July 18, 2001

Placer County Board of Supervisors is seeking up to 11 individuals to serve on an Inhome Support Services Advisory Committee.

In-home support services enable many elderly or disabled citizens of Placer County to live at home rather than in a care facility. Service providers may perform a number of household tasks, such as cooking, cleaning, laundry, grocery shopping, and helping the user with personal hygiene and minor medical needs.

At least 50% (6) of the advisory committee members must be current or past users of personal assistance services, and at least two members must be current or former providers of in-home supportive services.

The Board of Supervisors will appoint members in a meeting during the next few weeks.

Applications may be obtained from the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, located at 175 Fulweiler Ave. in Auburn, or by phoning (530) 889-4020. Also, <u>an application form is available on the Web site</u>.



#### Fire Season 2001 - How NOT to Burn

July 12, 2001

Facing one of the most potentially dangerous fire seasons in history, the California Dept. of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) and the County of Placer will host a Fire Forum to help you make your home and your family as safe as possible.

Planned for Saturday, July 21 at 8:30 a.m. at Placer High School Auditorium, the Forum will include presentations from 9:30 to 10:30, inside and outside displays until noon, and opportunities to ask questions about fire safety.

While summer fire season is always of concern, fires so far this year have burned earlier and hotter. "We are seeing a significant number and an increased intensity of fires," noted CDF Unit Chief Tony Clarabut, Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit. "The current fuel load today is what we usually find in August and September. From this date forward, unless the weather changes, fire season can only get worse."

"The number of fires so far this year has far exceeded the norm, yet July is still the early part of fire season, which can extend well into the fall," said Mike Boyle, Placer County Office of Emergency Services. "The year 2001 has the potential to be a very bad year."

What are the safest ways to deal with grass and brush removal during the summer? (See examples of "the good", "the bad" and "the burnt" mowing equipment.) What are the greatest dangers? What do maps show about past fires in your neighborhood? What are the ways residents can stay informed in an emergency? This kind of information and more will be shared at the Forum.

Concerned about the dangers of fire this year, Placer County Supervisor Harriet White decided to host the event with local fire agencies to educate the public and help people prepare for the coming fire season. She will moderate the presentations. Chief Clarabut will discuss CDF concerns and plans. The State Office of Emergency Services and Western Placer Fire Operational Coordinator Tony Corado will describe how multi agency fire response takes place.

Displays outside will include Placer County Fire's brush chipper, engines and dozers, and fire safe displays. Inside there will be fire prevention materials for visitors of all ages and maps describing fire history, hazards and mitigations. There will be information on how to make homes and properties safer, and a video of fire safe homes will be presented.

"An ounce of prevention still goes a long way as protection against a devastating fire, such as the 1992 Fawn Hill fire which burned several Placer County homes," said Chief Randy Smith, Placer Consolidated Fire Protection District. "Having a minimum 30-foot clearance around your home sharply limits a fire's ability to climb the fuel ladder - from grass to brush to trees and homes. However extreme care is necessary, since mowers start many fires in Placer County. Clearing your property is important, but do it on a day when the weather is cool, likely before 9 a.m. or after 7 p.m. – never when it's hot or breezy. And ALL power equipment is required to have spark arresters."

Additional information about clearance will be available at the Fire Forum, which is free to all residents and businesses. For more information, contact CDF Information Officer Tina Rose at 889-0111 or County Information Officer Anita Yoder at 530-889-4012.



### Cashing in on Environmental Inventions, Green-2-Gold Workshop to be held July 19

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**Who:** The Sierra College Small Business Development Center and the Placer

County Office of Economic Development's Recycling Market Development Zone, a program of the California Integrated Waste

Management Board, the state's primary recycling agency.

What: Cashing in on Environmental Inventions, a Green-2-Gold Workshop

**When:** Thursday, July 19, 2001, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Where:** Sierra College in Rocklin, CA

5000 Rocklin Road, Room W-110

Why: Do you have a wonderful idea that could help the environment and bring

you a profit? An upcoming economic development workshop could help you define your ticket to success. The workshop is open to the public and explores the secrets of success for inventors, product designers, and

entrepreneurs who have ideas for recycled-content and energy-saving

products.

Alan Arthur Tratner, workshop presenter, is the president of Inventors

Workshop

International, a nonprofit educational foundation located in Santa Barbara, California. He is an award-winning industrial product designer and inventor with eight patents. Tratner will share a step-by-step process on how to turn a creative idea into a commercial success through methods of developing, protecting, marketing and licensing your intellectual property.

**Registration is \$39 per person until July 12, and \$49 after that.** To register, send checks payable to Sierra College, c/o Placer County Economic Development, 175 Fulweiler Ave., Auburn, CA 95603.

For registration and other information, call the Small Business Development Center at (530) 885-5488.

The six-member Integrated Waste Management Board is responsible for protecting the public's health and safety and the environment through management of the estimated 66 million tons of solid waste generated in California each year. The Board works in partnership with local government, industry, and the public to reduce waste disposal and ensure environmentally safe landfills.

The Waste Board is one of six boards and departments within the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA).

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, Flex Your Power and visit the <a href="Integrated Waste">Integrated Waste</a> Management Board Web site (http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/).



### **Board Workshop Will Review Redistricting Planning**

July 5, 2001

Placer County Supervisors will conduct a workshop on Tuesday, July 10 at 11:15 a.m. to consider adjustments to the boundaries of the five supervisorial districts in response to the 2000 U.S. Census. The Board meeting takes place at the County Administrative Center in Auburn.

Placer County¹s population has increased dramatically since the last Census in 1990, up from 172,796 to 248,399 in 2000. However, growth has not been spread evenly, but has been more concentrated in the cities of South Placer. For example, the population of District 1 (67, 258 – the Roseville area) is now almost double the population of District 3 (37,294 - the Loomis Basin/Auburn area). District boundaries must be adjusted to make sure districts are nearly equal in population.

According to state law, Boards of Supervisors may give consideration to topography; geography; cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity and compactness of territory; and community of interests of the districts" in redistricting.

"Every constituent must be represented equally," noted John Marin, Administrative Officer to the Board. "The County has changed dramatically since we last tackled the challenge of redistricting in 1990. Under Placer County¹s General Plan, urban-style growth was directed to cities, which means that cities have grown three times as fast as the unincorporated area. This growth pattern has created the challenge we face in redistricting."

For the past few weeks, staff has configured numerous worksheets to divide districts more evenly, considering where population could be added or subtracted by areas, communities, or special boundaries such as Interstate 80, rail lines or natural boundaries.

One possible scenario, which will be reviewed on Tuesday, would do the following:

• Reduce the population of District 1 (Roseville) by moving areas near the Galleria

to District 2 (Lincoln/Rocklin);

- Reduce the population of District 4 (Granite Bay/Loomis/part of Rocklin) by moving the Town of Loomis to District 3 and more of Rocklin to District 2;
- Move the communities of Newcastle and Penryn to District 3 from District 2, and add a small portion of Rocklin near Sierra College;
- District 5 (Meadow Vista to Tahoe) would approximate the City boundaries of Auburn, north on Highway 49 to Dry Creek Road including the Auburn Valley Country Club area. Residents of the City of Auburn will remain in District 3.

According to the U.S. Census, during the last 10 years, Auburn has grown 17 percent, Colfax 14.5 percent, Lincoln 54.6 percent, Loomis 9.7 percent, Rocklin 93.2 percent, Roseville 78.9 percent, and the unincorporated area 19.4 percent. Placer County has grown 43.8 percent overall, with 67 percent of the growth occurring in urban areas.

Supervisors plan to complete the redistricting plan by early August. "We need final boundaries as soon as possible in order to begin preparations for primary elections in the spring," noted Jim McCauley, County Clerk-Recorder-Registrar of Voters. Large maps of potential redistricting plans will be available for review in the Board of Supervisors office next week.

For further information, contact John Marin in the Board's office at 530-889-4010 or Public Information Officer Anita Yoder at 530-889-4012.



### County Employees of the Year are Honored

June 21, 2001

For immediate release

Four individuals have been honored for their public service as "County Employee of the Year" by the County of Placer.

Carol McNeely, of the Public Works Dept., was honored for leadership, while Annette Moody, Child Support Services, was selected for her dedication and commitment. Miya Weber of Probation was honored for innovation, and Sheriff's Deputy David Hunt was recognized for public service.

County Executive Officer Jan Christofferson announced the awards in lunch time ceremonies before more than 1,000 employees at DeWitt Center today. Placer County's Employee Recognition Program is sponsored by the Board of Supervisors and the County Executive Office, and conducted by the Organizational Development Division. It is designed to bestow recognition for outstanding performance in the areas of leadership, innovation, dedication and commitment, public service and sustained contributions.

Four employee teams were also recognized for achievements. The Child Support Services establishment team was honored for public service, the solid waste management team from Facility Services for innovation, supervisors from Children's System of Care for leadership, and the Public Health Laboratory for dedication and commitment.

Nominations for the awards come from employees, and an employee team selects the winners. This year more than 250 employees received nominations, including those for teams.

Miya Weber created a First Offender program for children younger than 12. Placer County's well-established First Offender program has been successful in bringing older children and their parents to classes to hold children accountable for their actions, to define the risks of using drugs, and to hear presentations from inmates at the California

Youth Authority and Juvenile Court Commissioner. Miya's new program through the Children's System of Care is much better tailored to serve approximately 60 young children each year, noted Probation Manager Gaylen Halbert.

Carol McNeely "sets her goals high and inspires others to succeed," noted Tim Hackworth, Acting Public Works Director. "She provides leadership for others to think creatively. While she was honored for leadership, she could fit every category, as an innovator, a public servant, and a dedicated and committed employee."

Rather than accepting cumbersome processes, Annette Moody "jumps in with both feet" and begins a collaborative effort to fix them, said Carl DePietro, Director of Child Support Services (CCS). "She epitomizes the vision and new direction of our department," he noted, citing how her collaborative efforts with court staff are now speeding the process to begin new child support collection.

Sheriff's Deputy David Hunt, Problem Oriented Policing (POP) officer for North Lake Tahoe, was honored for his work with a community problem solving task force in Kings Beach. "He has worked tirelessly and done a stellar job with a positive impact on the community," said Capt. Kent Hawthorne.

As part of Health and Human Services' Childrens System of Care and ACCESS, client services supervisors handle very difficult cases wherein children and families are involved in difficult and emotionally traumatic situations. "They are team oriented, work closely with others, and exemplify the leadership qualities we should all aspire to," said CSOC Director Bud Bautista in honoring the team for leadership. Honorees included Wanda Adams, Jennifer Cook, Lisa Grimaldi, Karralynn Keefe, Steve Korosec, Kathy Lapham, Diane Murden, Kelly Post, Julie Resendes and Lani Thomas.

"Facility Services' Solid Waste Management team solves complex problems and challenges, and have helped reduce landfill tipping fees, and make recreation areas possible in conjunction with closed landfills," said Facility Services Director Tom Miller in presenting the team award for innovation. Staff members recognized were Dierdre Belding, Thom Carmichael, Will Dickinson, T. D. Martin, Eric Oddo, Walt Schwall, Frank Soares and Bill Zimmerman.

Public Health Laboratory staff members provide important services often unknown to the community, Dr. Richard Burton noted in presenting an award for dedication and commitment. He cited tests for water cleanliness, measuring lead exposure in children, determining the potential danger of rabies exposure from a skunk, identifying the source of food borne illness, deciding whether a tick may carry Lyme disease, and helping to document an individual's success in getting off drugs. Lab staff include Director Mark Miller, Diana Crane, Sharlet Elms, Sue Jacinto, Jim Karpowicz, Janet Longueira, Debbie

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Rhoades and Chris Rhodes.

Members of the CSS Establishment unit received recognition for public service in setting up the mechanisms for child support to be collected. Pamela Mc Manis, CSS, noted that beginning child support can be "a difficult and emotional time" for both the custodial and non-custodial parent, and stressed the positive support offered by staff. The unit includes Nubia Anthony, Diane Boche, Joan Cameron, Caroline Dimmen, Joy Espinola, Hazel Hicks, Diane Johnson, Sharon Jonas, Pamela Mc Manis, Lisa Millanes, Kathie Neil, Vickie Nichols, Sue Ellen Pinckard, Lori Reed, Linda Sudtell, Annamae Thexton, Lynn Weaver and Bette Wescott.



### **Placer County to Host Energy Forum**

June 18, 2001

Placer County, Supervisor Harriet White and the Regional Council of Rural Counties (RCRC) will host an informational forum on the California Energy Crisis on Thursday, June 28.

Scheduled to take place from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Burback Hall in DeWitt Center, Auburn, the forum will feature status reports from local agencies and information for residents and businesses on how to prepare. Of particular interest will be information on energy self-generation and financing options. Burback Hall is located at 11577 E Ave.

Dr. Lon House, energy advisor to the Regional Council of Rural Counties, will speak on the California Summer of 2001: Get Ready. David Breninger, Director, Placer County Water Agency will address how the local public utility is coping with the crisis. Mike Boyle, Assistant Director, Placer County Office of Emergency Services (OES), will detail how OES has prepared. Bob Fratini, Governmental Affairs for P.G.&E., will explain the utility's role in the energy crisis.

Energy self-generation speakers include Steve Coonen, Vice President, Atlantic Energy, on solar photovoltaics; Harza Energy on microturbines, and Linda Mott Jones, Special Projects Coordinator for RCRC, on government rebates and incentives and financing options.

"Residents need to understand the realities of the energy situation and the importance of their response," said Supervisor White. "Using energy wisely is different than merely conserving it. Turning off a light conserves energy, but leaves you in the dark. In contrast, changing from an incandescent light bulb to a fluorescent one conserves energy while lighting a room.

"With the forum, I hope to generate sufficient interest in alternative energy production that the Auburn area becomes a model community for the state of California. People need to know, for instance, if their homes had photovoltaic panels, they could produce energy

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for the system during the day while the residents are not at home.

"Come to the Forum and learn what's available. There's <u>further information available on</u> <u>our Web site</u>, which we'll continue to update for you."



## Children's Low-cost Immunizations Offered during Annual Northern California Immunization Days

June 18, 2001

Contact: Dr. Richard Burton, M.P.H., Placer County Public Health Officer, 530-889-7141, or Vicki Spannagel, Director, Placer County Public Health Nursing, 530-889-7106.

"Don't Wait to Vaccinate!" That's the theme for the 5th Annual Northern California Immunization Days, planned locally for the week of June 25-29 when children can receive low cost vaccinations at clinics in four counties including Placer, Sacramento, El Dorado and Yolo. This is the second time this year that Northern California Immunization Days are being held in Placer County.

"Children need to be vaccinated against 10 life threatening diseases, yet almost 30 percent of the valley's two-year-olds are not fully protected," explained Dr. Richard Burton, Placer County Public Health Officer. "Toddlers should be fully immunized before their second birthday to protect them against vaccine-preventable diseases, like the measles, which can result in serious complications."

Sponsored by Placer County and Kaiser Permanente, here is the list of Placer County sites where families can receive low cost immunizations on Northern California Immunization Days:

**Placer County Health Dept. Community Clinic in Auburn**, Tuesday, June 26, and Friday, June 29, 11484 B Ave., 1 to 4 p.m. (call 530-889-7175);

Placer County Health Dept. Community Health Clinic in Roseville, 1130 Conroy, Suite 402; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, June 25th; and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 28 th (530-889-7175);

Placer County Health Dept. Community Health Clinic in Kings Beach, Monday, June 25, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 4 p.m.; 8665 Salmon Ave., in Kings Beach (530-546-7261).

For information about any of these sites call 530-889-7175; for sites outside Placer County, call 916-875-SHOT, or health departments in Sacramento, El Dorado or Yolo County.

Last year, nearly 900 children were immunized on Northern California Immunization Day. Between 1996 and 2000, the "Don't Wait to Vaccinate" campaign has resulted in a 16% increase in the number of immunizations given in El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento and Yolo counties. This year's four-county effort seeks to reach 3,000 children.

Kaiser Permanente, the nation's fourth largest non-profit health maintenance organization, is sponsoring the collaborative effort with County Health Departments through a \$60,000 grant. "The goal of complete immunization for all children will only be reached by cooperative community effort," said Paul Phinney, MD, Chief of Pediatrics for Kaiser Permanente in Sacramento. "The physicians and staff at Kaiser Permanente are proud to be part of this important community service that benefits the health and well-being of our children."

The collaboration between Placer, El Dorado, Yolo and Sacramento County Public Health Departments is an important element to the success of Northern California Immunization Days.



### **Genzlinger Recognized for Community Service**

June 14, 2001

On Wednesday, June 6, at the monthly Granite Bay Municipal Advisory Council meeting, District 4 Supervisor Ted Gaines recognized and thanked 8-year veteran MAC member Garry Genzlinger for his many years of community service.

"Garry's years of work on the MAC, in fire protection matters, and with local young people have benefited the whole community," said Gaines. "His willingness Garry Genzlinger and Supervisor Ted Gaines

to pitch in and help is the spirit that makes the Granite Bay and Roseville communities such great places to live."



### Want To Be A Movie or TV Star?

6/12/01

If you've ever wanted to work in the movies or on TV, here's your chance! As a service to its film company clients and Placer County residents, the <u>Placer - Lake Tahoe Film Office</u> announces an open casting call presented by the Media Casting company this Saturday and Sunday, June 16 and 17, from 11 AM to 7 PM, in Sacramento, at The Studio Center, at 915 Fee Drive.

Media Casting, a Placer County based casting company, is holding the call to identify possible film and TV actors and extras. The company is seeking adults and children of all ethnic backgrounds for several possible projects this summer and fall, including a feature film, a western project for The History Channel, and a series of independent films designed for video release. Media Casting has substantial experience over ten years in supplying cast members for feature films, commercials, TV shows, and industrial and special projects.

The Placer - Lake Tahoe Film Office has an important and growing role in Placer County's economic development. When film and TV crews shoot in Placer County, they add excitement to the local scene and highlight the county's historic sites and natural beauty. Crews often employ county residents in their productions, and can bring millions of dollars of revenue each year to county businesses.

The Studio Center is located at 915 Fee Drive. To reach the Center, take Business I-80 to Exposition Blvd. Turn west on Exposition Blvd., then north (right) on Tribute Road, which turns into Fee Drive. Follow the posted signs to the casting call.

Media Casting will also offer two free seminars, on a first-come, first-served basis:

Saturday, June 16 - The Business of Acting, by Actor/Coach Charlie Holliday

Sunday, June 17 - Voiceovers, by Industry Expert Susan Hayward

Attendees should bring a close-up photo to be considered for the summer and fall 2001 projects. Those who wish to be put on permanent file or who want to update existing files with Media Casting may register at the casting call. For further information, members of the public can call Media Casting at 916-556-0926.



### County 150th Anniversary Exhibits at County Fair

In April of 1851, just months after the Gold Rush changed Northern California forever, the County of Placer was created by the California Legislature, making it the oldest institution in the region today.

Historic exhibits and activities celebrating Placer County¹s 150 years of service will take place during the Placer County Fair, June 7 - 10, at the Fairgrounds in Roseville. Visiting the exhibits will offer a glimpse of county government 150 years ago and a good look at the services available today, hosted by the Placer County Board of Supervisors. (The Placer County Fair is in Roseville, at 800 All American Boulevard.)



On Saturday and Sunday, from noon to 8 p.m., volunteers from the Mother Lode Goldhound Association will help you learn how to pan for gold. What you find, you get to keep! Your gold will be "recorded" by the County Clerk-Recorder, just as mining claims were in the 1850¹s. You can also practice for the Placer County Gold Panning Championships planned for September 6 - 9 at the Gold Country Fair in Auburn.

Old maps, such as those of Joel Parker Whitney¹s Citrus Colony in Penryn, and historic photos will be on display. ³This Old Truck², a vintage snowplow used to clear steer grades in North Lake Tahoe and Iowa Hill, now restored by Placer County Public Works, will be there.

You can view the Assessor¹s parcel maps of Roseville in 1926, or pull a parcel map of your property today. In 1851,County assessed value topped \$300,000; today it¹s more than \$23 billion. Meanwhile the County¹s population has climbed from 10,784 in 1852 to more than 257,500 in 2001. Old election displays remember the days when ballot boxes were hung on trees for "convenience", which resulted in greater numbers of ballots being

cast than the number of residents. Modern voting information is also on display. The Treasurer-Tax Collector and Auditor-Controller¹s office will also have major displays.

Storytellers from the Placer County Library will entertain children and the young at heart. The award-winning and ever popular Bernhard Museum display, with its animated historic characters, will revisit the fair.

Placer County Sheriff, District Attorney and Probation displays will feature modern crime fighting technologies and a glimpse back at how criminal justice used to be accomplished.

Hope to see you at the Fair!

Here's more information on the daily fair schedule.



### Students Enjoy First Tahoe Area County Government Day

June 5, 2001

Nearly 400 children from Tahoe Lake, Rideout and Kings Beach Schools were treated to an unusual up-close look at services during Placer County Government Day last month.

County staff from departments including the Sheriff, Elections, Health, Planning, Facility Services, Animal Shelter, Public Works, Probation and Courts spent the day at Tahoe Lake School explaining the work they do and its importance to the community.

This is the first year that Placer County Government Day has been held in North Lake Tahoe. While students may receive information about state and federal government, residents often don't understand the responsibilities and services provided by county. Since 2001 marks the 150th anniversary of Placer County government, it seems particularly important to reach out to our students.

Students took a close look at snow removal equipment and learned about its dangers. They visited "This Old Truck," a vintage snowplow vehicle now restored, which cleared Tahoe roads 50 years ago, and checked out old photos and maps.

The pupils used real voting equipment and learned about new parks planned for the Tahoe area. Planners explained how land development decisions are made with the community's input, and emphasized the importance of civic involvement.

Animal Shelter staff brought along a special homeless dog, explaining the tragedy of animal over-population problems and the need for responsible pet ownership.

The Placer County Sheriff's Office brought an array of team members and their specialized equipment, including the helicopter and snowmobile so useful in search and rescue.

And the Health Department stressed the value of supporting relationships.





### Deputy DA Penney Selected as Prosecutor of the Year

Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey Penney has been named Placer County's "Prosecutor of the Year" for the Year 2000 by his peers in the District Attorney's Office.

The District Attorney's (DA) Office has selected a Prosecutor of the Year annually since 1994 in memory of Deputy DA Anne Marie Bourgeois, a highly respected local prosecutor who died following a tragic fire. The award recognizes the hard work and professional skills of the county's deputy district attorneys.

District Attorney Brad Fenocchio presented the award at the Placer County Board of Supervisors' meeting on May 29. "Jeff Penney was selected by his peers for his excellence as a prosecutor," said DA Fenocchio. "We'd like to honor Jeff for his efforts, his accomplishments, his enthusiasm, his courage, and his excellence in prosecuting cases."

"I am truly honored," said Penney. "There's nothing which could mean more to me as a Deputy District Attorney than to receive an award based on the respect, confidence, and the support of my colleagues. I've learned (at the D.A.'s office) that you're entrusted with power that affects people's lives, that affects people's freedom, and that power must be used judiciously."

"You have three basic duties when you prosecute a person," he continued. "That is, one, to make sure you protect the community, second, to make sure that you are a voice for the victims, and third, to make sure that the interests of justice are served with the prosecution."

Penney was raised in Penryn and graduated from Del Oro High School. His family has a history of involvement in law enforcement. His father is a former police officer, one of his three brothers is a California Highway Patrol officer and the other two brothers are practicing attorneys.

He joined the DA's office more than seven years ago after prosecuting civil cases for several years. Recent criminal cases where Penney has obtained convictions include an insurance fraud-arson incident resulting in murder, a drug and home-invasion case, and a

vehicular manslaughter case. He is also active in other professional capacities, and is a department liaison with the Roseville and Rocklin Police Departments, and a participant in peer court. The South Placer resident also teaches criminal justice courses at Sierra College at night.



### **Open House for New Placer County Cirby Hills Center**

May 24, 2001

The Placer County Mental Health Board will welcome medical professionals, neighbors and the general public to an open house on May 30, 2001 of the new Placer County Cirby Hills Center from 4:30 to 6:30 PM at 101 Cirby Hills Court, in Roseville.

Open house activities will include tours of the facility from 4:30 to 6:30, and a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 5:30 PM. Refreshments will also be served.

The Cirby Hills Center, formerly Charter Hospital, houses offices for several county departments, including the Supervisors serving the South Placer area, the health and human services Adult, Child and Community Emergency Services System (ACCESS) and the Adult System of Care (ASOC), as well as inpatient facilities for mental health patients. The Center has given the county the opportunity to consolidate offices and services from several other locations in the Roseville area and improve its service to South Placer residents.



# Yellow Starthistle Control Workshop on Thursday, May 31

Yellow Starthistle is one of the most troublesome weeds in the foothills. A workshop on control of yellow starthistle is scheduled for **Thursday, May 31st** from **6:45 to 8:15 PM** at <u>4445 Gambah Lane</u> in Auburn. Gambah Lane is just off Bell Road - drive west on Bell Road. Cross Highway 49 and watch for workshop signs. It's the first left after you pass Burt Lane on your right, about 2 miles past the DeWitt Center.

See the effect of using Transline as a control method. The workshop is co-sponsored by UC Cooperative Extension and the Nevada-Placer Weed Management Group. Learn about the biology of yellow starthistle, range and pasture ecology, and the known management methods for control. Make plans today to attend this informative workshop.

To pre-register, contact Farm Advisor Roger Ingram at (530) 889-7385.



## Study Begins Regarding Widening Auburn-Folsom Road

May 22, 2001

The Placer County Public Works Department is initiating work on a major <u>project to</u> widen Auburn-Folsom Road from two lanes to four lanes from the Placer County border with Sacramento County to Douglas Blvd.

Community input will be a key focus as the project is planned, according to Rick Dondro, Transportation Division Manager. "We look forward to working with the community to build the best possible project with the least impact on adjacent residences," he said.

The widening project is needed to serve Granite Bay residents and to accommodate regional transportation needs as one of a very few north-south routes. The recently-completed Southeast Placer County Transportation Study estimates that traffic volumes will grow from 17,500 to 37,400 vehicles per day. The project will not only reduce current and anticipated congestion but will also improve the roadway's operations and safety.

The first of a series of newsletters has been written and distributed to local residents by the Public Works Department, and staff have met with the Granite Bay Municipal Advisory Committee. There will be a series of public meetings to keep residents informed and to gather input.

To receive a copy of the newsletter, call the Public Works Department, at 530-889-7500, or request one by <a href="mailto:emailto:emailto:mailto:emailto:emailto:mailto:emailt



#### **Board Names New CEO**

By unanimous vote, the Placer County Board of Supervisors has selected Jan Christofferson, the current Administrative Officer for Yuba County, to be the new County Executive Officer (CEO) for Placer County, replacing Don Lunsford, who announced his retirement in December after 27 years of service.



"Our Board was very impressed with her experience and her ability to lead Yuba County, a smaller county with very limited tax resources, through very tough financial times," said Chairman Bill Santucci. "Because of her leadership and her ability to squeeze taxpayer pennies as tightly as possible, Yuba is now much closer to economic prosperity.

"Though Placer County has greater assets, our needs in the future will also be greater. Our Board will also need to exercise very tight financial controls over our taxpayer dollars. In that arena we will be hiring a real pro.

"Jan's integrity is also obvious to the Board. Supervisors must be able to put their absolute faith and trust in the CEO, and must have factual information. It's clear that Jan's ethics and her dedication are above reproach. She is the right person at the right time," Chairman Santucci said.

"Our Board faced a very difficult decision because we had many fine applicants. Our internal candidates were clearly experts in their current jobs, and all were impressive in their knowledge of the county and their commitment to serve.

"However, Jan had the broadest experience in dealing with all aspects of county government. She is also recognized as a leader among her colleagues across the state, and has been nominated as an officer in the California Administrative Officers Association of California because of her knowledge of issues facing rural and suburban counties such as Placer.

"As a 12 year resident of Meadow Vista, Jan knows why Placer County is a special place to live and work. She understands the need to protect open space through our Placer Legacy program, and she also recognizes that Placer must plan well and prepare for the growth, which is inevitable. Clearly this is her home, and she wants to make sure it remains a wonderful place to live."

In the role as County Executive, Christofferson will oversee the operation of most County departments, prepare an annual budget for Board of Supervisors approval, advise the Board on fiscal, operations and staffing matters and ensure implementation of Board policies and directives.

The County of Placer has a current budget of \$285 million, 25 departments and 2,500 employees providing services to more than 257,000 residents in locations from the Nevada State line to Sacramento County.

Jan Christofferson has been County Administrative Officer for Yuba County for five and a half years, serving previously a variety of management roles. She has a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Southern California. She helped develop Measure R in Yuba County, creating the County's Sports/Entertainment Zone, which received an 86 percent affirmative vote. This resulted in siting a \$25 million amphitheater, a \$100 million Motorplex and improvements to roads and other infrastructure. She has also dealt with issues of significant growth in Yuba County, and has streamlined the permitting organization which could be useful in Placer County.

"I'm honored, and frankly humbled, to be selected as Placer County's new CEO," Christofferson said. "I've been fortunate to be able to effect some positive changes in Yuba County and although Don Lunsford will be a tough act to follow, I'm excited about applying my energy and skills in Placer County.

"Placer County's Board members impressed me as being extraordinary, progressive leaders. I will dedicate myself to carrying out the Board's policies and to improving the quality of life for all Placer County residents. I also look forward to spending more time with my family here in Placer County."



## CIMBL Helps with Lincoln Community Clean-up Along Hwy 193

April 30, 2001

Volunteers from CIMBL - Citizens Involved Means Better Living - will lend a neighborly hand on Saturday, May 5, to pick up trash along Highway 193 from Sierra College Boulevard to Lincoln. Although Lincoln's community clean-up efforts officially fall on May 12, CIMBL will jump in a week early, because of a prior commitment on the 12th.

"We're happy to lend a hand when one of our cities wants to do its spring cleaning," said Hal Albertsen, CIMBL founder and schedule organizer. "Last weekend, we reached one milestone by passing the 1,500-mile mark in our efforts, and we're working hard toward our next goal, to top 15,000 bags of trash cleared from county roads!"

CIMBL volunteers will meet on Saturday, May 5, at 8 AM at the Park and Ride lot where Sierra College Boulevard meets Highway 193. Volunteers should wear comfortable shoes, a hat, layered clothing, gloves, and sunscreen. CIMBL will supply safety vests, trash pick-up sticks, and plastic trash bags.

CIMBL has been cleaning up county roads for over seven years, with support from Placer County. With a membership of 400, in addition to collecting 14,389 bags of roadside trash, CIMBL volunteers and county staff have also removed 1,480 old tires from county roads.

For further information about CIMBL itself or any CIMBL clean-up project, call Hal Albertsen at 916-645-3599. In case of threatening weather, volunteers should call 530-886-5250 to learn if the clean-up will be held.



# CIMBL Plans Major Lincoln Area Road Clean-up on Saturday

April 25, 2001

Join volunteers from CIMBL - Citizens Involved Means Better Living - this Saturday to pick up trash along McCourtney Road, from Lincoln to Camp Far West Road.

"We'll need 40 or 50 people to do the job right," said Hal Albertsen, CIMBL founder and schedule organizer. "We'll be reaching the 1,500-mile mark with this clean-up, and that's quite a milestone."

CIMBL volunteers will meet at 9 AM on Saturday, April 28, at the intersection of Wise and McCourtney Roads, north of Lincoln. Volunteers should wear comfortable shoes, a hat, layered clothing, gloves, and sunscreen. CIMBL will supply safety vests, trash pick-up sticks, and plastic trash bags.

CIMBL has been cleaning up county roads for over seven years, with support from Placer County. With a membership of 400, their trash collection tally to date includes 14,285 bags of trash and 1,321 tires, from clean-up projects along 1,495 miles of county roads.

For further information about CIMBL itself or any CIMBL clean-up project, call Hal Albertsen at 916-645-3599. In case of threatening weather, volunteers should call 530-886-5250 to learn if the clean-up will be held.



### Placer County Launches 150th Anniversary Celebration

April 24, 2001



On April 25, 1851, the California Legislature created the County of Placer from sections of Sutter and Yuba Counties, giving birth to what is now the oldest institution in the region.

Today - almost 150 years later - the Placer County Board of Supervisors launched a year-long celebration of the County's 150th Anniversary.

More than 50 costumed third grade students from Placer Hills School were on hand at the Bernhard Museum in Auburn to participate in Living History activities and to help Supervisors blow out candles on a huge birthday cake. The Native Sons of the Golden West carried the costumed Supervisors to the event in a vintage stagecoach.

"Our 150th Anniversary is an opportunity to celebrate our colorful past, to highlight the

services being provided today, and to share our goals for the future," said Board Chairman Bill Santucci. "We plan to host many activities for students and for the community to learn more about our history and to have fun while they're learning."

Activities are being planned through out the year and so far include:

- Public Works Day, planned for May 8, takes place all day at the DeWitt Center in Auburn, and is open to the public as well as school groups. "This Old Truck", the 1953 Dodge Power Wagon which used to plow snow in Tahoe City and on steep grades near Iowa Hill has been restored for display, along with old maps and photos and other equipment. Tours and hands-on displays of modern public works and facility services equipment will also be there. The event is open from 9 to 2. The best time to visit is during the noon hour. More than 500 school children will be present for tours during the day. The event will take place at the Fleet Services garage off First Avenue in DeWitt. The Exchange Club will be selling hotdogs.
- County Government Days, free and available to student groups only, will take place on May 9 at DeWitt Center in Auburn for 400 students, on May 11 at Eureka School in Granite Bay for 700 students, and on May 23 at Tahoe Lake Elementary School in North Lake Tahoe for 300 students. Similar to Public Works Day, each includes both contemporary and historic hands-on displays, however several County departments will be represented. Additional student groups can be served on May 9; call 530-886-4681 for more information.
- Historic and contemporary hands-on displays and activities will take place during the Placer County Fair June 7 10 in Roseville, and again September 6 9 as part of the Gold Country Fair in Auburn.
- On Friday, April 27, many County departments will have historic counter top displays, and many staff will wear Gold Rush-era costumes. The County Clerk-Recorder's office is staging a mock wedding with a historic theme at noon at the Finance Administration Building in DeWitt Center.

Staff from county departments has been researching the history and creating time lines of events for the departments. This information is being used to develop historic displays for these events.

More information about activities planned for the year - and a look back at Placer County's colorful past - will be provided over the next few weeks. Historic information will be added to the County Web site soon. The Web site already contains more than 1,500 pages of information about current county services.



### CIMBL Plans Major Auburn-Folsom Road Clean-up

April 17, 2001

Volunteers from CIMBL - Citizens Involved Means Better Living - are pulling out all the stops this weekend. On Saturday, April 21, they'll clean up trash along Auburn-Folsom Road, from Auburn to the Sacramento County line.

"It may be a little cool this Saturday, which could be good for this big project," said Hal Albertsen, CIMBL founder and schedule organizer. "We hope lots of people join us to clean up this major county road."

CIMBL volunteers will meet on Saturday, April 21, at 9 AM at the South Placer Fire Station at the intersection of Auburn-Folsom and Cavitt-Stallman Roads. Volunteer crews will work along Auburn-Folsom Road in both directions from that point. Volunteers should wear comfortable shoes, a hat, layered clothing, gloves, and sunscreen. CIMBL will supply safety vests, track pick-up sticks, and plastic trash bags.

CIMBL has been cleaning up county roads for seven years, with support from Placer County. With a membership of 400, their trash collection tally to date includes 14,285 bags of trash and 1,320 tires, from clean-up projects along 1,485 miles of county roads.

For further information about CIMBL itself or any CIMBL clean-up project, call Hal Albertsen at 916-645-3599. In case of threatening weather, volunteers should call 530-886-5250 to learn if the clean-up will be held.



#### **Job Creation Efforts Yield Dramatic Results**

March 14, 2001

A small job creation grant provided two years ago to Placer County's Economic Development Office has yielded dramatic results.

The Economic Development Dept. received \$56,000 from the state Job Creation Investment Fund two years ago to work with businesses to help create jobs, particularly for people in the county's welfare-to-work program called *CalWORKs*.

The program succeeded seven times over. Instead of meeting the goal of helping 48 clients find jobs, 350 CalWORKs recipients found jobs, according to a final report sent to the state.

Another goal was to help businesses create 157 new jobs. As a result of a major cooperative effort between the business community, community agency partnerships and County Economic Development staff, 5,371 jobs were created. And 186 businesses were served in newly established One-Stop Business Assistance Centers, where they could receive information and assistance, including such things as hiring incentives, linkage to specialized employee training opportunities and access to a pool of willing workers.

"This program helped businesses create jobs, helped train people to be job-ready and then helped link people to new employment," said Board Chairman Bill Santucci. "The result has been tremendously valuable to our businesses and the entire community."

"Co-locating the County's Welfare-to-Work (CalWORKs) staff members who work with businesses within the Office of Economic Development helped considerably by improving communication," noted Director Ed Graves.

Many partners worked together to make the program a success. A market research team first surveyed the business community in how best to proceed, and developed the framework for the outreach to businesses including a marketing plan and materials. A job creation tracking system and a rapid response team were developed.

Placer County established a One-Stop Center for businesses at the Sierra College Workforce Development Center (formerly known as "Twelve bridges") and a second site at the Employment Development Dept.

Speakers then visited service and business organizations, and distributed materials through the local chambers of commerce. As new businesses made inquiries to the area, they received information about the One-Stop Center and assistance with hiring.

Based on the research, the "Business Advantage Network and the County's "e-Progress" online newsletter were created. The Business Advantage Network represents all local partners who could assist businesses with their hiring needs, plus agencies able to help with incentives for business expansion, retention and attraction. A subscription to the "e-Progress" newsletter, which is targeted to businesses, is available free on-line to anyone. Visit the County's Web page at www.placer.ca.gov/business. To subscribe, send an email to join-in-progress@news.placer.ca.gov.

Services provided to businesses included job fair assistance, screening, recruitment, interviewing assistance, small business assistance, job retention information, planning/building department referral, job posting assistance, workshop facilitation, and service coordination. Business-to-business exchanges of information were also encouraged.

Working directly with the Sierra College Workforce Development Center, a training effort between Sierra College, local businesses and the County, contributed greatly to the success of the program. As newly-trained workers advanced in their careers, CalWORKs recipients were often hired.

The Business Advantage Network hosted five job fairs for businesses expanding or locating to the community. Many start-up businesses were given information on incentive programs. News articles, a video and a Web site through the County's home page was also developed. Additionally, the one-stop career centers for CalWORKs clients became a reality at both Roseville and Carnelian Bay sites, co-located with the State Employment Development Dept.



## Citizen Advisory Group Sought for Fire Service in Dry Creek

March 14, 2001

Placer County Supervisors are seeking seven residents to serve on an advisory committee for fire service in the Dry Creek area.

Voters last week supported dissolution of the Dry Creek Fire Protection District, granting authority to Placer County to provide fire and emergency services protection to the area, which is located west of Roseville. The County is now supplying around-the-clock protection to the Dry Creek community through a contract with the California Dept. of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF), called Placer County Fire.

"Our residents obviously desire both local control and the best fire and emergency services protection available," declared Supervisor Bill Santucci, who represents much of the area. "Through our contract with CDF, we have improved the level of services available and welcomed several Dry Creek Fire volunteers to serve with Placer County Fire.

"Creating a fire service advisory committee will assure that residents have an established forum in which local fire service issues can be discussed and implemented, or recommendations can be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors. As the Dry Creek community prepares for the major growth that is coming, the County should support community efforts to enhance its identity and strengthen local control. The fire service advisory committee will help Supervisors understand what's best for the Dry Creek community."

The committee will work in conjunction with the West Placer-Dry Creek Municipal Advisory Council; members will serve 4-year terms.

Applications are available on-line at <u>www.placer.ca.gov/applications</u> or through the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, 530-889-4020.



Placer County Hosts Open House on Plans for Kings Beach Sidewalks -- Placer County, Calif.



### Placer County Hosts Open House on Plans for Kings Beach Sidewalks

Feb. 20, 2001

Placer County's Public Works Dept. will host a workshop on Tuesday, Feb. 27 so residents and business owners can view conceptual plans done so far for sidewalks and other corridor improvements in Kings Beach.

The workshop will take place at 7 p.m. at the North Tahoe Conference Center, 8318 North Lake Blvd., in Kings Beach.

The Kings Beach community developed along Highway 28 without consistent frontage improvements, such as sidewalks, bike lanes, and drainage systems. If approved and completed, the project will add highway drainage and corridor beautification improvements along the highway through Kings Beach from Chipmunk St. to Hwy 267.

Planning to date has included numerous partners, including the community, Placer County, Caltrans, the North Tahoe Public Utilities District, the North Tahoe Business Association, North Lake Tahoe Resort Association, the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and the California Regional Water Quality Control Board (Lahontan).

When there is general agreement on the concept, a Project Study Report will be written by Placer County as a tool in seeking State Transportation Improvement Funding through Caltrans. The report is also needed by TRPA, Lahontan and Placer County to move forward through environmental review on the project. At least \$11 million will be needed.

"I hope that residents and business owners will take this opportunity to see the work done so far and help us shape the future of Kings Beach," said Supervisor Rex Bloomfield. "The sidewalks and other changes now completed in Tahoe City have made a dramatic improvement for our residents and businesses."



### Board of Supervisors Seeks New Member for North Auburn MAC

February 6, 2001

The Placer County Board of Supervisors is seeking applications to fill a vacancy on the North Auburn Municipal Advisory Council. An applicant must be a resident of the North Auburn area, living outside the Auburn city limits, or own or manage a business in the MAC area.

A Municipal Advisory Council, a MAC, is a council of local citizens appointed by the Placer County Board of Supervisors which advises the Board and other county agencies on issues of public interest and concern in their area, in unincorporated areas of the County. Issues considered by the North Auburn MAC have included traffic circulation and land use in North Auburn and along Highway 49, and pedestrian safety.

MAC members are appointed for two-year terms by the Supervisor for the MAC area, in this case Supervisors Harriet White and Rex Bloomfield. Members are volunteers and receive no pay for their community service.

The North Auburn MAC usually meets on the second Tuesday of the month, at 7 PM at the County Planning Commission chambers, in the DeWitt Center, in Auburn. Meetings usually last about 2 hours.

Further information and applications are available from the Board of Supervisors' office at 530-889-4010, and on the county's Web site.



## Grand Re-Opening of Tahoe Animal Shelter, Public Invited

Feb. 6, 2001

Placer County's Animal Shelter at Tahoe Vista will hold a Grand Re-opening on Friday, Feb. 9, to celebrate the improvements made to the facility and to honor the volunteers and agencies who helped the shelter through the remodeling period. The public is invited to come, visit the animals and see the changes.

The Grand Re-opening will take place from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Placer County Animal Shelter is located at 849 Shelter Road in Tahoe Vista. Turn off North Lake Blvd. at National Ave., turn on Donner to Shelter Road.

"Brighter, cheerier new kennels will improve the morale of our animals and help us all in finding them homes," said Jet Black, Placer County Animal Control Supervisor. "Please come and help us celebrate."



### County Joins a Partnership in "Boot Camp" for Youth

Feb. 5, 2001

Placer County has joined a partnership with Solano and Colusa Counties to operate a ranch/camp facility for youth who have committed crimes and need a very structured environment.

Located in a remote section of Colusa County, the Fouts Springs Youth Facility provides a highly structured boot camp and ranch program for troubled young men who have not been successful at changing behaviors in other settings.

"Fouts Springs enjoys a wonderful reputation throughout the state and is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary," noted Chief Probation Officer Norma Suzuki. The Placer County Probation Department has been contracting bed space at Fouts Springs for two years, an average of 10 youth a month, and has been pleased with the program. Youth are committed to the camp by the Juvenile Court.

There is no similar facility in Placer County, though there is an on-going need for a program of this type. Supervisors agreed to enter a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA), and to make a one-time contribution of \$250,000 to help construct new barracks and a multipurpose room.

"A highly structured camp/ranch program is an important component of our youthful offender program options," Suzuki said. "Joining the JPA will guarantee our ability to send young men to the facility and will save money by reducing our per-bed costs. This facility will satisfy our needs for many years."

"Cooperating with other counties in a regional partnership means that Placer County won't need to worry about developing a camp program locally which would be costly and could be difficult to site," noted Darell Ford, Deputy County Executive Officer. "Individual counties the size of Placer don't have the resources nor the need to build a facility such as this. This partnership achieves tremendous economy for the taxpayer while ensuring a high quality of service. It also positions the three member counties to

consider future regional efforts, such as legislation and grants applications, whenever working together would be beneficial."

The boot camp program is patterned after military boot camp, requiring youthful offenders to rise early, march, participate in in a program of rigorous physical fitness, daily drills, work details and a full academic program. A weeklong wilderness experience is also required of youth participants. The program promotes team building, positive relationships, education, personal responsibility and maturity.

"The six-to-nine months that youthful offenders spend in Fouts Springs allows them to change the direction of their lives," Suzuki said. "They are given the information, education and tools to make more positive choices for their future."

"The Fouts Spring Youth Facility also helps assure that we have a range of options in dealing with juvenile offenders."

The Fouts Springs JPA proposal received the support of the District Attorney, Public Defender, the Placer County Juvenile Justice/Delinquency Prevention Commission, the Grand Jury, and the SMART policy team which includes Placer County Health and Human Services, the Juvenile Court and others. Two members of the Board of Supervisors will serve on the Fouts Springs Board of Directors. As a partner, Placer County will pay reduced bed rates and have input into program direction and operations.

"Solano County is pleased to welcome Placer County as a new partner," said Darby Hayes, Assistant County Administrator, County of Solano, who attended the Board hearing to answer questions. "During the last two years we have worked on a \$2 million upgrade to our facilities, and look forward to completing it, thanks to assistance from Placer."



### **CIMBL Indian Hill Road Clean-up Planned**

January 30, 2001

Volunteers from CIMBL - Citizens Involved Means Better Living - have an ambitious project planned this Saturday, February 3. They plan to clean up the trash along the full length of Indian Hill Road.

"We'll need 30 or more volunteers for this job," said Hal Albertsen, CIMBL founder and schedule organizer. "If our clean-up goes well, we'll also pick up trash along Auburn Folsom Road, south of Indian Hill."

CIMBL volunteers will meet on Saturday at 9 AM in Newcastle, at the Park and Ride area on the east side of I-80, below the Denny's restaurant. Volunteers should wear comfortable shoes, a hat, layered clothing, and gloves. CIMBL will supply safety vests, track pick-up sticks, and plastic trash bags.

CIMBL has been cleaning up Placer County roads for seven years, with support from Placer County. With a membership of 400, their trash collection tally to date includes 13,850 bags of trash and 1,296 tires, from clean-up projects along 1,412 miles of county roads.

For further information about CIMBL or this weekend's clean-up project, call Hal Albertsen at 916-645-3599. "It's always a little tough to get enough volunteers during the winter, so we're crossing our fingers for a good turn-out," Albertsen said. In case of threatening weather, volunteers should call 530-886-5250 to learn if the clean-up will be held.



## Lease Option for Home Depot To Be Considered by Board of Supervisors

January 22, 2001

On Tuesday, Jan. 23, at 10 a.m. Placer County Supervisors will consider approval of an Option to Ground Lease and a Ground Lease Agreement with Home Depot, U.S.A. for the use of approximately 10 acres of vacant land east of First Street at the DeWitt Government Center in North Auburn.

Approval of this agreement, however, would not grant Home Depot the right to build a store at DeWitt Center. Instead, the option to Ground Lease would provide Home Depot time to review the site to determine whether the land is suitable for building a home and garden center of approximately 130,000 square feet, and to apply for a Conditional Use permit which would be required by Placer County. The Ground Lease Agreement would take effect only if the County ultimately grants a Conditional Use permit, a decision which would be made after full environmental review.

Under the proposed Option to Ground Lease, the County would be free to establish conditions of approval or deny completely a Home Depot application for a Conditional Use permit. Staff expects that Home Depot will be required to complete an Environmental Impact Report as part of their application in order to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act. A series of public meetings, including opportunities for public comment, would be part of the process.

If Supervisors agree to the Ground Lease Agreement on Tuesday, and if Home Depot is ultimately successful in obtaining a Conditional Use permit to build a store, the lease would be for 20 years with five five-year options to extend the term. Home Depot would pay the County up to \$4.3 million over 20 years, or up to \$9.8 million over the total option period.

In 1997 the Board of Supervisors had authorized to staff to resume negotiations with Home Depot, and had specified that any resulting lease proposal should be based on fair market value and consistent with prevailing leasing practices, earning good value for Lease Option for Home Depot To Be Considered by Board of Supervisors -- Placer County, Calif.

taxpayers but not undercutting local market prices.

"The Board wanted us to demand the terms that any land owner would expect to receive, and to obtain a fair return on behalf of the taxpayer," said Don Lunsford, County Executive Officer.

"In order to do that, we hired Keyser Marston, a firm specializing in commercial leasing practices, to review the business terms of the proposed lease. We hired the law firm of McDonough, Holland and Allen to review our documents to make sure they are legally complete. Also, to establish fair market value, we hired Bender-Rosenthal to perform a real estate appraisal, which they completed most recently in August, 2000.

"If the Board approves the lease terms, County taxpayers stand to receive fair market value in a lease of public property. There are no developer incentives or subsidies from any government agency."

Since 1978 the County of Placer has leased county-owned property at DeWitt Center which is not currently in use to private properties. Currently more than 40 businesses lease parts of the old buildings. Traditionally the revenues earned have been used for ongoing operations and improvements, reducing the need to use other county revenues. However the County may use revenues from leasing unused property for any purpose. Leasing rather than selling the property preserves the ability of government to use it in the future. Other governmental jurisdictions, including Caltrans, City of Auburn at the Airport, and the City of Sacramento at McClellan and Mather Air Force Base, have leased unused property as a source of revenue.



## Bloomfield Holds Coffee; Development Issues To Be Included

January 22, 2001

Supervisor Rex Bloomfield will be providing coffee for an informal meeting with residents and businesses on Tuesday, Jan. 30 at 9 a.m. in the Applegate Branch of the County Library. The library is located at 18018 Applegate Road.

Expected to top the list of residents' interests are development proposals and water issues in the community. "I see this more informal setting as a better way to gain understanding about residents' desires and concerns," he said. "Improving communication is usually the first step to solving problems," he said. "I hope residents will attend to help us better understand their needs."

Fire safety is another issue about which Supervisor Bloomfield hopes to receive input. Many foothill residents live in "urban wildland interface" areas with homes on steep hill sides, surrounded by flammable vegetation. The potential for dangerous, wind-whipped wildland fires in the foothills is very high. Therefore Supervisor Bloomfield is hoping for community input to develop workable plans to improve fire safety.

"How would residents like to see us balance fire safety and habitat protection," he has asked, citing the chipper program, used in parts of the Applegate area this year. Implemented cooperatively with the California Dept. of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF), which also serves as the Placer County Fire Dept., it involves thinning the brush growing under trees in areas of high fire danger, then chipping it for landscaping uses. Supervisor Bloomfield is also hoping to work with Caltrans to reduce that risk along highway right-of-way by reducing the flammable brush which becomes a fuel ladder.

A consistent advocate of open space protection, Supervisor Bloomfield is also interested in setting priorities for open space preservation through Placer Legacy. "Given our limited resources, what should the priorities be as our county continues to increase in population? Should our focus be on expanding recreational opportunities such as regional trails and trailheads, protecting of particular natural resources such as blue oak woodlands,

identifying specific scenic corridors, supporting outdoor education projects or something else? Are there particular projects we should consider 'top priority?' While most of the explosive growth has been in the cities of South Placer County, District 5 is also affected by growth."

While the coffee klatches and Weimar-Applegate-Colfax Municipal Advisory Council (WAC-MAC) meetings offer easy access to provide information to Supervisors and county staff, Supervisor Bloomfield notes that residents can also send email to him at bloomfield@foothill.net, or by mail to 175 Fulweiler Ave., Auburn, CA 95603. Generally, the WAC-MAC meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m. at the Colfax Memorial Hall, 22 Grass Valley St. West. However, there are occasional changes, so dates and times should be confirmed online at www.placer.ca.gov/bos, or by calling the Board office, 530-889-4010.



### **Public Parking Facility Study Open for Review**

January 16, 2001

A public review draft of the Public Parking Facility Construction Development Program is available for review in the County libraries in Tahoe City and Kings Beach.

Written by a team of consultants for use by the Placer County Redevelopment Agency, the study evaluates 11 possible sites where parking could be added to aid the downtown Tahoe City community businesses. The evaluation process was based on six major categories: parking needs assessment, cost considerations, site location assessment, implementation issues, community considerations and environmental considerations. Research, financing possibilities and a program of public workshops and presentations were also part of the evaluative process.

"Based on the team's evaluation, expansion of the Grove Street lot (along with associated pedestrian and vehicular connection upgrades) and development of parking and a redevelopment opportunity for the Tahoe Marina site have been identified as initial steps" in parking implementation, the executive summary notes. The Fairway/PUD site was identified as a "relatively easily implementable and cost effective way to add a substantial number of parking places to the existing inventory, and especially effective if utilized as a transit-supported core area employee parking area."

"We strongly believe that implementation of these recommendations will help alleviate vehicular congestion, will provide for much needed mixed-use redevelopment opportunities, and will provide easily accessible visitor parking where most needed and most beneficial to existing and future businesses," the report noted.

Residents are encouraged to read the study and offer input through the Placer County Redevelopment Office, by fax at 530-889-6890. The phone number is 530-889-4240.



### **County Handles Power Outages, Reduces Usage**

January 18, 2001

As Placer County faces a second day of rolling blackouts, most residents seem to be taking the inconvenience in stride. There have been many calls to the Sheriff's 9-1-1 dispatch center to report outages, but few problems reported. Traffic on Highway 49 through Auburn was slowed because stoplights didn't work during the morning hours.

The Placer County Office of Emergency Services continues to check in with emergency services agencies countywide to assure that vital services aren't being affected. The County is in close contact with P.G.&E. and receiving information regularly.

Critical county operations, such as 9-1-1 dispatch, Sheriff's Administration, the jail, county sewer treatment plants and others have been protected against power disruption. The County Administrative Center, the Auburn-Placer County Library and much of DeWitt Center has been protected. However some libraries in South Placer County were affected on Wednesday. During a blackout period, it's wise to call the County facility you need to visit to make sure employees are able to serve you.

The County is also taking extra steps to conserve energy, such as turning unnecessary lights and electrical equipment off, and setting copy machines on standby mode. Display lighting on the landmark Historic Courthouse has been dimmed very significantly. However all safety and security lighting will remain on as necessary.

During the past few years county remodeling and facility upgrades have routinely incorporated energy saving features wherever possible. Staff are meeting to consider other cost effective measures which could further reduce energy consumption. All staff are being asked to conserve energy usage wherever possible.

"Residents should continue to plan for the inconvenience of power disruptions, just as they would plan for winter storm outages," said Mike Boyle, Assistant Director, Placer County Office of Emergency Services. "In the same ways that they prepared for Y2K, they should make sure they have flashlights, batteries, battery-operated radios, snacks

which don't require cooking and other available supplies on hand. People who have wells should make sure they have water. Preparing for this inconvenience is the key. Be especially careful when driving as normal traffic signals may not be working."



### **County Prepared to Handle Rolling Blackouts**

January 17, 2001

Placer County was notified today by PG&E that rolling blackouts in the state are under way. PG&E expects the blackouts in Northern California communities each will last between 60 and 90 minutes, and will continue until 7 PM today.

Portions of the South Placer area, including Rocklin, Loomis, and the greater Granite Bay area, were experiencing a rolling blackout on Wednesday afternoon. It was possible that other county areas would also be affected by blackouts.

The Placer County Office of Emergency Services has been working to assure that emergency services are fully available, and is contacting all cities, fire and other special districts.

All essential services provided by the County of Placer have been protected and will not be affected by the rolling blackouts. Essential county services include such things as the Sheriff's administration center, the jail, the county Finance and Administration Building and much of the DeWitt Center, county sewer treatment plants, solid waste facilities and sewer lift stations.

The County also remains in close contact with PG&E.

Most county services will likely to be available during periods of rolling blackouts. However, if you are planning to visit a county facility during a blackout, you may want to call ahead to verify that staff will be able to serve you.

Residents are encouraged to initiate conservation measures, and to be prepared to be inconvenienced, just as could happen during a winter storm-induced outage. Keeping a flashlight, batteries, battery powered radio, and simple supplies available is always a good idea.



# Supervisor Santucci, District 1, to Lead Board of Supervisors

January 9, 2001

Placer County Supervisors have elected <u>District 1 Supervisor Bill Santucci</u> to serve as Chairman for the year 2001. District 4 Supervisor Ted Gaines will serve as Vice Chairman.

Typically Supervisors have selected their chairmen in sequential order of the districts, which would have meant incoming Supervisor Gaines of District 4 would be chairman following last year's leadership of District 3 Supervisor Harriet White. However Gaines is new to the Board, a factor Supervisors felt would place on him an undue burden when combined with other new responsibilities. Therefore, with Supervisor Gaines making the nomination, they elected Supervisor Bill Santucci as Chairman.

Supervisor Santucci, a lifelong Roseville resident, first took office as a County Supervisor in January of 1995, serving as Chairman in 1998. Retiring from a 20-year career with Aerojet he managed a small business 13 years and served eight years on the Roseville City Council, including four as mayor. He also spent 12 years serving on the Roseville Project Review Commission and Planning Commission. Bill is a member of Roseville Rotary, Roseville Lions Club, Roseville Elks, Sons of Italy, Knights of Columbus and the 20-30 Club.

"I am honored to have been given the opportunity to serve as Chairman once again," Supervisor Santucci said.



### **County Officials to Take Oaths of Office**

January 5, 2001

On Monday, January 8, 2001, at noon, County Executive Officer Donald G. Lunsford will welcome elected and appointed Placer County officials to an oath of office ceremony at the historic Placer County Courthouse, in Auburn. The Honorable James D. Garbolino, the presiding judge of the Placer County Superior Court, will administer the oaths.

The five officials who will take their oaths at this time are Supervisor Harriet White, District 3, Supervisor Ted Gaines, District 4, Supervisor Rex Bloomfield, District 5, Auditor-Controller Katherine Martinis, and Judge Joe O'Flaherty.

For further information, contact the Board of Supervisors' office at 530-889-4010.



### Placer County Code Recodified, Now Available Online

January 3, 2001

At their December 5, 2000, meeting, the Placer County Board of Supervisors gave final approval to a recodification of the Placer County code. The recodification process took two years and was a comprehensive review and reorganization of almost all changes and additions to the county code over the past 30 years. A further revision, including ordinances from last year, will be completed early this year.

In addition to the print publication of the recodified Placer County Code, the <u>code is now</u> <u>available</u> from the county's Web site. "For some time, my fellow supervisors and I have been strong supporters of all efforts to make public information available online," said Board Chairman Harriet White, Supervisor, District 3. "This is a huge step toward making it easier for the public to do business with the county."

Printed copies of the revised code are available for public reference at the Placer County Law Library, the Auburn-Placer County Main Library, the Tahoe Branch Library and from the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at the County Administrative Offices at 175 Fulweiler Avenue, in Auburn.

The County Counsel's office worked with a consultant, Book Publishing Company, to recodify the code. The consultant, in conjunction with the County Counsel's office, collected and reviewed all code content and reorganized the code in a new format, organized by subject area, to make it easier to use. Code provisions were renumbered to match the new organizational format. The consultant will continue to maintain the accuracy of the print and online versions of the code as there are changes in the future.

For further information, contact the County Counsel's office at 530-889-4044.



### **Baseline Road Clean-up Planned**

January 2, 2001

Volunteers from CIMBL - Citizens Involved Means Better Living - will tackle one of their biggest annual projects this Saturday, January 6. They plan to pick up trash along Baseline Road.

"We'll need 30 to 40 volunteers for this job, one of our biggest," said Hal Albertsen, CIMBL founder and schedule organizer. "We try to schedule a clean-up along Baseline Road twice a year."

Volunteers will meet on Saturday at 9 AM at the intersection of Pleasant Grove Boulevard and Fiddyment Road. Volunteers should wear comfortable shoes, a hat, layered clothing, and gloves. CIMBL will supply safety vests, track pick-up sticks, and plastic trash bags.

CIMBL has been cleaning up Placer County roads for seven years, with support from Placer County. With a membership of 400, their trash collection tally to date includes 13,455 bags of trash and 1,238 tires, from clean-up projects along 1,358 miles of county roads.

For further information about CIMBL or this weekend's clean-up project, call Hal Albertsen at 916-645-3599. "It's always a little tough to get enough volunteers right after the new year, so we're crossing our fingers for a good turn-out," Albertsen said. In case of threatening weather, volunteers should call 530-886-5250 to learn if the clean-up will be held.