



eNEWSWARD 4 UPDATES



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EVENTS

Foreclosure Workshop

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 20
Rancho High School
1900 Searles Ave.
North Las Vegas, NV 89032

All American Kid's Fishing Derby

7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.
Saturday, March 6
City View Park
101 E. Cheyenne Ave.
North Las Vegas, NV 89030
Call (702) 633-2418 to register.

Town Hall Meetings

Councilwoman Anita G. Wood - Ward 3
6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 18
Silver Mesa Recreation Center
4025 Allen Lane
North Las Vegas, NV 89032

Mayor Shari Buck
6 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2010
City Hall Council Chambers
2200 Civic Center Drive
North Las Vegas, NV 89030

Councilman Robert Eliason - Ward 1
6 p.m. on Thursday, March 11, 2010
C.P. Squires Elementary School
1312 E. Tonopah Ave.
North Las Vegas, NV 89030

Councilman Richard Cherchio - Ward 4
6 p.m. on Thursday, March 18
Sun City Aliante Multi-Purpose Room
7390 Aliante Parkway
North Las Vegas, NV 89084

A note from the desk of Councilman Richard Cherchio

As your Councilman for Ward 4, it is my goal to communicate more with residents and provide updated information on City events and services. This newsletter will be provided on a regular basis.

TOWN HALL MEETING

The City Council is working hard to find solutions to address budget shortfalls resulting from the ongoing economic crisis. To help keep residents and other stakeholders informed about our latest efforts we are holding a series of Town Hall meetings. I will hold a Town Hall meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 18 at the Sun City Aliante Multi-Purpose Room, 7390 Aliante Parkway.

In the meantime, I enjoy frequenting the places of business in our ward. If you see me out and about, please do not hesitate to introduce yourself, say hello and/or tell me about a concern. I'd enjoy meeting you and hearing what you have to say. If you have any questions or concerns give me a call at 633-1194.

COMMON INTEREST COMMUNITIES

The Office of the Ombudsman for Common-Interest Communities and Condominium Hotels held an education seminar on the Basics for Board Members, a concise summary of the expectations incumbent on all Nevada HOA directors.

For those who missed the session, another class will be held on March 20, April 20 or May 21 in Las Vegas.

While the class is geared toward board members, non-board members are welcome to enroll as well.

Anyone who is interested in coming can register by contacting Nicholas Haley at nhaley@red.state.nv.us or by calling 702-486-4480.

TAX ASSISTANCE FOR SENIORS THROUGH AARP & VITA

The IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) and the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) Programs offer free tax help for taxpayers who qualify.

Trained community volunteers may help with special credits, such as Earned Income Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, and Credit for the Elderly or the Disabled. In addition to free tax return preparation assistance, most sites also offer free electronic filing (e-filing). Individuals taking advantage of the e-file program will receive their refunds in half the time compared to returns filed on paper – even faster when tax refunds are deposited directly into one's bank account.

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Councilwoman Anita Wood - Ward 3
6 p.m. on Thursday, April 15, 2010
Silver Mesa Recreation Center
4025 Allen Lane
North Las Vegas, NV 89032

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program

The VITA Program offers free tax help to low- to moderate-income (generally, \$49,000 and below) people who cannot prepare their own tax returns. Certified volunteers sponsored by various organizations receive training to help prepare basic tax returns in communities across the country. VITA sites are generally located at community and neighborhood centers, libraries, schools, shopping malls, and other convenient locations. Most locations also offer free electronic filing. **To locate the nearest VITA site, call 1-800-829-1040.**

Councilman Richard Cherchio - Ward 4
6 p.m. on Tuesday May 11, 2010
Legacy High School
150 W. Deer Springs Way
North Las Vegas, NV 89084

Tax counseling for the elderly

The Tax Counseling for the Elderly Program provides free tax help to people aged 60 and older. Trained volunteers from non-profit organizations provide free tax counseling and basic income tax return preparation for senior citizens. Volunteers who provide tax counseling are often retired individuals associated with non-profit organizations that receive grants from the IRS.

City Council Meetings
6 p.m. the first and third
Wednesday of every month
at City Hall
2200 Civic Center Drive
North Las Vegas, NV 89030

As part of the IRS-sponsored TCE Program, **AARP** offers the Tax-Aide counseling program at more than 7,000 sites nationwide during the filing season. Trained and certified AARP Tax-Aide volunteer counselors help people of low-to-middle income with special attention to those ages 60 and older.

For more information on TCE, call 1-800-829-1040. To locate the nearest AARP Tax-Aide site, call 1-888-227-7669 or visit <http://www.aarp.org/money/taxaide/>

Military personnel and their families get free tax help

The military also has a strong Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program. The Armed Forces Tax Council (AFTC) consists of the tax program coordinators for the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. The AFTC oversees the operation of the military tax programs worldwide, and serves as the main conduit for outreach by the IRS to military personnel and their families.

Airmen, soldiers, sailors, marines, guardsmen, and their families worldwide receive free tax preparation assistance at offices within their installations. These VITA sites provide free tax advice, tax preparation, and assistance to military members and their families. They are trained and equipped to address military specific tax issues, such as combat zone tax benefits and the effect of the new [Earned Income Tax Credit \(EITC\)](#) guidelines.

Most service members file their tax returns electronically at their tax centers and, by selecting direct deposit, receive their refunds in as little as one week. This combined effort ensures that service members receive free tax assistance from well-trained and equipped military tax preparers.

EVERYONE COUNTS IN THE 2010 CENSUS

As one of the fastest growing communities in the nation, getting a proper count is very important to the City of North Las Vegas. As you may know, the U.S. Census counts every resident in the United States, and is required by the Constitution to take place

every 10 years.

The 2010 Census will help communities receive more than \$400 billion in federal funds each year for things like:

- Hospitals
- Job training centers
- Schools
- Senior centers
- Bridges, tunnels and other-public works projects
- Emergency services

The data collected by the census also help determine the number of seats your state has in the U.S. House of Representatives.

In March of 2010, census forms will be delivered to every residence in the United States and Puerto Rico. When you receive yours, just answer the 10 short questions and then mail the form back in the postage-paid envelope provided. If you don't mail the form back, you may receive a visit from a census taker who will ask you the questions from the form.

The majority of the country will receive English-only materials. Households in areas with high concentrations of Spanish-speaking residents may receive a bilingual (English/Spanish) form.

Any personal data you provide is protected under federal law, so please fill out your form because every non response means fewer federal dollars to our community.

Census Jobs

The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting temporary, part-time census takers for the 2010 Census. These short-term jobs offer good pay, flexible hours, paid training, and reimbursement for authorized work-related expenses, such as mileage incurred while conducting census work. Census taker pay starts at \$14.50 per hour. Census takers work right in their own communities.

Census taker jobs are excellent for people who want to work part-time, those who are between jobs, or just about anyone who wants to earn extra money while performing an important service for their community.

For more information, please call (702) 750-3380.
