



# eNEWSWARD 2 UPDATES

## A note from the desk of Mayor Pro Tempore William Robinson

As your Councilmember for Ward 2, it is my goal to communicate more with residents and provide updated information on City events and services.

## TOWN HALL MEETING

The Mayor and City Council are launching a Town Hall meeting series to discuss the City's budget status and offer the public a chance to participate. I want to thank everyone who made the time to participate in the first of these meetings, which I held in Ward 2 on Thursday, Feb. 11, at Nevada Partners Culinary Academy. If you were unable to attend mine, please feel free to attend any of the Town Hall meetings held by my colleagues so that you can stay informed.

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 633-1336.

## EVERYONE COUNTS IN THE 2010 CENSUS

As one of the fastest growing communities in the nation, nothing is more important to us than an accurate count in the 2010 Census. 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 information collected by the census also helps 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

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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

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

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

#### **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

residents may receive a bilingual (English/Spanish) form.

Any personal data you provide is protected under federal law so please participate because it means a lot 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, call (702)-750-3380.

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#### **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.

#### **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.*

#### **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.

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.

### **Items you need to bring to the VITA/TCE sites to have your tax returns prepared**

- Proof of identification
  - Social Security Cards for you, your spouse and dependents and/or a Social Security Number verification letter issued by the Social Security Administration
  - Birth dates for you, your spouse and dependents on the tax return
  - Current year's tax package if you received one
  - Wage and earning statement(s) Form W-2, W-2G, 1099-R, from all employers
  - Interest and dividend statements from banks (Forms 1099)
  - A copy of last year's federal and state returns, *if available*
  - Bank routing numbers and account numbers for Direct Deposit
  - Total paid for daycare provider and the daycare provider's tax identifying number (the provider's Social Security Number or the provider's business Employer Identification Number)
  - To file taxes electronically on a married-filing-joint tax return, both spouses must be present to sign the required forms.
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