

Amargosa Valley Newsletter

"All the news that's fit to print (maybe)"

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TOWN ADVISORY BOARD BYLAWS CHANGES

During the last two elections, several people have suggested that changes be made to the Town Advisory Board Bylaws to define more clearly who could vote in advisory elections. Questions have also arisen about committee appointments, timing of nominations for the Board, the election or appointment of Committee Chairs, and a few other issues. The bylaws were last revised in 1997.

In November 2005, Board Chair, Jan Cameron, appointed a bylaws committee to address the issues. That Committee did not report back in time for the Board to follow the legal process to change its bylaws before this last election. So in December 2006, Chair Jan Cameron appointed another Committee composed of Jean Adams (Chair), Jade Robinson and Curt Stengel.

The Committee met and, along with members of the public, discussed possible changes. The Committee also voted to seek guidance from the Nye County District Attorney's Office regarding the correct interpretation of the Nevada Revised Statutes. The advice was received and the Committee reported back to the Advisory Board at its meeting on April 26th.

The major proposed changes are:

- 1) To ensure that the voting procedures conform to the provisions of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS).
- 2) To ensure that those who serve on the Board meet the criteria identified in the NRS.
- 3) To have nominations made at the regular September and October meetings. (No nominations may be made the night of the election.)
- 4) To have advisory elections no later than the Thursday following the third (3rd) Tuesday of November.
- 5) Other clarification changes.

In accordance with the bylaws, the proposed revisions will be presented, discussed and possibly modified at the Town Advisory Board meeting on May 31. The bylaws changes will then be adopted or rejected at the regular meeting on June 28th. Come learn and share your opinions.

HI! WE'RE HERE!

Andrea Lynn-Henry and Osvaldo Granados are coming to see you. They are driving a white Ford pickup with signs on the door that say AMARGOSA AREA PLAN. The information they are seeking will **NOT** be going to the county assessor's office. This information is to help us create a master plan that will put us decades ahead into the future, and alleviate the problems that Pahrump is experiencing due to lack of a master plan.

They will try to gather all their info from the road. However, if they need to contact you, please help speed up the process by being cooperative.

Your input on this master plan is important to the town and can be forwarded to Dave Hall, Chairman of the Area Plan Committee by email at dphall@avnv.net or contact the Town Office by email at town@amargosavalley.com, by mail at HCR 69 Box 401-W, by phone at 372-5459, or fax at 372-5362.

Future workshops for town input will be advertised before the final draft is presented to the Board of County Commissioners.

"GIRLS NIGHT OUT"

Want to learn a new skill, have fun, meet other people? Or maybe you already know the skill. Come out and play pool. Every 4th. Wednesday a fun, dynamic group meet @ the VFW @ 6:00 P.M. to play. It's a \$5.00 fee that's divided between the top 3 players. It's a supportive group with stronger players willing to give you tips on how to play or how to improve your shots.

"LET'S DO THE TWIST"

Ok, not the twist, but how about learning to line dance? Hopefully starting in June and continuing monthly, come to the community center @ 5:30P.M., the 4th Thursday of the month. (This is before the town board meeting). World renowned teachers will instruct you. Fun for everyone, ages 16 and above welcome. Learn to line dance and stay for the town board meeting and learn about what is going on in "your" town.

PS. Looking for world renowned teachers, if you can teach a line dance please call Pat @ 5401 to volunteer.

Dancing is good for all parts of your body including your *mind*.

"MOVIE NIGHT"

Thursday, May 10th, 5:30 P.M. @ the Senior Center. Free, open to all. We may have soft drinks and popcorn. VEA compromised our last showing but we are now up and running. Again it will be the "*Illusionist*" romance, drama and an ending that will leave you breathless.

BUSY DAYS AT THE LIBRARY

BY: Sam Eddington

It has been a busy and exciting time in the library! As a matter of fact, we had more checkouts during March than we've ever had in a month before. It seems like every time that we turn around, someone else is coming through the door. During the short time that I've been here, I've been very impressed by the level of support that this community shows for the library and its services, and I would really like to thank everyone who has been a part of making my first few months both enjoyable and eventful.

I hope that you'll take the opportunity to come and join the fun at the library. We have new books, CDs, and DVDs on the shelves waiting to be checked out, computers to be used, and, of course, friendly faces ready to help you find information or answer a question. The summer months are fast approaching, and we hope you find the library a welcoming – and cool! – place to spend some time, especially as we'll continue to be open until 7 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays. We'll also be putting out information soon regarding our summer reading program for the children.

See you at the library!

JOANA LIANA CROWNED MS. SR. NYE COUNTY

At the pageant held in the Amargosa Valley Community center on April 14th, Joana Liana of Pahrump was crowned Ms. Sr. Nye County. Joana was elegant in her strapless black and white gown. Her talent, a soft shoe to "Mr. Bo Jangles" also won the Best Talent award. Joana has been a resident of Pahrump for about one and one-half years and is a part-time employee of The Winery. Joana will compete in the Ms. Senior Nevada pageant in Las Vegas in August.

First Runner-Up was Jan Cameron of Amargosa Valley. Jan was beautiful in her sherbet green gown. Her talent was singing her own rendition of "America the Beautiful" against a backdrop of her own oil paintings. Second Runner-up was Virginia De Guise of Pahrump. Virginia wore a black gown with white beading and danced to a selection of line dances for her talent. Shary Jimerfield of Pahrump was voted Ms. Congeniality. The other contestants, also from Pahrump, were LuLu Brymer, Vanita Frederick, Loretta Hartwick, Kay Landwehr and Joan Pinkowski.

Pageant Director, Scotty Winegar plans to hold the Ms Senior Nye County in Amargosa Valley every year, so -- Ladies of the Age of Elegance (60 or over):

Start planning your talent and wardrobe and get ready to compete next year.

5TH ANNUAL ART & CRAFT SHOW

The Amargosa Valley Artist Guild will be holding its 5th Annual Art & Craft Show at the Amargosa Valley Community Center, 812 E. Amargosa Farm Road, on June 16, 2007, from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. All artistic mediums and artisans are welcome. All entries must be home-made. Swap meet items are not acceptable. A table or a space for display racks costs \$15 (\$5 refundable if the artist stays for the entire show). Ribbons and monetary awards will be given to the Best Art: Adult, Best Art: Juvenile, Best Display, Best Fabric Arts and Best Heritage Arts. In addition, The Holtz Award (\$100) will be given to the Best of the Best. Space is on a first come basis. For information, call Jan at 372-1218. Mark your calendars to come and support your local and regional artists.

FROM THIS CORNER OF THE WORLD

BY: Jan Cameron

Yes, it really is spring. At least, it had better be since summer will be here tomorrow. The peas are producing. I'm harvesting lettuce, asparagus, artichokes, and spinach. A huge jack Rabbit raced us all around the property last week. (He thought that we were after him, but we were just walking.) I suspect that he is too big to get out of the fence now. He may be the same bunny that ran from the dog last month and forgot that the garden had a fence around it. I had never seen a bunny run full-speed into a fence before. But he bounced off, shook himself, turned at a right angle and ran due west until he was behind Robert's shop. I don't know if Sydney (the dog) was laughing as hard as I was, but she gave up the chase.

I have long suspected there are some signs out in the desert saying "Cat Lady ➡" that only felines can read. There is probably another a respectful distance behind it that says: "Dogs: Follow the Cats".

This evening, my outdoor cats alerted me to another visitor. They are not really "outdoor" cats in the sense that most Amargosa outdoor cats are. Midnight showed up on our back porch in a rainstorm about six months after I arrived in Amargosa full-time. She was the third kitty visitor in three weeks and was obviously domesticated, because she let us pick her up and she knew how to talk to dogs. We had already agreed, after the first two had come and been given to other homes, that we would keep the next. So, we made a home for her in the storage trailer complete with a litter box, food and water and a door through which she could go, but the dogs couldn't. When she had babies three weeks later, we kept the three girls and had all four of them spade.

So, tonight Midnight and two of her daughters (I had to have one put down a year ago) were reluctant to go to bed (read: be locked in the storage trailer for the night). I went around to find out what was so interesting and saw a long-haired kitty heading for Robert's shop. I followed and talked it into stopping. It wasn't willing to let me get closer than fifteen feet, but it wasn't determined to leave either. I left food and water and expect that we might have a new family member. That is fine with me: I've had to put three cats and two dogs down in the last three years, so it has been getting a little empty-feeling here. That was NOT a suggestion that you donate your critters. We still have two indoor cats,

two outdoor dogs and three outdoor cats, not counting the new arrival.

If you need some company, consider adopting from the Nye County Animal Shelter. They have some wonderful furry kids who need good homes. And have a good spring – short though it may be.

ANNOUNCING: FIRST RESPONDER CLASS OFFERED BEGINNING MAY 4TH AT 6:00 P.M.

Those of us on the ambulance crew are in it because we like the work. But we have room for more crew and will share the work with new volunteers. Some have found it difficult to get onto the Ambulance crew: EMT classes are difficult and the exams are difficult. But Carson City is going to let us use first responders. A first responder class is only a third as long as the EMT class and doesn't require the national certification exam. All the same material is covered, just not to the same depth, as the exams are done locally. So, we are making it easier for new crew members to get in.

But we are not sharing just the easy part of ambulance work. You'll do patient care in the home, at the mill or on the side of the highway just like us. You'll wear the shirt, carry the pager & radio, and have access to the ambulance hall. The trained first responders will always work with two other experienced EMTs and will drive the ambulance during a patient transport. We know that ambulance work is not for everybody, so we'll help you through the class, be close to you as you work with the patient or accident victim and we will guide and assist at all times.

You only need to be 18 years old at the end of the class. You'll have to submit your driving record with your application. We'll want you to be able to help us lift our patient off the ground or off their bed, and we'll want you to share our concern for the sick and injured people in our valley when they need us most.

The 40 hour class will be offered the first and third weekends in May and the first weekend in June. If you are interested, call the ambulance hall @ 5656 and leave a message or call Vern @ 5659, Or, better still, ask an ambulance attendant you know, what the work is like. If you take the class and decide that ambulance work is not for you, we'll understand. But here's an easier way to get into it and get a little taste of what its like.

A MULTI-GENERATIONAL BUILDING

BY: Jan Cameron

As many of you probably know, many years ago (early 1970's), the Williamsons donated ten acres of land at what is now the intersection of Williamson and Desert Senior to Amargosa Valley for use by the seniors in the community. The current building was built shortly thereafter. It became the home of the Nye County Senior Nutrition Program services and Meals-on-Wheels for Amargosa Valley. That building has served us well. But it has more than its share of problems.

The utilities are extremely high (about \$650/month). It has plumbing and drainage problems. The kitchen needs to be entirely remodeled to meet current code. There is limited space for anything other than eating. And our very active group of seniors is bursting with things to do and has no where to do them. However, the number of seniors who participate regularly at the current center (around 30) and those to whom we deliver meals (between 12-16), do not justify a new building for senior use only.

We have also, as you know if you read this publication, been working toward a community swimming pool. And many of us would love to have a local gym. And the Library has outgrown its walls (if Jean Adams and her staff hadn't had shoehorns, we would have burst the walls long before now). To continue to meet community needs, we really need to expand the available Library space. And we don't really have enough rooms for all of the large and small groups that need to, or would like to, get together.

There seems to be, relatively speaking, a lot of money available through grants for senior-related purposes—certainly more than the grant money for community recreational facilities, like pools. So, I asked Eileen Christensen, a consultant to the county, to look for grant funds for the pool and Senior Center. She found that other communities (including Henderson, NV) are getting grants to build multipurpose facilities, including Senior Centers with swimming pools and other types of facilities that are available for use by the entire community. The fact that they help seniors provides the impetus for the funding. But the use by other organizations and the public at large helps to fund the management and maintenance of them.

Eileen is also talking to professors at UNLV about using their graduate students, under the

direction of qualified professionals, to help us design useful, maintainable facilities.

We are seriously looking at this type of approach. The facilities would probably be at the southwest corner of Amargosa Farm Road and School Lane, but may end up elsewhere, depending upon land availability and some other factors. A Committee was created by the Senior Nutrition Program to collect ideas and issues related to this proposed facility. If you have any of either, please contact Dave Steele (1001), Curt Stengel (5238), Pat Minshall (5401) or any member of the Senior Project Council or Town Advisory Board. We will keep you posted.

CEMETERY CLEANUP

The annual cemetery cleanup will be held on May 5th 2007, at the cemetery at 8:00 A.M. We will be doing general cleanup, so bring your rakes and hoes and wheel-barrows. We will also be helping volunteers from the Horizon Academy spread new rock. Jade Robinson, Director of the Academy and a Town Board member, has arranged for a donation of rock for some of the driveways. So come help. A hotdog lunch will be provided for volunteers.

"CHANGE CHANGE CHANGE"

Arts and Crafts @ the Senior Center has been changed from Tuesday morning to Wednesday afternoon @ 2PM. For those who come to weigh in Wed. evening, you can come to arts and crafts, eat dinner, then weigh in. Again this open to all ages above 16, not just seniors. Attendees do all kinds of arts and crafts. Come and learn something new or bring a project your working on. There are some supplies and people to help with various crafts. For further information you can call Pat @ 5401. This change is effective starting on May 9.

LET ME KNOW

Call the Town Office with any news or announcements that you would like printed. We can make announcements such as new services to our Town, Birthdays, Anniversaries, New Baby or meetings you want listed.

(775) 372-5459

or

town@amargosavalley.com

AMERICAN LEGION BREAKFAST & YARD SALE

On Monday, May 28th, beginning at 8:00 A.M. the American Legion will be hosting a breakfast and yard sale. A \$5.00 donation is being asked for breakfast and is promised to be YUMMY. If you would like to bring something to sell please contact Jim Leonard. Don't forget to bring shopping money with you.

AMARGOSA DAYS 2007

Amargosa Days will be held on Memorial Weekend this year, May 25th and 26th. This year we will be holding a Talent Contest, Chili Cook-Off and Design a Sign Contest that will be held on Friday Night. The Parade, 2K/5K Race, Boat Race, Swap Meet, Kids Games, Dinner and Dance will be held on Saturday. For information on the 2K/5K Race please contact Andrea at 372-1996 for all other info please contact Shelly at 372-5459.

As you can see this event keeps growing because of the amazing show of support from our Community, so mark your calendars and plan on joining us for two fun filled days in the Park.

AMARGOSA DAYS 2007 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, May 25th

5:00 P.M. – CHILI COOK-OFF

7:00 P.M. – TALENT CONTEST

Saturday, May 26th

7:00 A.M. – 2K/5K RACE

9:00 A.M. PARADE

10:30 A.M. BOAT RACE

5:00 P.M. BARBEQUE DINNER

7:00 P.M. – DANCE

Saturday, May 26th – ALL DAY

SWAP MEET, KIDS GAMES & CONCESSIONS

LITTLE LEAGUE OPENING DAY

Opening Day for the Little League season will be Saturday, May 5th at 11:00 A.M. Please join us at the Park for fun filled day of great baseball games and good food. If you would like to be a volunteer for Little League please contact the Town Office.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

05-06-07 EMT'S AMBULANCE HALL 9:A.M.
05-01-07 AMERICAN LEGION 7:P.M. VFW
05-02-07 ART GUILD SENIOR CTR 6:P.M.
05-08-07 A.V.F.D. FIRE HALL #1 7:P.M.
05-08-07 LIBRARY BOARD AVL 6:30 P.M.
05-13-07 – MOTHERS DAY BRUNCH
05-15-07 LADIES AUXILLARY VFW 6:P.M.
05-15-07 V.F.W. @ V.F.W. POST 7: P.M
05-17-07 PLANNING COMMITTEE C.C. 7 P..M.
05-25 & 26-07 AMARGOS DAYS "2007"
05-28-07 SR PROJECT COUNCIL SC 5:30 P.M.
05-31-07 TOWN BOARD C.C. 7: P.M.

THANKS TO ALL OF YOU

The Amargosa Valley Cemetery Committee would like to THANK all of you for your amazing support during the car wash and bake sale. Every car left with a dust free gleam and the baked goods (which amounted to tables full) were all sold and enjoyed. Once again THANK YOU.

A DAY OF BLESSING IN AMARGOSA VALLEY

Come join us on Saturday, May 19th beginning at 10:00 A.M. in the Community Center for a free community event. Adults will meet in the gym and the children will meet at the park across the street. Everyone is welcome! There will be music, speakers, fellowship, and food! The children will enjoy a bounce house, play, food, and singing. They will meet back at the gym with a special song for the adults and to watch a puppet show!

Come for a day of blessing! We are proclaiming a blessing over your family, health, home, marriage, job, finances, and more.

This event is sponsored by: Powerful Fountain of Mercy Apostolic Church and Church of Amargosa, Full Gospel.

AMARGOSA CLINIC SENDS THEIR THANKS

The Staff of the Amargosa Valley Medical Center and Nevada Health Centers would like to thank the community for your support to keep the clinic open and operated by Nevada Health Centers. The response from the Valley was overwhelming and played a tremendous roll in the outcome of this issue. So hats off to all of you for your support.

HELP A GRADUATING SENIOR BY DONATING TO THE AV/BEATTY HS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

We desperately need your help! Last year we assisted 10 students in attending college with a one thousand dollar scholarship to each.. This year we have 20 students applying and so far a lot less money. I know that gas is outrageous, overhead costs are rising and money is tight. College tuition is at an all time high as well! We need to help our students get the best education possible as they are our future leaders.

Every little bit helps! So please donate to our scholarship fund and help our students obtain their goals. Please make checks out to the

AV/Beatty Scholarship Fund.

Checks may be dropped off at the town office or mailed to:

Scholarship Fund

% Jean Adams

PO Box 83

Amargosa Valley, NV 89020.

MENU FOR AMARGOSA SENIOR CENTER

MONTH OF: MAY '07

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
CLOSED	CARRY OUT MEALS AVAILABLE \$5.00 FROZEN MEALS AVAILABLE \$1.00	1-May BAKED SNAPPER AUGRATIN POTATOES STEAMED BROCCOLI SALAD BAR STRAWBERRY YOGURT PIE	2-May BEEF STIR FRY STEAMED WHITE RICE BEET SALAD WW BREAD MARJARINE 23 MANDARINE ORANGE	3-May BAKED CHICKEN POTATO WEDGES STEAMED CARROTS SALAD BAR OAT RAISIN COOKIES	4-May CHEESE ENCHILADAS REFRIED BEANS CHIPS/SALSA TACO SOUP ICE CREAM	CLOSED
CLOSED	7-May DIXIELAND SHORTCAK BLACK-EYED PEAS GARDEN SALAD CREAMY ITAL. DRSG. BANANA 98	8-May BEEF STEW HOMEMADE BISCUITS SALAD BAR COTTAGE CHEESE PEACH CRISP	9-May LEMON PEPPER CHIX RICE PILAF MIXED VEGGIES TOSSED SALAD JELL-O W/ FRUIT	10-May APPLE PORK CHOPS BAKED SWEET POT SALAD BAR FRENCH DRESSING WHEAT BREAD KRISPIE TREATS 138	11-May BBQ CHICKEN POTATO WEDGES CORN ON COB SALAD BAR PINEAPPLE CAKE	CLOSED
CLOSED	14-May MINESTRONE SOUP COTTAGE CHEESE & FRUIT PLATE CRACKERS 8	15-May CHICKEN ENCHILADA CASSEROLE REFRIED BEANS BROCCOLI SALAD CHIPS/SALSA JELL-O DELIGHT	16-May STUFFED PEPPERS SPINACH SPAGHETTI MIXED GREENS ITALIAN DRESSING GARLIC BREAD NECTARINE 61	17-May CHICKEN POT PIE W/ MIXED VEGGIES SALAD BAR PEACHES PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES	18-May SPANISH OMELET STEAMED CAULIFLOW CORN BREAD SALAD BAR TAPIOCA PUDDING	CLOSED
CLOSED	PROJECT COUNCIL 5-2 LINGUINI W/RED SAU. ITALIAN SAUSAGE TOSSED SALAD ITALIAN DRESSING BREAD STICKS APPLE COBBLER	22-May MEAT LOAF RICE CASSEROLE BEETS/ORANGE SCE CARROTS/CELERY PEACH BUTTER BANANA 86	HAPPY BIRTHDAY 5-23 PORK ROAST W/MASH POTATOES & GRAVY GREEN BEAN CASS SALAD BAR CHOCOLATE CAKE	24-May BEEF TACOS RANCH STYLE BEANS MEXICORN ORANGE RICE PUDDING 55	25-May CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP CHEF SALAD RYE CRISP CRACKERS APRICOT CRISP	CLOSED
CLOSED	28-May CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY	29-May OPEN FACE TURKEY SAND/WW BREAD MASHED POT & GRAVY STEAMED ZUCCHINI SALAD BAR CARROT CAKE	30-May LIVER/ONIONS MEXICORN TOMATO VINEGARETT MASHED POTATOES WW BREAD APPLE BUTTER 101	31-May TURKEY BEAN SOUP TUNA SALAD SAND CANTALOUPE CHUNKS MOLASSES COOKIES 75	MENUS SUBJECT 1% MILK SERVED DAILY	closed

**It's Time Again for the Annual
Amargosa Volunteer Ambulance's
MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH!**

May 13th, 2007 10am - 2pm

**at the Amargosa Valley Multi-Purpose Building
Cook-to-order eggs, Biscuits and Gravy, Bacon,
Sausage, Hash Browns, Chicken Wings,
Enchiladas, Sweet and Sour Pork, Turkey Rolls,
Salads, Desserts, and Much More!**

Adults \$7.50

Seniors and Kids \$5.00 (Children under 4 - FREE)



Buy a Raffle Ticket!

**Win a Patio Table and Chairs, \$50 off your Power bill,
Dinner for 2, Show Tickets, or Much More.**

No need to be present to win.

Raffle at 2pm

Tickets on sale for \$1 each, 6 for \$5, or

YOUR HEIGHT for \$20

**Hope to see you there-
Happy Mother's Day!**

ECRWSS

LOCAL PATRON

DATES TO REMEMBER

05-05-07 – CEMETERY CLEAN UP
05-05-07 – LITTLE LEAGUE OPENING DAY
05-13--07 –MOTHERS DAY BRUNCH
05-19-07 – DAY OF BLESSING
05-25 & 26-07 – AMARGOSA DAYS 2007

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY TO ALL!