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Phase I of Harmony Park nears completion

By Robert Perea

Nearly five years after the idea first took root, Phase I of Harmony Park at the Fernley Swimming Pool is expected to be completed within the next few weeks, transforming the southern portion of the pool property into a vibrant outdoor gathering space.

The project is a collaboration between the Fernley Swimming Pool General Improvement District and the Rotary Club of Fernley. Swimming Pool GID President Suzanne Prouty said the park is designed to be a comfortable, safe place for residents to relax, celebrate and connect.

The first phase includes a fountain centerpiece, three picnic areas—two uncovered and one shaded—and a set of decorative musical instruments for children to play on. The instruments, which include a xylophone, drums and flower-shaped chimes, will be installed near the Splash Park.

The Rotary Club originally planned to build the park at the Main Street Art Park, but when that effort stalled, Rotary member Marty Hanna and Pool Director Patrick Daniel proposed relocating the project to the pool property. The musical instruments cost \$23,376, funded through a combination of Rotary Club donations, a District 5190 grant, and proceeds from the original

Main Street Park fundraising effort.

Daniel said the Swimming Pool GID set a \$1.5 million budget cap for the project, drawn from the district's capital improvement reserve fund. While final costs are still being calculated, Daniel said the project would not exceed that amount.

"We drew a line in the sand," he said. "We're not going over that." The pool district is covering the cost of sidewalks, concrete pads and equipment installation. Additional funding is being sought through grants, though Daniel noted that grant money is slow to arrive. Rotary members are also exploring donations for tables and other amenities.

Prouty said the park will be ideal for birthday parties, family gatherings and casual visits, "We want it to be comfortable and usable."

She said the second phase of the project will be built across the parking lot from the pool building and the Phase I site. The lawn will be bordered by a quarter-mile trail with exercise stations.

Prouty, who serves as Rotary's assistant governor for Area 10, which includes Fernley, Fallon, Smith Valley, Tonopah, Yerington and the E-club of District 5190, said she plans to apply for grant funds for the second phase.

"The rest of the park, I haven't even



Construction on the new Harmony Park on the south side of the Fernley Swimming Pool is expected to be finished next month. Photo by Robert Perea

started writing grants for yet, or trying to get funded," she said.

The concrete pads and two barbecue grills have already been installed, and several trees are being planted to replace three cottonwood trees that were removed at the beginning of construction in May. Prouty said two of the trees were dying and the third was located where new concrete was

poured.

"We took out the scraggiest trees and we're replacing them with new trees, and kind of hoping the older trees will last us a bit longer and the new ones will mature so when you cut old ones down you have new ones that are already matured to maintain a good look," Daniel said.

City Council targets connection fee hike to offset soaring utility costs

By Kerry Lyman

Following a lengthy discussion last Wednesday, the Fernley City Council voted to revisit water rates annually and explore raising water and sewer connection fees to help curb future increases for existing users.

Facing more than \$100 million in projected water and sewer upgrades over the next five years, the council reviewed a detailed rate study presented by Catherine Hansford, principal at Hansford Economic Consulting. Hansford emphasized that the proposed rate hikes are not based on annual percentages, but rather on the funding needed for capital improvement projects already planned.

Some of the anticipated increases are tied to inflation, Hansford said, noting that water costs typically rise about 8.5% annually and wastewater treatment climbing about 10.5%. "It's typical for utility costs to increase 1.5 to 2 percent more than the consumer price index," she said.

The council expressed concern over

the steep projections. For example, a household using 15,000 gallons of water per month could see its bill rise from \$197 today to \$252 by 2030.

Fernley already has some of the highest water and sewer rates in Northern Nevada, according to the study. A household in Reno using 15,000 gallons of water a month would get a bill of \$135 a month, compared to a \$197 a month in Fernley. The same monthly usage would cost \$116 a month in Sparks, \$129 a month in Carson City, and \$94 a month in Fallon.

However, Fernley's connection fees remain comparatively low. The fee for a single family home this year is \$13,113, set to increase to \$16,210 next year, far below Reno's \$24,431 and \$28,605 in Sparks. Hansford called Fernley's connection fees "very competitive," saying they encourage development in Fernley relative to neighboring jurisdictions.

Councilman Ryan Hanan said he suggested raising connection fees more than two years ago "and I still think we need to do that," he said.

One factor helping to moderate future rate hikes is the city's 2019 resolution establishing a robust utilities reserve fund. The policy requires maintaining unrestricted cash equal to nine months of operating expenses and 75% of accumulated depreciation for capital costs. Since 2018, the reserve has generated an average surplus of \$2 million annually for water and \$1.5 million for wastewater.

"When rates were set in 2018 and again in 2021, the goal was to cover all expenses and to set money aside for system rehabilitation, and that is exactly what happened," Hansford said. "The city's going to start drawing down on that money considerably. In fiscal year 2026, there's going to be a large draw down on those capital reserves."

Hansford said that over the next five years, water system improvements are expected to cost \$65.6 million, with \$25.1 million coming from the saved cash reserves, \$5 million from connection fees and \$35.4 million in bond proceeds. Upgrades to the wastewater treatment system are expected to

total about \$36.4 million over the next five years, with \$12.2 million coming from cash reserves, \$4.5 million from connection fees and \$19.7 million from bonds.

Councilman Joe Mendoza asked whether grant funds the city is seeking had been calculated into the study. Hansford said it had not because no grants had yet been secured. If grant funds are received, "that's when you want to re-evaluate, to ask, 'do we need to increase the rates as much?'" Hansford said.

City Treasurer Robert Carson assured the council that revenues and rates would be reviewed annually. Deputy City Manager Lydia Altick added that the city expects to learn more about pending grant applications within the next year.

A frustrated Mendoza pointed out that the council eliminated the water ancillary fee this year from property tax bills, giving ratepayers some

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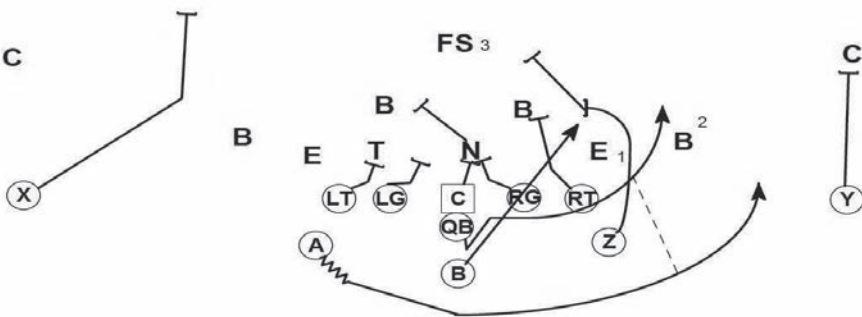
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What the night won't explain

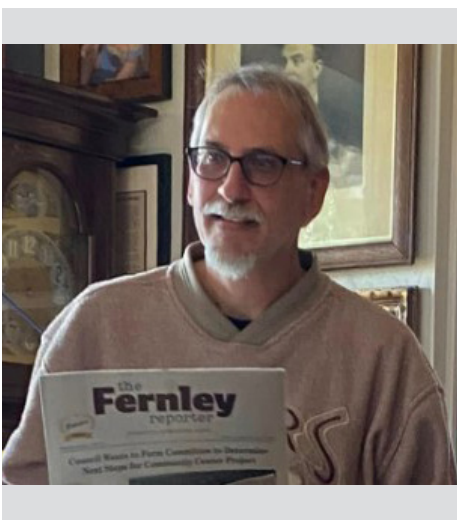
Sometimes when I'm not quite ready to fall asleep, I leave my phone on the nightstand with music playing low, just enough to keep the silence company. What's strange is how often the music follows me into my dreams.

A few nights ago, I dreamed that I was in a building after an earthquake. Or at least that's how it seemed. I don't remember dreaming about the quake itself, but the best I can recall is that I was three or four stories above the ground in a room full of people. The windows were all broken and I could see nothing in the distance but rubble and dust.

The room next to us was also full of people, and I could hear music that sounded like it was coming through the wall. Suddenly the music changed, and it seem to be closer. When I finally woke up, I found that the song that was playing in my dream was still playing on my phone. When I opened the app to check the history, I realized the songs that had recently played were the same ones I'd heard in the dream.

How does a song slip into a dream? Science offers theories that the brain doesn't fully shut off during sleep, and sound can thread its way into the subconscious. But that doesn't explain the feeling of that uncanny moment when the dream and the waking world overlap, when melody becomes memory and memory becomes metaphor.

Wondering about dreams is one of the oldest and most universal human fascinations. When I was a child, I



ROBERT PEREA

was particularly drawn to the biblical story of Joseph, the boy with a coat of many colors and a gift for interpreting dreams. According to the story, Joseph was in a prison cell in Egypt when the Pharoah ordered him brought from the dungeon to interpret two troubling dreams that his own advisors couldn't explain.

According to the story, Joseph correctly predicted seven years of feast followed by seven years of famine.

Pharoah may have gotten his answer, but most of us aren't so lucky. We wake up with fragments, broken windows, a song through the wall, and we carry them into the daylight like half-read letters, if we're lucky enough to remember them at all.

Those letters arrive like mail from a place that doesn't exist on any map,

and we don't know who sent them, or what they mean.

But maybe meaning isn't the point. I long ago gave up on ever being able to understand what my dreams mean. I've come to believe dreams aren't puzzles to be solved, but invitations to wonder about something the night won't explain.

Robert Perea has covered news and sports in Northern Nevada since 1993. He has published The Fernley Reporter online since 2016, loves music, is a sucker for the pets who have adopted him, and is thrilled to be printing the Reporter.

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FEATURES

City celebrates opening of CRRC

By Robert Perea

As Area Director Oscar Aguilar stepped up to the podium during the ribbon cutting ceremony for the opening of the Fernley Community Response and Resource Center on Aug. 27, about two dozen children and teens and a handful of staff members from the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows Serving Fernley filed out of the new building.

The group standing behind Aguilar provided a visual reminder of the reason for the moment.

The City of Fernley and the Boys & Girls Club celebrated a ribbon cutting to mark the completion and opening of the building that will serve as the club's new home.

"This new facility is much more than just bricks and walls," Aguilar said. "It represents an opportunity. It represents a safe place for youth to learn, grow and discover their full potential."

Later that evening, the Fernley City Council voted to approve the lease



Staff and members of the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows Serving Fernley stand behind Area Director Oscar Aguilar as he speaks during the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Community Response and Resource Center on Sept. 3. Photo by Robert Perea

agreement with the Boys & Girls Club to operate and maintain the building. The initial term of the lease is for two years, with an option to extend one additional year. The Boys & Girls Club will pay the city \$1 per year in rent and will pay the taxes, utilities and operating expenses for the building.

In addition to being the home of the

Boys & Girls Club, the building will double as an emergency response hub for the city. More than \$15 million of the \$18.9 million total cost of the building was from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, which require it to be used for ARPA-approved purposes. The city identified The city identified COVID-19 testing and vaccination

site, workforce development services/programming, education assistance services, afterschool programming, and early childhood education as the uses for the building.

The second phase of the building will be an early learning center and a gymnasium for recreation and events is planned as the third phase. The Boys & Girls Club has said it will raise the money to pay for construction of the early learning center.

At the ribbon cutting ceremony, representatives of the city, Boys & Girls Club, the state's congressional delegation and the contractor and architect on the project spoke to thank those whose work throughout the past 10 years made the building possible. There was also a performance by dancers from Fernley Performing Arts.

"This isn't just a building," Mayor Neal McIntyre said. "It's a promise to our future. So I say saddle up Fernley, a new day is upon us. Today we celebrate what has been accomplished.

Tomorrow we continue our mission of building our future."

Boys & Girls Club expanding options at new CRRC Clubhouse

By Robert Perea

On the wall near his desk in the new Boys & Girls Clubhouse at the Community Response and Resource Center, Oscar Aguilar has hung several framed certificates and plaques.

The one on top is the certificate presented to him for being the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows 2007 Member of the Year for the Larry D. Johnson Teen Center. That plaque helps Aguilar stay focused on his mission as the Area Director for the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows Serving Fernley, which opened in its new location at the CRRC last week.

"I hang that plaque higher than all of my other recognitions because it's just a reminder of my purpose and of what I received that should be given

back to communities," Aguilar said.

As the Area Director, Aguilar oversees the programs that serve about 1,600 total youths ranging from ages 6-18. As much as the Boys & Girls Club has offered through the years at its various sites in Fernley schools, Aguilar said the new location will allow them to expand some programs and add new ones.

"With the commercial kitchen there's opportunities to expand our cooking club, having a little bit more space to teach culinary skills," he said. "It also gives the opportunity to work with our workforce development programs."

The Boys & Girls Club has a food trailer they've used for Food Truck Fridays in Reno, which this year finished in the top eight in the Northern Nevada

Food Truck Showdown.

"They've been voted one of the best food trucks, and those kids are slinging out pizzas," Aguilar said. "We get them trained up on their food handler's card, so there's opportunities like that to excel."

Aguilar's passion for serving kids comes from his own experiences as a teen member of the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows. He first joined the club in 2006 at the Larry D. Johnson Community Center after moving from Carson City to Sparks to live full-time with his mom full-time just before his freshman year at Sparks High School.

"And then I met Charles Walker, who was my first coordinator, my first kind of a mentor outside of a parent, and ever since then, got me involved

with leadership roles," Aguilar said. "I would say that's what kickstarted my leadership within the community and doing community outreach."

Aguilar admits that his 14-year-old self never envisioned the impact the Club would have on him or the direction it would lead him.

"If you asked me back then, I wouldn't see myself here," he said. "But now that I'm living here, I would say a lot mentors, a lot of key moments helping others, that shaped me into the role model that I see myself as now."

Aguilar took over as Area Director after the Covid-19 pandemic, and one of the first things he did was get his staff together to come up with more ways to serve kids.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Boys & Girls Club to honor members of the year at awards banquet Oct. 2

Staff Report

The Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows Serving Fernley will honor its members of the year at its Annual Awards Banquet on Thursday, Oct. 2 at the Community Response and Resource Center. The Club will also honor a community leader as its with its Distinguished Service Award and present its Volunteer of the Year Award.

The highlight of the banquet is the

presentations of the Youth of the Year Award. The Youth of the Year award is the Boys & Girls Clubs of America's signature effort to foster a new generation of leaders, fully prepared to live and lead in a diverse, global and integrated world economy. It is the highest honor a Boys & Girls Club youth can achieve.

The event begins with cocktails at 5 p.m. followed by dinner and the awards presentations at 6 p.m.

City looking for sponsors and volunteers for Spooktacular

Staff Report

With Halloween season fast approaching, the City of Fernley is looking for sponsors and volunteers for its annual Safe Trick or Treating Spooktacular.

This year's Spooktacular is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 31 from 4-7 p.m. at City Hall.

Businesses, organizations and individuals can participate through monetary donations to purchase candy and small novelties to be passed out to children, donations of Halloween candy or novelties, volunteering to pass

out candy to trick-or-treaters during the event or decorating City Hall or help decorate the hallway haunted house.

Names and business logos for sponsors and volunteers will be placed on all advertising material and banners that publicize Spooktacular, and volunteers can include advertisements for their businesses on their table to hand out candy.

For more information or to sign up, contact Jessica Murdock with the city manager's office at (775) 784-9850 or email jmurdock@cityoffernley.org.

Fernley launches shelter partnership

Staff Report

The City of Fernley has recently formed a partnership with a newly established group that is working toward building an animal shelter in Fernley that would support dogs and cats.

The Friends of Fernley Animal Services (FFAS) group was created in partnership with the city to help with this dream and to help fundraise for the future shelter dedicated to helping Fernley pets. The board is comprised of members of the animal community, encompassing more than 130 years of combined animal experience in medicine, welfare, and volunteering.

In 2024, Fernley Animal Control officer RanDee Gahr made a presentation to the City Council advising of the challenges facing the Animal Services department, including the issues of overcrowding at the Lyon County Shelter, transportation, and the distance with which owners must travel to re-

claim their pets. Fernley has a contract with Lyon County Animal Services to use their facility, so for the past two decades, any impounded dogs have been housed 20 miles away, creating difficulties for staff and owners alike.

To complicate things further, the Lyon County Shelter is unable to routinely accept cats, leading to minimal resources being available for stray and injured felines. The City Council agreed with the plea for help and in the 25-26 fiscal year budget, allotted \$150,000 to a study to begin design, planning, and drawing a future shelter.

The FFAS website, www.ffasn.com, contains information about the mission statement, address, and how to donate. Anyone who would like to be a part of this group or to share thoughts about events, fundraising, and future shelter plans, is asked to contact Friends of Fernley Animal Services at info@ffasn.com or via mail at P.O. Box 189, Fernley, NV, 89408.





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Saturday, September 13th

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OBITUARY

Sean Everett Turner

July 3, 1991 – August 17, 2025



Sean Everett Turner, 34, loving father, son, and brother, went home to be with King Jesus on August 17, 2025, following a tragic motorcycle accident. Sean was the kind of person everyone hoped to meet in life. His smile was infectious, and his personality was as big and bold as the Wild West. With his wonderful sense of humor, he brought light and joy into every room. A proud U.S. Army Military Police veteran, Sean faithfully served his country for 12 years. He was also a dedicated member of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association – Alamo Chapter. Fittingly, his last day on earth was spent alongside those “brothers,” living life to the fullest. Though Sean was taken far too

soon, his legacy lives on in his two beloved sons and in the hearts of all who were blessed to know him. Sean is survived by his sons, Weston Everett Turner (9) and Wyatt Stephen Turner (4) of San Antonio, TX; his parents, Don and Michelle Turner of Fernley, NV/San Antonio, TX; his sister, Krystle Turner of Fernley, NV; his brother, Jesse Turner (Whitney) of West Jefferson, NC; his grandfather, Buster Patrick of Malta, MT; and the boys’ mother, Kelsey Ryncarz of San Antonio, TX. Interment with full military honors was held at the Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Fernley, NV, on Tuesday, September 2, followed by a service and lunch at

Calvary Chapel Fernley. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association TX 23-3, with the memo Bootstrap. <https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/233CVMA> The family extends their deepest gratitude to friends and loved ones for their prayers and support. A special thank-you goes to the CVMA Alamo Chapter for their outpouring of love during this time of devastation – we know you are grieving too. We also wish to thank the Bandera Fire, EMS, and Police, as well as the University Health Emergency Department staff, for their care and compassion.

Mayor’s Clean Sweep & Recycling event set for Saturday

Staff Report

Recycling dumpsters have been set up at the Out of Town Park for residents looking to get rid of large trash and debris as part of the Mayor’s Clean Sweep & Recycling event on Saturday at the Out of Town Park. The annual clean up event this year includes a free residential recycle collection day. The city has teamed up with Redwood Materials, Hero Environmental and Waste Management to help get residents get rid of unwanted items at no cost. Volunteers will meet at the gazebo at 7:30 a.m. to help clean up around the city. The location for recycling items at the Out of Town Park will be behind the rodeo grounds, from 8 a.m. to noon, or until the bins are full.

They will be accepting large trash and debris (no more than one truck bed size limit); one large appliance per household (refrigerators, washer/dryer, etc.); household hazardous materials including paint or oil (3 feet by 3 feet); bicycles; electronics and batteries; old computers; tires (four total per household); batteries (laptop, cell phones, power tools, etc.); car batteries; and green waste such as leaves or branches. Items that will not be accepted include CRT TVs (tube TVs), asbestos or related items, radioactive smoke detectors or mercury. For more information to volunteer to help with the clean up event, contact April Homme in the city manager’s office at ahomme@cityoffernley.org or (775) 784-9858.



Letter to the editor

Thank you from ARGONN

To all who joined us for our fundraising event in Fernley on Sept., we want to express our sincere gratitude for your incredible support and participation in making our fundraising event such a resounding success. Your presence, enthusiasm, and generosity have made a significant impact, and we are truly humbled by your commitment to our cause. We appreciate all the businesses that donated to our raffle/event:

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BUSINESS

City Council to hold public hearing on home occupation ordinance

By Kerry Lyman

The Fernley City Council will hold a public hearing Wednesday, Sept. 17, on a proposed ordinance to amend the municipal code and clarify regulations governing home occupations as accessory uses in residential zones.

The ordinance received its first reading at last week’s council meeting. According to a staff report, the proposed changes stem from neighbor complaints, the rise of specialized business types, and ongoing compliance challenges.

The revisions seek to “enhance the compatibility of home occupations with their residential surroundings, reduce conflicts, streamline enforcement and simplify licensing,” the staff report said.

One of the proposed changes adds a new limitation on the total floor area that may be used for a home occupation, along with specifications on where that space may be located.

“This change seeks to ensure that the home occupation accessory use remains subordinate and incidental to the primary residential use while also offering new flexibility for occupancy of accessory structures on the site,” the staff report indicated.

After consultation with the city clerk’s office and reviewing development codes from nearby jurisdictions, staff also proposed adding a list of pro-

hibited home occupations to address the proliferation “of niche business types.”

Additional restrictions include limits on vehicles and employees associated with home-based businesses are also included in the proposed changes.

New limits would require home occupations to occupy no more than 25 percent of the floor area on the site, or 300 square feet, whichever is less. Businesses could operate in accessory buildings as long as the total floor area limit is not exceeded.

No employees would be permitted other than the home’s occupants. No more than one vehicle or trailer associated with the business would be allowed on site, with the trailer not to exceed 25 feet in length. Such vehicles could not be parked on the street and no vehicle with a gross unladen weight of more than 10,000 pounds would be allowed.

Prohibited business types would include adult businesses, animal services other than dog grooming or mobile/off-site grooming, auto and truck repair except for mobile repair services, medical service uses that require client visits to the home and in-home cosmetology or massage services, except for call-out appointments.

The Fernley Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of the proposed changes to the development code on August 13.

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relief, but now, just a few months later, the city is looking at rate increases. Hansford said Fernley’s high utility costs stem from rapid growth and the demands of a young utility system.

“You’ve had to build a lot of capacity rapidly,” she said.

Mayor Neal McIntyre said elimination of the water ancillary fee did save residents money. Hanan agreed, estimating the reduction is \$409 a year, or about \$100 a quarter for those who play property taxes directly rather than on their mortgage payments.

Hanan likened the elimination of the water ancillary fee to an audit, where the city took a look at costs and revenue and decided it did not need that fee anymore. “I hope we’re doing that every year,” he said.

The council agreed unanimously with that sentiment and voted to perform an annual review of finances and costs, and set rates accordingly. The council also unanimously agreed to consider raising connection fees to help reduce future rate hikes.

New business licenses

The Fernley City Council approved the following new business licenses at its Sept. 3 meeting:

- Desert Feather Sound Tribe, LLC, Fernley, Mobile Karaoke
- Commercial Truck Consulting, LLC, Fernley, Truck safety compliance
- Proof Pest Control VIII LLC dba/Proof Pest Control, Reno, Pest Control Service and Sales pest
- Too Soul Foods LLC, Fernley, Food Trailer
- Trish & Kristi’s EMDR and Behavioral, Fernley, Mental Health Services
- Sierra Nevada Striping and Sign LLC, Reno, Striping & Sealing Contractor
- Blossom and Bows Designs, Fernley, Hobby/Crafter

Continued from 3 - CLUBHOUSE...

“Our motto is ‘Doing whatever it takes,’ so I took that motto because when I came over here, we were a couple of years outside of the pandemic and a lot of kids were still at home,” Aguilar said. “We started brainstorming on what more can we do for our community. What does the community want?”

One of the answers was that they needed more teen services, which led to the opening of the Teen Center next door to McHoppers. From there, they added more athletic programs. In the past year alone, the athletics programs grew by almost 200 kids.

“We’re doing year-round athletics,” Aguilar said. “Indoor, outdoor, soccer, basketball, our Junior Giants program, running sports programs for our 3- to 5-year-olds, our swim camp with the Michael Phelps Foundation. We’re running close to 800 kids in athletics.”

Other kids said they want to learn to build robots, or just a place to trade Pokémon cards.

“Awesome,” Aguilar said. “We got robotics up and running. We got the club running for them to run Pokémon cards.”

With so many of the kids interested in video games, the Club started running e-sports, with internal competition and with other teen centers.

Other programs include tutoring



Visitors check out the new commercial kitchen at the new Community Response and Resource Center during the ribbon cutting event on Sept. 3. Photo by Kerry Lyman

and homework help, art programs, games and computers. Aguilar said they’ve discussed a program with Biggest Little Radio for teens who would like to learn to DJ, and they are starting a journalism club for youth and teen reporters who will be adding a new section to the club newsletter with guidance from The Fernley Reporter.

In all, Aguilar said the club members were excited for their first time walking through the new facility and can’t wait to get started in the club’s new home.

“This is a great opportunity for the community and I’m just happy that I’m a part of it, but I give a lot of kudos to my staff because it’s all because of their hard work that’s leading us to this very exact moment,” Aguilar said.

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GOVERNMENT

Council approves contracts toward implementing area plans

By Kerry Lyman

The Fernley City Council took key steps toward implementing the North and Southwest Area Plans it adopted last year, by approving contracts at the Sept. 3 meeting to create a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), conduct an impact fee study and develop a comprehensive infrastructure plan.

Both plans listed the adoption of developer impact fees and the creation of a comprehensive infrastructure plan as high priorities to be accomplished within one year of the area plans' approval.

According to a city staff report, a

CIP must be developed to comply with Nevada law in order to impose impact fees on developers.

Kimley-Horn, the consulting firm that prepared both area plans, was chosen to create the CIP and infrastructure plans, and conduct the impact fee study, at a previously budgeted cost of \$698,000.

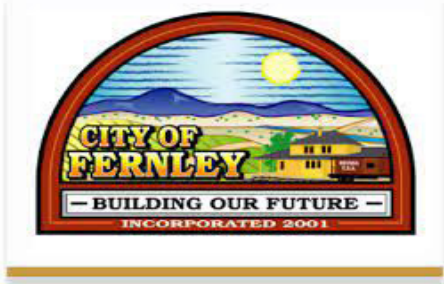
Once the CIP is created, "Kimley-Horn will then determine appropriate, proportionate impact fees for all anticipated future development," wrote Planning Director Michele Rambo in the staff report.

The infrastructure plan will include an analysis of existing conditions, coordination with stakeholders, infrastructure needs assessments of transportation, water, sewer, drainage, power, communications and public safety. It will also include cost estimates and identify funding mechanisms, according to the staff report.

"Ultimately, much of the capital cost is expected to be borne by developers through impact fees and required improvements as conditions of development approvals, thereby reducing the direct fiscal burden on the city," Rambo wrote in the staff report.

Kimley-Horn, in addition to writing the two adopted area plans, also wrote the city's Transportation Master Plan,

and was selected last week to prepare the plans listed above and perform the impact fee study due to the firm's technical expertise, an established working relationship with the local development community and continuity, according to the staff report.



Council to consider screening standards for trash and equipment

By Kerry Lyman

The Fernley City Council will hold a public hearing Wednesday, Sept. 17 on a proposed ordinance to amend the city's development code to provide clearer standards for screening trash enclosures and mechanical and electrical equipment.

The first reading of the proposed ordinance was held at the Sept. 3 council meeting. A staff report on the item said recent reviews of commercial projects revealed that current screening requirements are too vague and unclear, prompting the need for more specific language in the code.

The city's current screening requirements are four paragraphs long, one of which is a single sentence. The proposed screening requirements take up about two pages of text. Current requirements say trash enclosure gates "shall be constructed of durable material that screens the trash enclosure." Proposed changes would require trash enclosure gates to be "steel or other metal material," while restricting chain link gates to industrial zones only. New trash enclosure requirements include a concrete floor with a service apron that extends five feet beyond the gate, and that trash enclosures for restaurants have a spill containment system

to ensure that liquids remain in the enclosure.

Existing code for transformers, electrical and gas meters, air conditioning units and the like requires that such items "shall be screened or located out of view from public roads, driveways and common public areas such as exterior entrances." The proposed changes eliminate the "out of view" language and would require such ground mounted equipment to be screened or "incorporated into the structure of the building," with any screening required to be at least "one foot taller than the height of the electrical and mechanical equipment."

Slotted chain link fencing would only be allowed for screening in industrial zones, and "duct work" has been added as an item that needs to be screened. Current requirements call for rooftop equipment to be screened by a parapet compatible with the building's architecture. The proposed amendment would require the parapet to be compatible with the building's architecture "and materials," and would prohibit the use of chain link fencing as a parapet.

The Fernley Planning Commission voted 6-1 on Aug. 13 to recommend approval of the proposed ordinance.

We'd love to hear from you.

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Have a story?

Council approves 5-yard ban on non-emergency pavement cuts

By Kerry Lyman

The Fernley City Council on Sept. 3 approved a five-year moratorium on non-emergency pavement cuts on any newly constructed, resurfaced or reconstructed streets.

"This protects the city's investment in pavement infrastructure, maintains roadway quality and reduces premature deterioration caused by utility or excavation cuts," said City Engineer Maria Paz Fernandez. "Without such a policy, pavement cuts made within the first five years can reduce pavement life by as much as 30 to 50 percent, leading to additional taxpayer expense." The moratorium is designed to ensure that capital improvement funds are used efficiently and that roadways remain in optimal condition for as long as possible, Fernandez said in a staff report on the item.

"This policy aligns with industry standards, best practices and supports the city's long-term asset management goals," she said. Councilman Joe Mendoza asked what would be considered an emergency under the moratorium. Fernandez said no formal list has been created but one could be created to guide staff. She cited a leaking pipe beneath a roadway as an example of a situation that would warrant an emergency cut.

Although Fernandez said no emergency list had been created for exceptions to the moratorium, some examples were listed in the moratorium policy attached to the staff report for this item. Listed exceptions would include emergency repairs required to restore an essential utility service, to address a public safety hazard, or to respond to an environmental hazard.

Another exception noted in the policy would be city-initiated projects that require pavement cuts for public benefit.

Mendoza noted that this policy would most likely only affect new development and asked if the city gets many pavement cut requests from utility providers such as AT & T or Charter Cable. "We do, actually," Fernandez said. "This idea came from them." Penalties for violating the moratorium "will be subject to restoration requirements exceeding standard specifications, including full-width lane replacement or extended paving limits as determined by the city engineer." Additional administrative penalties may apply. The policy "covers all work within the paved roadway surface, including vehicle lanes, bike lanes and paved shoulders," and applies to all public and private utility providers, contractors, developers and city departments.

Meetings

Fernley City Council
1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5 p.m.
City Hall, 595 Silver Lace Blvd.
Next meeting September 17

Fernley Planning Commission
2nd Wednesday of the Month at 5 p.m.
City Hall, 595 Silver Lace Blvd.
Next meeting September 24

Fernley Senior Citizen Advisory Committee
2nd Friday of even numbered months at 9 a.m.
City Hall, 595 Silver Lace Blvd.
Next meeting October 10

Lyon County Commission
1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 9 a.m.
Lyon County Administrative Complex
27 S. Main St. Yerington
Next meeting September 18

Lyon County Planning Commission
2nd Tuesday of the Month at 9 a.m.
Lyon County Administrative Complex
27 S. Main St. Yerington
Next meeting October 14

Lyon County Library Board of Trustees
4th Tuesday of the Month, 9:30 a.m.
Locations rotate between the 5 county libraries
Next meeting September 23

Lyon County School District Board of Trustees
4th Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m.
Locations rotate between each attendance area
Next meeting September 23

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September 11

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LAW AND ORDER

Arrest Report

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Gary Dagastine Area: Silver Springs Bail: \$31,140.00 Charges: Battery w/DW; Battery	Darren Coats Area: Fernley Bail: \$82,500.00 Charges: Assault w/DW; Burglary of a Business (1st Offense); Robbery; Poss SCH I, II C/S <14 Grams, 3rd+ Offense; Destroy Property of Another (\$250-\$5,000)	Jacob Sanchez Area: Dayton Bail: \$1,780.00 Charges: DUI (1st); Drive with Suspended Driver's License	Carolina Flores Villarino Area: Fernley Bail: \$3,660.00 Charges: DUI (1st); Duty to Stop at Accident w/Attended Vehicle/Property Damage; Drive with Suspended Driver's License; Operator - Proof of Insurance Required
Anthony Wagers Area: Lyon County Sheriff's Office Bail: \$0.00 Charges: Criminal Contempt	Barry Greco Area: Fernley Bail: \$3,140.00 Charges: Domestic Battery (1st)	Andrea Griffis Area: Dayton Bail: \$26,495.00 Charges: Home Invasion (1st); Trespass (Not Amounting to Burglary); Use/Poss Drug-Paraphernalia	Domenic Griffin Area: Mason Valley Bail: \$6,140.00 Charges: Harbor/Conceal/Aid Felony Offender (2 counts); Poss SCH I, II C/S <14 Grams, 1st or 2nd Offense (2 counts); Use/Poss Drug-Paraphernalia (2 counts)
Jason Vasquez Area: Lyon County Sheriff's Office Bail: \$6,375.00 Charges: Criminal Contempt (2 counts)	Lou Hernandez Area: Masom Valley Bail: \$195.00 Charges: Assist Other Agency-Hold	Ethan Jones Area: Lyon County Sheriff's Office Bail: \$555.00 Charges: FTA After Bail, Misdemeanor Crime	Kaylee Hodge Area: Silver Springs Bail: \$3,140.00 Charges: Domestic Battery (1st)
Rodney Biddleman Area: Mason Valley Bail: \$3,640.00 Charges: Poss SCH I, II C/S <14 Grams, 1st or 2nd Offense; Use/Poss Drug-Paraphernalia	Robert Franklin Area: Fernley Bail: \$90.00 Charges: Intoxicated Pedestrian/Animal Rider on Road	Travis Pierce Area: Dayton Bail: \$1,140.00 Charges: Battery	Troy Ramsay Area: Fernley Bail: \$6,280.00 Charges: Domestic Battery (2nd); Obstruct/Hinder/Interfere w/Public Officer
Adrian Meza Area: Lyon County Sheriff's Office Bail: \$1,140.00 Charges: DUI (1st)	Taran Williams Area: Lyon County Sheriff's Office Bail: \$1,140.00 Charges: False Statement to/Obstruct Public Officer	Megan Franks Area: Mason Valley Bail: \$7,060.00 Charges: Poss SCH I, II C/S <14 Grams, 1st or 2nd Offense; Use/Poss Drug-Paraphernalia; Obstruct/Hinder/Interfere w/Public Officer (2 counts); Use/Poss Drug-Paraphernalia (additional)	Buck Christie Area: Mason Valley Bail: \$1,410.00 Charges: DUI (1st); Open Alcohol Container in Vehicle
Mark Soto Area: Fernley Bail: \$26,780.00 Charges: Resist Public Officer; Assault on Protected Person w/DW; Create Disturbance in School Building	James Kramer Area: Fernley Bail: \$3,140.00 Charges: Domestic	Joaquin Pena Area: Mason Valley Bail: \$2,195.00 Charges: DUI (1st); Driver Fail to Obey Traffic Control	

Man charged with threatening to run over school district employee

By Robert Perea

A man was arrested Monday on an assault charge related to an incident that happened Sept. 5 at Fernley Intermediate School.

The Lyon County Sheriff's Office said 47-year-old Mark Soto was arrested by the School Resource Officer after a second altercation on Monday.

The Sheriff's Office says the man was involved in an altercation at the school on Sept. 5. They say Soto threatened a school district employee who was assigned to monitor parking lot traffic. The employee stopped traffic to allow school buses to pass through a congested area. LCSO charges that

Soto, who was waiting in his vehicle, started to yell at the at the staff member and threatened to run the employee over. The Sheriff's Office said Soto's vehicle nearly struck the staff member when he quickly drove away.

Deputies later tried to locate Soto but were unsuccessful.

On Monday, the Sheriff's Office said Soto was in a conference room with school administrators when he became angry and another confrontation occurred. One of the School Resource Officers assigned to Fernley tried to talk to Soto, but the Sheriff's Office says Soto refused to identify himself and became argumentative and combative when the deputy tried

to detain him. During a subsequent altercation, the deputy used his Taser to subdue and arrest Soto. LCSO said the SRO sustained minor injuries and was transported to an area hospital for evaluation.

Although no students were present when the altercation took place, the school was placed on a short lockdown while deputies responded and arrested Soto. Once he was in custody the lockdown was lifted and the school resumed normal operations.

Soto was arrested on charges of assault with a deadly weapon on a protected person (school employee), resisting arrest and disturbance of school. His bail was set at \$ 26,780.



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SPORTS

Vaqueros rebound from first loss by dominating Sparks

By Robert Perea

The week following a football loss is rarely enjoyable, but after Fernley's defeat to Elko on Aug. 22, head coach Anfernee Sloan ensured that last week was tougher than usual.

The Vaqueros responded with a dominant performance, beating Sparks 47-12 on Saturday afternoon. Fernley piled up 414 yards of total offense, compared to 185 for Sparks, and scored on six of their nine offensive possessions and once on special teams.

Keeshawn Love ran for 210 yards on 10 carries, Bryce Stephens had 68 yards on his two carries and Riley McCullar returned a punt 86 yards for a touchdown.

"They played way better this week," Sloan said. "We made it a priority this last week to really coach hard. It was a hard week. Not just for the players, but tough in practice. They got coached hard and had hard practices and we fixed some things, and it showed."

Even so, it wasn't a completely satisfied coach that addressed the team in their postgame huddle. Sloan was frustrated by moments of sloppiness, especially several penalties, a couple of turnovers and a handful of undisciplined mistakes.

"It's not what we pride ourselves on," he said. "We've just got to fix that, and we'll be fine."

Stephens opened the scoring,



Fernley senior Joey Machado, seen here lining up to block on an extra point attempt, broke the school record for most tackles in a career during last Saturday's game against Sparks. Photo by Leanne Cruz, Cruz Down Memory Lane Photography LLC

taking an option keeper 49 yards for a touchdown on the Vaqueros' second offensive play of the game.

The Vaqueros then forced a 3-and-out by Sparks. Quarterback Eli Flores punted out of a shotgun formation. His kick sailed over the head of punt returner Riley McCullar, who chased the ball back to his own 14-yard line. As he picked it up, the nearest Sparks player was at the Fernley 35-yard line and was being manhandled by Alex Juliot. McCullar started to his left, then saw open field to his right and wasn't touched until a Sparks player tackled

him from behind in the end zone.

McCullar added another touchdown on an 8-yard run with 32.2 seconds left in the first quarter and Fernley was up 20-0. Love ran 54 yards for a touchdown for Fernley's next score, making it 26-0 with 6:47 left in the second quarter.

Sparks got its first score with the help of a couple of Fernley penalties, defensive pass interference and roughing the passer, that accounted for 30 of the 50 yards on the drive, which Sparks finished with a touchdown on a trick play, a 21 yard pass on by running

back Danny Taylor to Dylan Oliver after a lateral from quarterback Eli Flores.

Love added a 19-yard touchdown run that made it 33-6 at the half. In the second half, McCullar scored his third touchdown, on a 24-yard pass from Stephens, and Love added a 5-yard touchdown run.

Senior Joey Machado put his name in the school's record book when he tackled a Sparks kick returner in the third quarter. It was the 289th tackle of his career, breaking the record of 288 that had been held since 1986 by Robbie Kelso.

But the penalties, two turnovers on fumbled snaps and a missed field goal were gnawing at Sloan as he greeted well-wishers on the field after the game. He said the Vaqueros have to eliminate those mistakes while maintaining the things they fixed going into this week.

"It's just now, can we be repetitive about it? Can we keep the focus?" Sloan said.

They'll find out Friday, when the Vaqueros travel to face South Tahoe at 7 p.m. The Vikings are 3-1, after beating Dayton 33-0 last Friday.

"They're a lot better than what people give them credit for," Sloan said. "We've just got to be willing to play fast, play hard and do what we're supposed to do."

Vaqueros cruise in crossover matches

By Robert Perea

The Fernley High School softball team easily dispatched three Northern 3A West opponents in crossover matches last week, beating the Debbie Smith CTE Academy, Wooster and Sparks in three sets each.

On Sept. 2, Justice Martell Artiaga had 11 kills, Trista Menesini added six and Emma Masters put down five and had eight assists as they beat Smith 25-7, 25-14, 25-15. Alauna Escartin handed out 13 assists.

On Sept. 3, the Vaqueros beat Wooster 25-16, 25-17, 25-10 by dominating at the net. The Vaqueros had

37 total kills, compared to just six for the Colts. Lillianna Young had nine kills for Fernley, Menesini and Artiaga each had eight and Masters added six, taking advantage of good passing from Escartin, who had 26 assists.

Fernley finished the week with a 25-10, 25-9, 25-10 win over Sparks on Sept. 5. Menesini led the way with 10 kills, Artiaga and Young each had eight. Masters set it all up with 21 assists.

This week the Vaqueros were scheduled to play t Incline on Wednesday. They host South Tahoe Friday, then they open league play with a match at home against Lowry next Thursday.

Fernley Women's Golf Club Championships, Sept. 2-3 matches



Winners from the Fernley Women's Golf Club Championships held Sept. 2 and 3 included (from left to right): Tricia Cooper, Bonnie MacQuarrie, Val Montgomery, Patty Liljeberg, Linda Garrett, Cheryl Beye, Bev Barker, Loretta Bradley, Jana Garner and Kathy Kennedy.

Photo courtesy of Fernley Women's Golf Club

Girls soccer team beats Incline

By Robert Perea

The Fernley girls soccer team beat Incline 3-0 on Sept. 2, then lost 5-0 on Sept. 4 to South Tahoe, the defending 3A state champions.

Reese Johnson, Sophie Mossner and Angel Pochop scored goals for Fernley, while Johnson and Bronwynn Garrett each had assists.

Against South Tahoe, a strong defensive effort kept the Vaqueros in the game. Goalkeeper Lilliana Perez made 18 saves. The Vikings scored twice in

the first half, before pulling away with three in the second half.

The Vaqueros are now 4-4 on the season. They were scheduled to face Truckee on Wednesday and play at North Tahoe at 10 a.m. Saturday.

The boys soccer team also lost 5-0 on Sept. 5 to South Tahoe, which is also the defending 3A state champions. No stats were reported for that match. The Vaqueros are 0-4-2 so far this season and host North Tahoe at noon Saturday.

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SPORTS

Fernley boys win first cross country meet

By Robert Perea

With four of the top seven finishers, the Fernley High School boys cross country team opened the season by winning the Fernley 4K last Friday. Cael Wilson was the first Fernley runner to cross the finish line, taking third place with a time of 14:08. Joe Perkins finished fifth with a time of 4:17, Zachary Petersen came in sixth with a time of 14:44 and Dominick Dietrich was seventh with a time of 15:15. Alex Mergell finished 11th with a time of 15.46. That gave the boys a team score of 32 points, easily beating second-place Fallon, which had 71. Only three schools field full teams and the Fernley girls finished third

with 54 points. Fallon had 33 points, and Battle Mountain scored 35. Corbyn Gillespie was the fastest finisher for Fernley, in seventh place with a time of 18:48. Wynter Angus placed 21st with a time of 21:36, Regan Scott finished 23rd with a time of 21:40, Jojo Cardinal came in 29th in 22:48 and Grace Schmidtlein finished in 24:39 to place 33rd. A total of 81 runners competed in the boys race, with 41 in the girls. Friday the Vaqueros are scheduled to run in the North Tahoe Madman Mills Motivational, in North Lake Tahoe. The event begins at noon with five races for freshman boys, frosh/soph girls, sophomore boys, varsity girls and varsity boys take complete control of the game.

Elko managed just 234 total yards of offense, but almost all of them came on their four scoring drives. The Vaqueros gained 351 yards, but lost a fumble on their opening drive, had a fumbled snap thwart a 4th-and-1 conversion attempt when they were down 12-7 and converted just twice on six third down attempts in the second half. “I think fatigue kicked in there, and I’m a firm believer that fatigue makes cowards of us all,” Sloan said. “And what I mean by cowards of us all, what it means is we’re going to be more likely to make mistakes.” going to practice all five days and we’re going to go and get the job done like we’re supposed to.”



Fernley girls golfers finish 5th in first two meets

By Robert Perea

The Fernley High School girls golf team finished fifth in the first meet of the season on Sept. 2 in Dayton. The Vaquero posted a composite team score of 492, led by Scarlet Garvin, who placed 17th overall with a score of 118 and Hailey Hall, who tied for 18th

place with a score of 121. Kaia Ressler shot 126 for the Vaqueros, Riley Schultz and Isabella Martinez both shot 127 and Remmi Dunn shot 138. Truckee won the meet with a team score of 366, followed by Spreen Creek at 431 and Lowry third at 462. Team scores are determined by add-

ing up each team’s best four individual scores. On Sept. 3, the Vaqueros were again fifth in a meet in Winnemucca. Hall had Fernley’s best score at 122. Garvin shot 125, Schultz shot 129 and Ressler shot 135. They were joined by Martin, who shot 137 and Ainsley Blackorby at 138.

Truckee again placed first as a team with a composite score of 403, Spring Creek was second at 432 and Elko was third at 441. The next meets are Sept. 15 at Spring Creek and Sept. 16 in Elko.

COLUMNS

Food For Thought

By Sherry Perea

Mediterranean Wrap

Packed with a medley of fresh, crispy vegetables and savory roasted red pepper hummus or beef (or maybe both), coupled with its ability to be versatile and easily customized, the Mediterranean wrap is sure to please vegetarians and meat lovers alike. If you’re looking for low effort but big taste, you found it. Enjoy.

- Ingredients
- 4 Large tortillas
 - 1 Cup Roasted red pepper hummus and/or 1 1/2 cup chopped deli roast beef (lunch meat)
 - 1 Cup chopped cucumber
 - 1 Cup chopped Grape tomatoes
 - 2 Cups Chopped Romaine lettuce
 - 1/4 Cup sliced Kalamata, green olives or black olives
 - 1 Red bell pepper
 - 3/4 Chopped red onion
 - 3/4 Cup feta cheese
 - Tzatziki sauce, dressing or dip If desired
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- Instructions
1. Chop tomatoes, onion, lettuce and olives, peel and chop cucumber.
 2. Chop sliced lunch meat.
 3. Slice and sauté red bell pepper, drain and cool.
 4. Spread roasted red pepper hummus on 4 tortillas.
 5. Fill all 4 tortillas with equal portions of the chopped vegetables and chopped deli roast beef, sprinkle with feta cheese and top with Tzatziki sauce (if desired) roll tortilla, cut in half to serve.

Makes 4 wraps



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Oreo

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