



SPARKS MATTERS

November 2007



Greetings!

Every City department is currently working on budget reductions due to the decline in sales tax revenues and the economy issues facing us as an organization. I want you to know that I appreciate the hard work and extra efforts.

You'll be hearing about a new informational campaign called FIRST (Fairness in Reno-Sparks Taxes) in the coming months and I hope you will take the time to review the facts so you can help our citizens understand the issues facing us as a community.

The Holidays are fast approaching and things like turkey dinners, Santa and New Year's Eve are in our thoughts! I want to thank all of our employees for their dedication and extraordinary efforts this year to make Sparks the best place in the world to live.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Shawn

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NEW EMPLOYEES



Alex Jackson
Safety Coordinator



Patricia Kuehl
Sr. Admin Analyst



James Hansen
TMWRF Mechanic



Gloria Cooper
Police Office Asst.

PROMOTIONS & RECLASS

October 2007:

Lisa Galvin - Revenue Asst II
Gary Hutchinson - Sr. Administrative Analyst
David Bruketta - Laboratory Supervisor
William Lutsch - Laboratory Supervisor
Jeff Streeter - IT Specialist Support - Police Dept.

November 2007:

Ron Korman - Maintenance Superintendent
Linda Patterson - City Clerk

RETIREMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

October 2007:

None

TRANSFERS

October 2007: None



Freddie



Parmenter



Jennifer & Jeff

With love, we announce
the birth of our son
Bom on
Oct 13, 2007
at
4:47 P.M.

7 lbs., 5 oz.
21 inches long



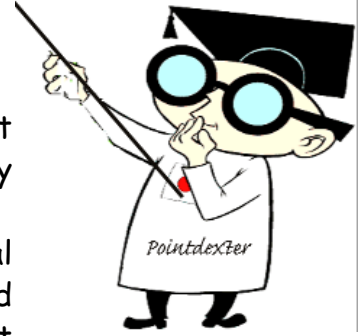
What's the Point?

Hello, Pointdexter here, and in this month we'll be reviewing **CalendarPoint**.

CalendarPoint was developed to provide a central location that you can go to see what meetings are coming up for members of the City Council.

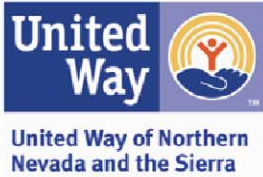
It's a quick place to go to see when the Council is holding special workshops, retreats and other meetings and even when our Boards and Commission meetings are scheduled. You'll also find conferences that they are attending noted on CalendarPoint.

Here's an example - the month of November at CalendarPoint!



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November, 2007							Expand All	Collapse All	1 Day	7 Week	31 Month
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday					
28	29	30	31	1	2	3	8:00 PM Sparks Planning Commission 8:00 PM Citizens Advisory Committee				
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8:00 AM Airport Authority Board of Trustees 12:00 PM Criminal Justice Steering Committee 2:00 PM Regional Planning Governing Board				
	9:00 AM Joint Councils Meeting	11:30 AM What's Happening In Sparks Chamber Luncheon	8:00 AM Pay Day 9:00 AM Disabled Advisory Committee 10:30 AM TMWRF Joint Coordinating Committee ▼ 3 more items								
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	7:30 AM Washoe County HOME Consortium 7:30 AM EDAWN 8:30 AM Safety Committee ▼ 3 more items				
	1:30 PM City Lobbying Team 3:00 PM City Council & Redev Meeting	9:00 AM Risk Management Committee 2:00 PM Washoe County Commission	5:30 PM Civil Service Commission 6:30 PM Board of Massage Examiners		9:00 AM RTC Board Meeting						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	9:00 AM RSCVA Board of Directors 1:00 PM Washoe District Board of Health				
	9:00 AM City Council Retreat TENTATIVE 1:30 PM Redevelopment Workshop 3:00 PM Special City Council & Redevelopment Meeting	2:00 PM Washoe County Commission	8:00 AM Pay Day 12:00 PM TMWA Board 1:30 PM Regional Water Planning Commission								
25	26	27	28	29	30	1	11:00 AM Multi-Cultural Advisory Committee 5:30 PM Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting				
	3:00 PM City Council & Redev Meeting	2:00 PM Washoe County Commission									



October 29, 2007

Dear Sparks City Team,

It is that time of the year again when we call upon all of you to consider giving something back to our community through United Way.

United Way of Northern Nevada and the Sierra began in 1942 serving our region's health and human services sector. Since that time, this organization has gone a long way in working across sectors to address the pressing needs of our community.

As the holidays approach, we all need to come together as one. You can make a difference. Whether it is \$1 or more a paycheck, you can join with your fellow employees in giving back to the community through your donation to United Way.

Please take time this year to discover more about how United Way works and provides countless dollars to the under-privileged and the numerous programs that exist to provide a better life for us all.

Thank you for your continued support, and remember, any contribution enters you into the drawing for raffle prizes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Geno R. Martini".

Geno R. Martini, Mayor

The City of Sparks 2007 United Way Campaign is from October 24 – November 21. United Way is asking for your donation to help those in need in our community. All donation forms should be returned even if you are not donating. **THE FORMS ARE DUE BACK TO YOUR KEY REPRESENTATIVE (see list on back) by Wednesday, November 21, 2007.**

If you choose to donate, be sure to SIGN AND DATE YOUR DONATION FORM and KEEP THE PINK SHEET for your records.

Please put an X through the form if you will not be donating this year and return it to your Key Representative. It is understood that we all have our own charities and the United Way may not be yours. Please do not feel that it is necessary for you to make a donation.

The city will be entering the names of those who donate to the United Way for an array of prizes, including 8 hours of annual leave (see list on back).

Thank you for supporting our community needs. If you have questions, you can find additional information at www.uwayreno.org or contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Teresa Gardner".



Raffle Prizes
Any contribution enters you into the drawing
8 hours annual leave
Lunch with the Mayor
Lunch with the City Manager
Family VIP pass (up to 5) & a parking pass to Hometowne Christmas
2 VIP tickets & a parking pass to the 2008 Rib Cookoff
Parking pass for Hot August Nights
1 month pass to Larry D Johnson
1 month pass to Larry D Johnson
1 month pass to Larry D Johnson
Pickles Sparks Centennial Poster
Print of the Sparks Train
Print of the River
Print of Farmers Market
Print of the Marina
Print of Pagni Park
Print of Willowcreek Park
Vintage Belt Buckle
Vintage Belt Buckle
Sparks Centennial Key Chain
Sparks Centennial Key Chain
Farmers Market Tote Bag

Key Representatives		
Teresa Gardner	353-7877	Campaign Manager
Sally Mols	353-2310	City Manager, City Clerk, Mayor, Council
Summer Pellett	353-4055	CityWorks
Cyndi Boggan	353-2324	City Attorney
Steve Asher	353-2225	Police
Kathy Clewett	353-2410	Administrative Services
Mary Jo Newton	353-2255	Fire
Michelle Martin	353-2274	Finance
Gary Hutchinson	861-4100	PW, TMWRF
Lynn Eisert	353-2271	PW, Maintenance
Brent Quilici	353-2481	PW, City Hall & Roberta
Heidi Shaw	353-2381	Court
Kathleen Bloom	353-2385	Parks & Recreation



"This is what happens to you in Traffic Engineering when they put you in time out! Inquiring minds want to know what John did to deserve such harsh punishment!"

FREE FLU SHOTS*

The City of Sparks

Flu shots will be available the following dates, locations and times:

- Tuesday, November 13: 9-11 am (City Hall Training Room)
- Wednesday, November 14: 7-9 am (SPD Training Room)
10 am-noon (City Works)
- Thursday, November 15: 3-5 pm (City Hall Training Room)
- Saturday, November 17: 10 am to Noon (Fire Station 1, Basement)

No appointment is necessary for shots. Free flu shots available for Sparks' employees and their dependents on the City's group health insurance, as well as retirees on the City's group health insurance only. Must bring your City ID or group health insurance card. For all others, the cost is \$23.



Helping Hand Thank You Campaign

The first two weeks of the **Helping Hand Thank You Campaign** was a definite success. Throughout the city there were seventeen (17) nominations submitted and here are the three random winning Helping Hands. Both Kim & Rich received an **It's A Grind Coffee** card and Judy received a lunch certificate from **Kraig's Restaurant**. Our next drawing will be held on October 3rd! Remember, all entries must be about a helping hand doing City business!



Andrea Pelto - Finance

Andrea has taken on the challenge of initiating and monitoring Fridge Friday in the Finance Department. Employees who use the fridge take turns cleaning it out on the last Friday of each month. Andrea keeps the list of who is up next and posts the notice when it is time for this event. Before she initiated this event, the fridge was an ongoing science experiment."

October 3rd Winners



Jeff Streeter - Info Technology -

"Marc De La Torre was in need of an extra long phone cord, however, to order one took a few days and he would be without a phone during that time. Instead, Jeff gave Marc his phone cord to borrow until the new one came in. During those days, Marc realized how much he would not have accomplished without phone access. Thanks, Jeff!"



Andy Echeita - Public Works

"Andy went above and beyond in connection with the Spotlight on City Hall luncheon on 9/26. He arranged for the use and transportation of the barbecue grill, for the meat to be picked up and "seasoned" overnight at BJ's BBQ, and for a crew of helper cooks that resulted in first class tri tip for over 175 employees. His "I'll take care of it" attitude was outstanding.

Other Nominees: Karen Todd, Victor Villareal, Teri Parkhurst, Dave Cormany, Marla Wetterling.



Mark Bowman - Treatment Plant

On September 18, TMWRF held our 40th Anniversary/Expansion Dedication Ceremony. Mark Bowman made himself available in the morning, without being asked, to help set up the tables, chairs, and arrange all things necessary for a successful party.

October 17th Winners



Denise Wagner - Police Dispatch

Thank you Denise. When a man appeared at the HR counter stating that he had no job, no place to sleep, and showed no intention of leaving, Denise responded to my request for assistance by quickly dispatching Officer Crawford to transport him to a shelter. The situation may have been routine to her but it certainly wasn't me, and her calm questions and quick action were a great comfort and greatly appreciated.



Marla Wetterling - CityWorks

"Ryan Anderson from PW Building Maintenance would like to thank Martha Wetterling for her invaluable assistance with the permits for the Salt & Sand Shed Cover up at Horseman's. She went above and beyond working by telephone, email and fax coordinating with the engineers in Las Vegas and the Cover All Co. of Las Vegas and the engineers in Sparks in order to expedite the process for us.

Other Nominees: Tim Saathoff, Aaron Armstrong, and Maggie Henry.

Volunteers Clean the Truckee River through Sparks!

On September 29, 2007, 200 volunteers from REI, Albertsons, and Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful converged upon the bike path at Rock, Glendale, and Cottonwood Parks to clean up trash and debris. Crews from the Parks and Recreation's Forestry Division were on hand to load and haul away 34 yards of trash, weeds, and green debris. Volunteers also wrapped 20-30 trees to protect them from beaver damage and spread 220 yards of Christmas tree chippings along the path to help prevent weeds. Thanks to all of our great volunteers!



HALLOWEEN AT CITY OF SPARKS



Purchasing Dan Marran - Smarter than the average Bear



When the Mouse was away, the Cats were at play!



Magic Tree House Preschoolers Trick or Treat at City Hall

HALLOWEEN AT CITY OF SPARKS



Maybe for Christmas we could buy Teresa Gardner a pedicure!



Gov't Affairs' Kathy Clewett - Bewitching!



Pam Wadlow - Parks & Rec gives Community Service a whole new look!



*Things in IT were very strange during the full moon this month.
Aaron Armstrong - Is that you?
Does anyone have a silver bullet?*



Jeff Streeter is missing from IT and this guy has taken over his desk!