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**Sun Valley Citizen Community Meeting – Held November 2, 2024**

Twenty-one (21) people came together on Saturday, November 2, 2024, at 10 a.m. at Hobey’s Casino to hold a community conversation. The meeting began by creating a circle of chairs, with each individual sharing their name and their connection to the Sun Valley community. Two County Commissioners were present, Mariluz Garcia and Jeanne Herman. A scribe took these notes based on what was captured during the meeting.

**Events**:

* Vote on November 5.
* Veterans Day breakfast, everyone is invited to celebrate Veterans. November 9 at 9 a.m. at the Sun Valley Community Center.
* Sun Valley GID meeting taking place on November 16 at 5:30 p.m.
* Craft Fair taking place on November 16.
* Community Clean Up event, sponsored by Commissioner Garcia, November 23 at 9 a.m. at Scolari’s in Sun Valley – accepting **tires** and **hazardous household** **items** (paint, batteries, bulbs, etc.) **ONLY**

**Things to Know About**:

* Sun Valley Appliance will accept appliances if you call ahead and let them know – for FREE!
* If you have a complaint where Washoe County can help, call 3-1-1 and they can open a ticket and track it to completion.
* Bi-Rite is a “safe place” where you can go to decompress and hang out. Great for kids after school!
* Neighbor Network of Northern Nevada, N4, is a great nonprofit resource that can help you with things you cannot do yourself, and you can do things that others cannot do. It’s like trading skills and abilities so the community can come together and help each other.
* There may be a group forming who will come together to brainstorm how to get the younger generation involved in community service. We need a leader for this brainstorm who can organize the time, location, and people who will be there. Are you that leader? Contact [cramos@washoecounty.gov](mailto:cramos@washoecounty.gov) and Washoe County may be able to help you recruit people and spread the word.

**Concerns**:

* There are clogged ditches. It was determined that people should contact Washoe 311 and create a formal work order request.
* Nobody to fill the shoes of the older generation of community leaders. How can we get more young people involved in civic engagement? The idea of holding a brainstorm session was shared. See above, contact [cramos@washoecounty.gov](mailto:cramos@washoecounty.gov) if you want to be the leader of a brainstorm. This is partially due to a lack of awareness of how to get involved. Social media was pointed to as a possible solution to spread the word about opportunities for volunteerism.
* You have to go to so many different websites to know what is going on – cities, county, nonprofit groups. Is there one place where it can all live in one place?
* Infrastructure is failing to keep up with the growth. Commissioner Garica shared that a large grant was coming our way, in conjunction with RTC, to improve Sun Valley Blvd.
* Illegal dumping on private property – what should I do? Contact N4 (mentioned above), Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful, and Sun Valley GID for possible assistance.