



## County asks to work with city, developer so project doesn't impact TCR

The Lake Elsinore Planning Commission voted Feb. 16 to recommend approval of the 8,244-home Alberhill Villages to its City Council.

It is estimated that the project will be built in six phases over 30 years, serving as the reclamation process for the Pacific Clay mining operation as it is phased out.

Twenty-four Temescal Valley residents emailed comments opposing the project because of its proximity to Horsethief Canyon Ranch and concerns about traffic congestion on the I-15. Findings of the environmental impact report indicated that traffic and transportation impacts caused by the project, "cannot be mitigated to a less than significant level." The 24 emails were entered into the public record and will be given to the City Council.

The project's plans indicate that Lake Street will be widened to eight lanes at the freeway and Temescal Canyon Road, within the city's boundaries, will be widened to six lanes.

**Russell Williams**, a development review manager with the Riverside County Transportation Department, spoke at the meeting asking that the city and applicant Castle & Cooke work with the county on a road improvement phasing plan that would provide appropriate improvements to Temescal Canyon Road. He said the improvements to Temescal Canyon Road, both within and outside of the project area, should be tied to individual phases of the project as it is constructed.

It was the recommendation of the Planning Commission to pass on the county's request to the City Council.

The first phase of the project plans for 1,300-plus dwelling units, a 6,000-student university – possibly a teaching hospital, retail/commercial, and a sports park.

The next step in the approval process will be a public hearing before the Lake Elsinore City Council at a date yet to be determined.



**54 HOMES PLANNED:** The applicant for a housing development that was approved by the county in 2009 has had to make revisions to the original plan.

## Housing project must get county OK again because of road changes

A housing development approved by Riverside County in 2009 will reappear on an upcoming Planning Commission agenda because of the necessary rerouting of one of the two primary roads leading into the project.

For public safety considerations, all county-approved projects require two roads for ingress and egress in case of an emergency.

Now planned for 54 houses, the development's 48.6 acres are located primarily in the Hunt/Lawson neighborhood, are adjacent to California Meadows and close to Wildrose Ranch, Montecito Ranch and Trilogy.

The primary entrance to the gated community would be along the private section of Lawson Road where it joins Hunt Road. In the original approval, the homes would have been accessed by a second street constructed from Knabe Road to the project.

The property for that road required an easement from the California Meadows Homeowners' Association, which the HOA chose not to grant. The revamped plan would construct the second road along a driveway off Hunt Road.

If the changes are approved, the applicant would widen the private portion of Lawson Road from 12 feet to 36 feet and dedicate the road to the county. No other widening is planned for Hunt or Lawson roads. The county does not require traffic counts for projects under 100 homes.

One- and two-storied homes are planned with the maximum height of 35 feet. The average lot size is 19,191 square feet with the minimum lot size set at 12,000 square feet. The homes will be built by Lafferty Communities.

The changes could be before the Planning Commission in the next 30 days and, if approved, construction could start in six months.

## QUICK HITS & UPDATES

**ARANTINE HILLS UPDATE:** New Home Company, the developer who wants to build 1,806 homes in the Bedford Wash area between Temescal Valley and Eagle Glen, has given the city of Corona \$116,000 for a constructability review, an early requirement in the process to make improvements to the Cajalco interchange. Arantine Hills was approved by the city in 2012 with the stipulation that the bridge would be widened prior to homes being built. New Home Company now wants to build 308 homes before improvements start on the interchange. The changes to the original approval could be voted on by the City Council in April. If the city doesn't approve the changes, New Home Company will lose the \$116,000. If the changes are approved, construction on the bridge improvements would start sooner because the constructability review is now in progress.

**16<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL COMMUNITY FAIRE:** Mark your calendars – the date this year is **Saturday, May 21**. The 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. event again will be held at Deleo Regional Sports Park and will have all the favorite highlights -- 50-cent hot dogs, drinks, popcorn, cotton candy and snow cones -- plus **FREE!** watermelon. Other activities are arts & crafts, games, bouncers, petting zoo, pony and train rides, entertainment, demonstrations, displays and exhibitors. Returning for a second year will be the **Pet Show** and **Temescal Valley Photography Contest**.

**BUNNY SIGHTINGS ABOUND!** Egg-Stravaganza, the annual spring egg hunt at Deleo Regional Sports Park will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., **Saturday, March 19**. The **FREE!** event will feature arts & crafts, games, bouncers, face painting, food vendors — plus a visit from the **Easter Bunny**. Bring cameras and baskets for egg-gathering. **Tom's Farms** will host its **FREE!** annual egg hunt on **Easter Sunday, March 27** promptly at 1 p.m. Professional photos taken of kiddos with live bunnies also are offered at Tom's, from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., every Saturday and Sunday until Easter.

**GREAT NEWS FOR TODD ELEMENTARY:** The **Corona-Norco Unified School District Board of Trustees** at its March 1 meeting voted to make Todd Elementary a K-8 school. Effective this August, the school will be renamed **Todd Academy** and welcome its first class of seventh graders. Eighth grade will be added in 2017. The board also approved an \$850,000 expenditure from the Capital Facilities Fund to build the additional classrooms. The board has indicated that **Temescal Valley Elementary**, once the Todd conversion is complete, could be reviewed for K-8 status. Parents within Todd's boundaries can choose to keep their students at **El Cerrito Middle School**, and if there is room at Todd, TVES parents can apply to have their middle schoolers attend there.

**GLEN IVY HOT SPRINGS SOLD:** It's old news -- **GOCO Hospitality**, an international wellness hospitality development and management company, in January purchased Temescal Valley's 155-year-old **Glen Ivy Hot Springs**. But many folks don't know the background of the new owner. GOCO is headquartered in Bangkok, with regional offices in Berlin and Shanghai, and has retreats and spas worldwide – Spain, Germany, Thailand, China, Indonesia and Italy, to name a few. GOCO purchased the 20-acre Glen Ivy Hot Springs plus an additional 65 acres on which the company plans to create a world-class wellness resort community – **GOCO Retreat Temescal Valley!** Great name – and probably thanks to **Jim Root**, Glen Ivy's CEO/President, who let GOCO know, "**We Are Temescal Valley.**" Thank you, Mr. Root who, incidentally, is a Temescal Valley resident.

## CALENDAR

### EVENTS

- **Temescal Valley Elementary School:** Mother/Son Glow Party, 6 to 8 p.m., **Friday, March 11**, at the school. Tickets: \$15; \$5 for each additional son.
- **Daylight Saving Time:** Spring forward -- don't forget to set your clock ahead one hour, 2 a.m., **Sunday, March 13**.
- **Happy St. Patrick's Day:** Don't forget to wear green! **Thursday, March 17**.
- **Luiseno School:** PTSA Middle School Spring Fling, 6 to 8 p.m., **Friday, March 18**, in the gym.
- **Annual Egg Hunt:** Sycamore Creek residents only, 9 a.m. to noon, **Saturday, March 19**, at the Swim Club. Ages infant to 17; bring your own baskets and cameras. **FREE!**
- **Egg-Stravaganza!** Sponsored by Riverside County, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., **Saturday, March 19** at Deleo Regional Sports Park in Sycamore Creek. Activities include: egg hunt (ages 0-3, 4-6 and 7-12), bouncers, games, arts & crafts, face painting and Bunny photo area. **FREE!** Food vendors available. Bring your own baskets and cameras.
- **El Cerrito Middle School:** Open House Art Expo. Art exhibit, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.; Concert, 5:45 and 6:45 p.m., **Tuesday, March 22**. Silent auction, Red Carpet and pictures, at the school.
- **Easter:** **Sunday, March 27**. Olive Branch Church **Sunrise Service**, 6 a.m., at the corner of Trilogy Parkway and Temescal Canyon Road.
- **Spring Break:** No school — **Monday, March 28** through **Friday, April 1**.

### TEMESCAL VALLEY MEETINGS

- **We Are Temescal Valley Public Safety Committee:** 6:30 p.m., **Monday, March 21**, Trilogy Lodge, Temescal Room, 24503 The Lodge Drive, off Trilogy Parkway.
- **Temescal Valley Water District Board Meeting:** 8:30 a.m., **Tuesday, March 22**, 22646 Temescal Canyon Road.
- **Temescal Valley Community Faire:** Planning meeting for this year's Faire, 6 p.m., **Wednesday, March 30**, at the Deleo Park rec center.
- **We Are Temescal Valley Identity Committee:** 6 p.m., **Thursday, April 7**, Senor Tom's restaurant.
- **We Are Temescal Valley Beautification Committee:** 7 p.m., **Thursday, April 7**, Senor Tom's restaurant.
- **We Are Temescal Valley citizens' group:** 8:30 a.m., **Saturday, April 9**, Trilogy Lodge, 24503 The Lodge Drive, off Trilogy Parkway. This meeting is open to the public — find out what's happening in Temescal Valley!
- **Temescal Valley Municipal Advisory Council:** 7p.m., **Wednesday, April 13**, Trilogy Lodge, Temescal Room, 24503 The Lodge Drive, off Trilogy Parkway.

### MEETINGS THAT AFFECT US

- **Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District Board Meeting:** 4 p.m., **Thursday, March 10**, 31315 Chaney St., Lake Elsinore.
- **Lake Elsinore Unified School District:** 6 p.m., **Thursday, March 10**, 545 Chaney St., Lake Elsinore.
- **Corona-Norco Unified School District:** Study session, 6 p.m., **Tuesday, March 15**, 2820 Clark Ave., Norco.
- **Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District Board Meeting:** 4 p.m., **Thursday, March 24**, 31315 Chaney St., Lake Elsinore.
- **Corona-Norco Unified School District:** Business meeting, 7 p.m., **Tuesday, April 5**, 2820 Clark Ave., Norco.