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## **PPHCSD Rehabilitation Plans**

**Terri Hill, Mountaineer Progress Newspaper**

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During the March 7 meeting of the Phelan Pinon Hills Community Services District (CSD) the Board of Directors decided on several pieces of business.

Staff has solicited bids for the rehabilitation of the Phelan Community Center and Park parking lot, and the Board approved entering into a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with TRLS Engineering & Design Services for the project. According to the Engineering manager's report, "Improvements will include a larger trash enclosure, expanded parking lot to increase turning mobility, regrading to mitigate flooding issues at the Community Center, and (compliance) with current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements."

The Board also approved the 2018/2019 Budget Assumptions, and the replacement of the Well 9B pump and motor.

General Manager Don Bartz reported on the cost to the CSD of the water "line locate" jobs required for Race Communications' subterranean builds. The 'locates,' as referred to by Bartz, require two to six employees working nine hours per day, and the use of at least one vehicle at \$25 per hour. Bartz worked on the numbers and estimates 1700 hours of work, at a cost \$120,000 to the CSD, by the time all of the locates have been performed. He spoke with Attorney Steve Kennedy, who reported that according to government code, a Local Agency required to do subsurface investigation may charge the requesting utility/contractor company for the costs.

**San Bernardino County Fire** Captain Travis Aguirre reported call stats for the Phelan station in February, including 110 medical aid calls, 22 traffic collisions, 4 structure fires, 4 vehicle fires, and 22 investigations. He confirmed that the ban on fire permits has been lifted, and stressed that residents must still contact the department to make sure it's an authorized burn day.

Sheriff Sergeant Vacarri also reported call stats for Phelan with 707 calls for service, 72 reports taken, and 20 arrests, and Pinon Hills with 222 calls, 19 reports, and one arrest. Vacarri explained that most burglaries involving electronics, like Xbox and PlayStation, are the result of too much information being shared. He said that often, teens will talk too much about the expensive toys they have, or a 'friend of a friend' comes to the home, and takes a mental inventory, only to come back later and steal the items. Vacarri suggested that in the case of game systems being stolen, the most likely suspect is either, "The kid who suddenly quit coming around," directly after the burglary, or "The one who wants to be really helpful with the investigation."

Susan Drake, Representative from Supervisor Lovingood's office, announced the next Veterans' event will be held in Apple Valley, on May 31, 2018. The Mountaineer will publish details as they become available.

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## **MOTORCYCLE RIDER INJURED IN TWENTYNINE PALMS CRASH FRIDAY**

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We have limited details about a crash Friday morning that critically injured a motorcycle rider. According to **County Fire** Battalion Chief Josh Sprague, a motorcycle rider was involved in a collision with another vehicle about 11:40 a.m. at the intersection of Lear Avenue and Highway 62. The motorcycle rider was flown to Desert Hospital in Palm Springs.

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