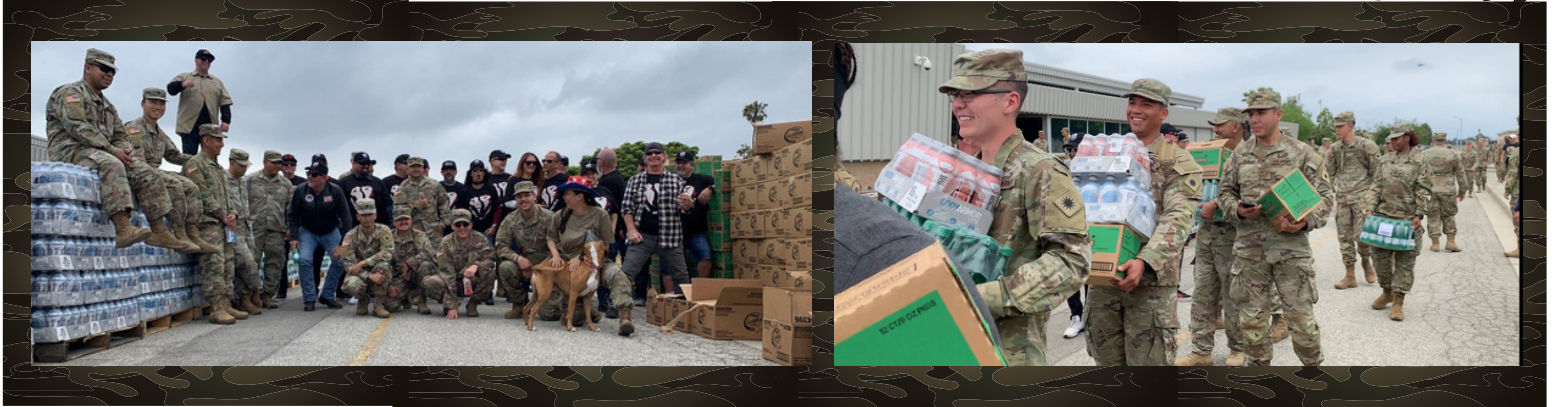


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AUGUST 2023



## MILITARY APPRECIATION



The DRPA and the Devore Community has adopted the Soldiers of America for our military donations. All the donated items will be directly given to soldiers that are being deployed all over the world. They thanked the community and DRPA and accepted all the of donations. Many Devore residents gave items during Bingo including Michelle and Paul Kirkland who contacted Amazon as a liaison for more donations and Amazon gave several boxes of much needed supplies to our military donation drive

## TRASH POLICE... ..REALLY?



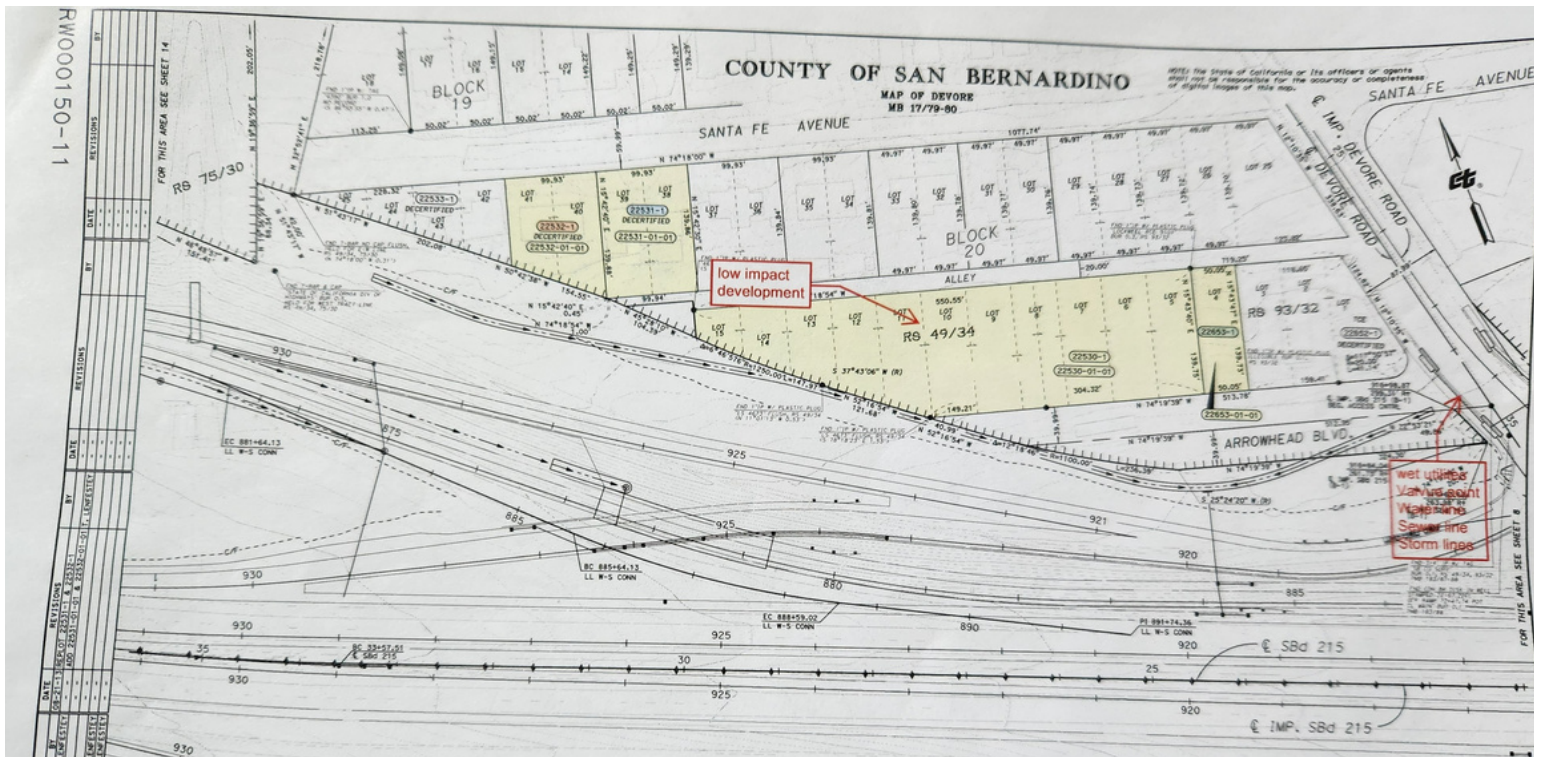
**Collection Systems, Sandarized Container colors, and Labeling are MANDATORY..**

Cal Recycle (California) has signaled that it wants to promote voluntary cooperation separating items for each colored can and avoid fines, though it will have the power to go after laggards on January 1, 2024. If residents by January 1st do NOT comply with the California State Mandates those cities/ counties, in turn, can fine residents who fail to separate their green waste from their other trash. That will mean waste haulers or code enforcement officers will be peeping into trash bins to make sure green waste, recyclables and trash are kept separate and take pictures. If they're not, the penalties can range from \$50 to \$100 for a first offense and increase up to \$500 for third and subsequent failures.



## Project Updates

Tesla has approached for a discussion on Tesla moving to Devore. At this time, Tesla has NOT moved forward with their plans or paid the fess to the Water Company to proceed. The DRPA will keep you informed



**COMING SOON**

- Gas station project submitted with county and Devore Water Company. It will include a Gas Station and restaurant.
- Travel Center
- 21.29 Acres sold on Woodlawn

# DEVORE RURAL PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

## Project Updates

The plans for a new AM/PM Arco station on the corner of Devore Road and Cajon Blvd. had overwhelming support from the Devore community in opposition. Thank all the residents that wrote, emailed or called. As of July 14, 2023 the DRPA has been informed that the applicants have an outdated water Will Serve letter and that they have not re-approached the water company. They also have not paid the application fee to move forward. This isn't to say they are not negotiating with the City ( we do not know this to be a fact) or that the project is going away. The next step will be to oppose the project through the County Supervisor's Office.

## Devore Water Company

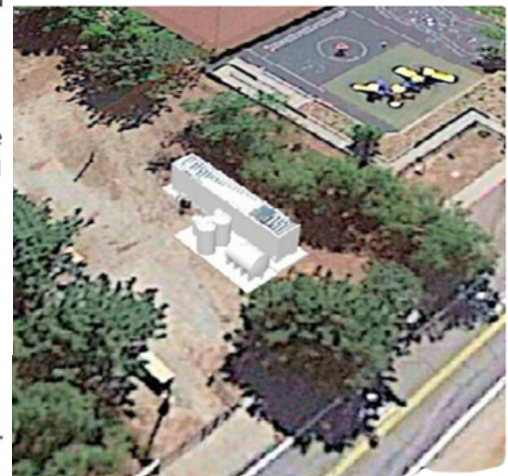
### What's New at the Devore Water Company?

We are excited to share the latest news regarding the long-awaited solution to our "Nitrate Problem." As you may or may not already know, we are preparing to enter into agreement with a company called ToxSorb to build and install a new Nitrate Removal System that will remove the Nitrate ( $\text{NO}_3$ ) in our ground water, bringing us back into full compliance with all regulatory agencies. The ToxSorb system uses a special resin coated media to selectively remove nitrate ions from water using a process known as Ion Exchange (IX). Well water is pumped through a vessel containing the media, the nitrate ions are removed and exchanged with chloride ions.

The 3-D rendering below depicts the new IX system as it will appear when installed near Wells #2A and #3, just East of the Kimbark Elementary School. The bulk of the components are assembled offsite in a 40 foot Container that serves not only for shipment and positioning onsite, but also as its permanent housing for protection from the elements.

The only chemical used during operation is a Sodium-Chloride (NaCl) brine solution. The media will have to be replaced every 3 to 5 years. The actual frequency of media replacement will depend on the actual nitrate levels in the water and how many days per year the system has to operate.

**About ToxSorb:** Nathan Parsons, Marc Perlman and Ofer Avidan founded the Water From Innovation (WFI) Group in 2009, taking a unique approach to solving Israel's water scarcity challenges. ToxSorb is one of four divisions within WFI. As passionate philanthropists, these men dreamed of using Israeli water treatment technologies to promote sustainability and public health worldwide. With headquarters in Israel, and representatives in the US, Africa, China and Europe, they have the capability to solve water issues almost anywhere in the world. Their customers include: Coca Cola, Jacobs, Strauss Group, Nestle, WSC Malta, PUB Singapore, Suez, Kurita, MSI US, Teva, Mekorot, IDF, as well as municipalities, councils, agricultural and industrial plants, tourist sites and more.



# **PRESS RELEASE**

July 12, 2023

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## **COUNTY SUPERVISOR ARMENDAREZ TAKES FIRM STANCE TO PROTECT FAMILIES AND CHILDREN AGAINST THE RELEASE OF SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATORS INTO SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY**

San Bernardino County, California - San Bernardino County Supervisor Jesse Armendarez, alongside the Board of Supervisors, unanimously adopted Resolution 2023-126 during its Board of Supervisors meeting on July 11, 2023 formally opposing the release of out-of-county sexually violent predators by courts and agencies into San Bernardino County.

County Supervisor Armendarez stated, "Ensuring our families have safe neighborhoods is my top priority. Protecting families and children from sexually violent predators is common sense." Armendarez added, "I will make sure the message is loud and clear that they are not welcome here."

According to the Department of State Hospitals (DSH), housing searches are conducted by the state contractor, Liberty Healthcare, which also treats and monitors all predators under the DSH's Conditional Release Program (CONREP). There continues to be a lack of housing availability for the DSH Housing Committee and Liberty Healthcare to agree on which has led to discussions of releasing sexually violent predators on transient status and tracked via GPS.

On June 26, 2023, the California Joint Legislative Audit Committee unanimously approved a request by Senator Brian Jones (R-San Diego) to audit the contract with Liberty Healthcare which has continued to manage the exclusive contract since 2003.

In a statement regarding the recently approved audit of the Sexually Violent Predator CONREP program, County Supervisor Armendarez added "It's time the state takes a deep dive into how unresponsive Liberty Healthcare and the California Department of State Hospitals are to families and parents that live within neighborhoods that are being identified as potential residential placements. We deserve accountability."

Following the approval by the Board of Supervisors, County Counsel will coordinate with the District Attorney to share and communicate the formal action to appropriate agencies and officials.

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## **Mandatory One Year Moratorium on Non-Renewals**

Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara, while serving as state senator, authored Senate Bill 824 (2018). This important consumer protection law requires a mandatory one-year moratorium on insurance companies cancelling or non-renewing residential insurance policies in certain areas within or adjacent to a fire perimeter after a declared state of emergency is issued by the Governor.

“Losing your insurance should be the last thing on someone’s mind after surviving a devastating fire,” said Commissioner Lara. “This law gives millions of Californians breathing room and hits the pause button on insurance non-renewals while people recover.”

## **How the moratorium works**

Following a Governor declaration of a state of emergency, the Department of Insurance partners with CAL-FIRE and the Governor’s Office of Emergency Services to identify wildfire perimeters and adjacent ZIP codes within the mandatory moratorium areas. The protection from cancellation or non-renewal lasts for one year from the date of the Governor’s emergency declaration. This one-year protection applies to all residential policyholders within the affected areas who suffer less than a total loss, including those who suffer no loss. Those who suffer a total loss have additional protections under the law.

## **Find out if you are protected**

Commissioner Lara has implemented the new law following wildfires in 2019, 2020, and 2021. If you live near one of these fires, find the fire name in the list below and click the link to open the Commissioner’s Bulletin for a list of included ZIP codes. If you live in one of those ZIP codes, your insurance company cannot issue a cancellation or non-renewal for wildfire risk for one year from the date of the Governor’s emergency declaration associated with the nearby fire. Below is a list of fires for which Bulletins have been issued since the passage of this new law as well as the Pre-Bulletin Notices for the 2021 fires. The Department continues to coordinate with CalFire and CalOES to identify the various fire and fire perimeters that are subject to the one-year moratorium for the 2021 fires.

**If your ZIP code is included in the moratorium and you received a notice of cancellation or non-renewal for wildfire risk, you should contact your insurance company to seek a reinstatement of the policy. If your insurance company refuses, you are encouraged to contact us and file a Request for Assistance.**



# **FIRE WISE USA**

**MEETING AUGUST 22 @ 6:30PM**  
**DEVORE COMMUNITY CHURCH**

PRESENTATION ON BECOMING A FIRE WISE COMMUNITY

## **GUEST SPEAKERS**

**LAURA DY BERG-MOUNTAIN RIM FIRE COUNCIL**  
**ELLEN PALERMO-LYTLE CREEK FIRE COUNCIL**  
**NANETTE VAN ESCH- DEVORE FIRE COUNCIL**

- **INCREASE WILDFIRE KNOWLEDGE**
- **STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS**
- **INCREASE POTENTIAL GRANT FUNDING**
- **INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR RESIDENTS**

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## TRAFFIC AND SAFETY CONTROL

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Traffic safety is of utmost importance for residents and schools to ensure the well-being and protection of individuals, especially children. Here are some key measures and guidelines to enhance traffic safety:

- **Speed limits:** Establish and enforce appropriate speed limits in residential areas and school zones. Lower speed limits provide pedestrians and drivers with more reaction time and reduce the severity of accidents.
- **Traffic signs and signals:** Install clear and visible signage, including stop signs, pedestrian crossings, speed limit signs, and traffic lights. These indicators help regulate traffic flow and increase awareness among road users.
- **Crosswalks and pedestrian facilities:** Ensure the presence of marked crosswalks and designated areas for pedestrians, especially near schools. Implement traffic-calming measures such as speed bumps, raised crosswalks, or refuge islands to facilitate safe crossing.
- **School zone safety:** Designate school zones with reduced speed limits during specific times, such as morning drop-offs and afternoon pick-ups. Prominently display signs indicating the presence of a school zone to alert drivers to exercise caution.
- **Traffic education:** Conduct educational programs to raise awareness among residents, students, and parents about traffic safety rules, such as the importance of using designated crosswalks, wearing reflective clothing, and avoiding distractions while driving or walking.
- **School bus safety:** Develop and enforce regulations for safe school bus operations, including regular maintenance of buses, proper driver training, and loading/unloading procedures that prioritize student safety.
- **Parental involvement:** Encourage parents to actively participate in promoting traffic safety by organizing neighborhood watch programs, volunteering as crossing guards, or coordinating walking school buses to ensure students' safe commute.
- **Infrastructure improvements:** Work with local authorities to identify areas that require traffic safety enhancements, such as improved road signage, additional street lighting, and better-designed intersections to minimize risks.
- **Enforcement and monitoring:** Collaborate with law enforcement agencies to enforce traffic rules and regulations, particularly in school zones. Regular monitoring and ticketing of speeding or reckless drivers can act as a deterrent and improve compliance.

Remember, traffic safety is a collective responsibility that requires cooperation between residents, schools, local authorities, and law enforcement agencies. By implementing these measures and fostering a culture of awareness and compliance, we can create safer road environments for everyone.

**This is the QR code to Google Maps. This QR Code will help the residents report these issues. We want to eliminate Devore from being the "alternate route".**



# DEVORE RURAL PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

BRINGING FORTH THE CONSENSUS OF THE COMMUNITY. KEEPING YOU INFORMED



## Devore History

By Alice Hall



Below—This 1952 photo of Cajon School's 5th 6th graders puts both buildings in the background. Teacher is Mr. Sullivan. By 1955 the school had students, four teachers, and a principal.

Photo donated by Julie Dyer Kight, seated left. Anieta Nelson stands behind Julie. Ina Roquez is two over from Julie and Judith Abbot, lived in the big Elena house in Sycamore Flats, be two over from Ina. Rosalie Gibbons sits on right end with Connie Morris second from r. Linda Ruddell sits third from the right with Barbara Cain on her other side. At least one of the girls a Messer. Marshall Morris stands left, and second from left is Duane Holdren. Loren White is in center (checkered sweater), Larry Ruddell next to Loren, and John O. Eby stands fifth student from the right.



Above—custodian Dorothy Cossavella, left, with Kimbark principal, Sue Orrock, in a 1978 photo from the Kimbark Collection.

Above—Cajon School, grades 1 and 2, 1949—the last year the stone school house stood alone. This teacher is the popular Mabel Hollifield who, although retired, was still substituting in San Bernardino Schools as the millennium approached.

Photo contributed by Julie Dyer Kight, who is not pictured. Larry Ruddell is top right in the white cowboy hat, and Manuel is just right of him. John Eby sits center in the third row with Anieta Nelson just left. Linda Ruddell is second from left, second row. Ina Rodriguez in front of teacher two rows down with Barbara Cain to her right. Connie Morris front row fourth from left.



Below—A view inside Cajon School in 1927. Photo compliments of historian Nick Cataldo.



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DEVORE POST 700 & AUXILIARY

Above—The Kimbark students of 1969 buried a Time Capsule of artifacts which the students of 2000 dug up and opened. The American Legion, Post #700, Devore, of the 25th District, sponsored the burial and paid for the marker. More on page 157.



Above—Lou Cossavella and Vera Alvarez in 1976 photos from the Kimbark Collection were part of the 1976 Kimbark support staff—he custodial, she in the kitchen.

Above—Kimbark School students in the 1980s enjoyed field trips to the beaver ponds up near Cleghorn Rd. on property donated to the museum by Juanita Inman. This is near the area where railroad employees lived in the 1940s and 1950s whose children attended Cajon School.

Right—Kimbark students learn about nature at the local Glen Helen Regional Park before the pavilion took away the natural settings of the park. Kimbark 6th graders also have a chance to go to Catalina Island.



### THE KIMBARK TIME CAPSULE

The time capsule project seems to have grown so that it is ongoing. The containers of the original material have been expanded with donations from every decade for another opening in 2025. The first opening of the time capsule occurred June 16, 2000 revealing what was buried by the first students who transferred from Cajon to Kimbark on January 6, 1969. Contents included magazines and newspapers from 1968, a T-shirt from Mom's Country Store that said, "A Small Town is Like a Large Family," a stuffed dead rat, a model mummy, the syllabus from Mr. Hughes' 3 and 4 Cajon class, several class photos from Cajon, and predictions students wrote about what they thought things would be like in 2000. Paul Slobom predicted that everything would be bigger, more powerful, and faster—especially the rockets.





# Community Updates

## DEVORE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Community Church of Devore  
 1431 Devore Road  
 San Bernardino, CA 92407  
 Contact: devoretruth@gmail.com  
 (909) 880-4160  
 Service Times  
 Sunday: 10:30 AM  
 Wednesday: 6:30 PM



## EVENT REMINDER

- DRPA Meeting August 7th @ 6:30 PM
- Devore Water Meeting August 14th @ 7
- Post Malone- Glen Helen Amphitheater- Aug 19th
- Nocturnal Wonderland -Glen Helen Amphitheater September 16th -17th
- San Bernardino Sheriff Rodeo- September 22-24
- Jason Alden - Glen Helen Ampitheater - Sep 30th

## KIMBARK CORNER

## WELCOME BACK



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# Reminder

**DRPA MEETING @ 6:30 AUGUST 7TH**

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