

Happy New Year! We have enjoyed the opportunity to visit with many of you this past year. Our project has been designed based on the feedback we received through numerous public forums and extensive consultations with the Sutter Creek community. So much has been learned from our conversations with Sutter Creek residents this year. We extend the credit to you for your productive input into the Gold Rush Ranch and Golf Resort project.

Our effort to communicate and be responsive to Sutter Creek residents continues through our outreach activities and this newsletter. Due to the feedback and collaboration of Sutter Creek and Amador County residents we have been able to add new features to our project to enhance the benefits for the Sutter Creek community. Some of these changes are reviewed in this newsletter.

We look forward to future opportunities to meet with you in the New Year. Please contact us if you would like to schedule a Site Tour or attend our Wine and Cheese Social (a great chance for us to meet with you). Our Site Tours are by reservation only, meeting on selected Saturdays at 10:00A.M. at the Sutter Creek Coffee Roasting Company. The Socials are held at the Gold Rush office in Sutter Creek from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Our next social is scheduled for Thursday, January 19th. The next Site Tour is scheduled for Saturday, January 21st.

Our office address, phone number and web address are included below. We encourage residents to contact us with questions and comments on subjects of mutual concern.

**Sincerely,
John Telischak, Bill Bunce and Troy Claveran
Project Sponsors**

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Feature: New Project Amenity Additions



In an attempt to be responsive to the community and make this a community designed plan, we have continued to listen to the ideas of the community and implement their ideas as much as possible into our plan. We have included those ideas in the Specific Plan Document so that we can fully address the impacts of the new ideas into the Draft Environmental Impact Report.

An example of a new element added to the Gold Rush Ranch and Golf Resort is our work with the Library Improvement and Funding Task Force (LIFT). LIFT is the organization working to improve our Amador County Library situation. Recently they asked us if we could help them in their effort to create a new library facility. We felt a new library site could be located in our designated public service area along with the police and fire stations. We are pleased that we can give a "lift" to LIFT since we will all benefit from a modernized library facility.

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"Ask Troy"

Q? : *Gold Rush is submitting a Specific Plan to the City of Sutter Creek. What is a Specific Plan?*

Troy: The Gold Rush Specific Plan is an optional land use planning tool used by cities and counties throughout California. The specific plan provides the City Council, the planning commission and the citizens with greater detail regarding a development proposal's characteristics, including architecture, location of buildings, landscaping, open space, public trails, and oak preservation. Unlike a general plan or traditional zoning, a specific plan gives a detailed vision of the future.

A specific plan also includes strategies for financing all the infrastructure and services necessary to successfully integrate the development with the existing Sutter Creek community.

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Feature continued:

We heard over the last few months from residents who thought that we should add some additional "smart growth" elements to the project. Specifically, they suggested that providing a small commercial center inside the project would provide a nice amenity for residents and would keep additional cars off the local highways. As a result we have created an area near the middle of the project that we refer to as a Residential Serving Commercial Center. The commercial center will have a variety of services, which will likely be community driven as far as what types of services Gold Rush Ranch and Golf Resort residents will like and support.

For the last six years we have been working very closely with the city staff and community residents to develop a project that will benefit the entire Sutter Creek community. Thank you for continuing to work with us as we move this project forward.

Would you like to receive future newsletter issues via e-mail? Contact us at: info@goldrushranch.com

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We are located above the Sutter Creek Coffee Roasting Company on Eureka Street in Sutter Creek

Schedule of Events

January 19th	Gold Rush Social
January 21st	Gold Rush Site Tour

"Ask Troy" continued:

Before adopting a specific plan, the Planning Commission and City Council will both hold public hearings. The scope of the hearings will include the environmental impact report, the specific plan and the zoning.

Q: "What is the status of the EIR?"

Troy: The City has hired a consultant (Environmental Stewardship and Planning) to prepare a complete Environmental Impact Report for the Gold Rush Ranch project. This consultant works directly for the City but its fees are paid by the project sponsor. After reviewing the Specific Plan for the project, the EIR consultant will prepare a Draft EIR for circulation and review by any interested members of the public, and comments from this process may be incorporated into the Final EIR. The Final EIR will be used to inform decision makers about the environmental effects and proposed mitigations for our project.

Q: How can my children get involved with the Golf Instruction Clinics?

Troy: The Golf Instruction Clinics are designed for those interested in eventually playing for the Amador High School Golf Team. Call our office at 209 267-1441 to sign up, or simply come out to the Castle Oaks Golf Course in Ione at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday afternoons to register. This program is complimentary and will run every Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. through March

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