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*The Incline Village-Crystal Bay
Republican Women's Club
Presents...*

**Come and meet our speaker,
MEGAN BARTH**
~ *Investigative Journalist* ~

Tuesday, April 14, 2026
St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 341 Village Boulevard
11:30 am-2 pm

Megan Barth is the Executive Editor of *The California Globe* and former, founding editor of the Nevada Globe. Specializing in investigative reporting, her work has appeared in national and local news. The highlights of her career include interviewing President Donald Trump, Vice President J.D. Vance, and FBI Director Kash Patel. She has written for The Hill, The Washington Times, The Daily Wire, American Thinker, Canada Free Press and The Daily Caller and has appeared frequently on, Headline News CNN, NewsMax TV and One America News Network.



**RSVP/payment of \$40 must be received by
Friday, April 10th, 12:00 noon**
Email Shirley Appel at mrsradar@aol.com
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We have some bad news and good news for our club. Recently we were given 30 days notice by the Chateau that they have raised our monthly room fee to \$200 per hour for our morning-early afternoon luncheons, on top of the amount we pay for our luncheon. This was not something we wanted to hear, especially in light of our plans to present candidates at our events in this very important mid-term election year. As you can imagine we were shocked to hear this after meeting at the Chateau for nearly 20 years. **The good news is we have secured our meeting and luncheon to be held at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 341 Village Blvd. (corner of Village and Alder). Our meeting will be on Tuesday, April 14th.** We are delighted to welcome **Megan Barth** to join us. Megan spoke to us several years ago. Much has happened since then and as an investigative journalist, she is looking forward to catching us up on those happenings.

We wish all of you a most blessed Easter weekend.

Another greeting! As I write this message to you our members, our nation's President is figuring out what to do with 400 kg of enriched Uranium and seeking out ways to dispose of Iran's copious stock of missiles and weaponry. All with little help from abroad although Japan is now willing to help, considering it gets 70 percent of its only through the Straits of Hormuz (the U.S. only gets six percent of its oil there). Meanwhile the U.S. Senate is stalled because the Democrats will not pass the S.A.V.E. Act to protect election integrity. Nor will they help fund the Department of Homeland Security. This is scandalous!

Yup, the Democrats, who by the way are all cashing their paychecks, are holding up funding for DHS, to include TSA workers, I.C.E., FEMA, etc. Correct me if I'm wrong, but one of the first orders of business for Congress is to pass a budget. The budget is usually a number of individual bills, not a "Big Beautiful Bill." So, while they may have funded other organizations within the federal government, including themselves, they have refused to pass funding for DHS. This is shameful. It does not matter that these workers are working at the behest of their C.E.O., Donald Trump, but by extension the will of the people who elected him to

keep our nation safe. These people have bills to pay too, including their own taxes. I have written to both of our Nevada senators to voice my disapproval, and I am still mad to see no response. I only saw Jackie Rosen on television blaming Trump. My emails to Catherine Cortez Masto did not even go through; apparently, she no longer responds to constituent emails. I am still mad. Next, I am making phone calls.

I am not just making phone calls about DHS funding. No, I am also making phone calls about the S.A.V.E. Act. We need the passage of that bill to stop mail-in voting in Nevada. The primary in June will surely be a mess without passage of this bill. In a recent Nevada poll, 80 percent of Nevadans thought that showing Voter ID was important to have a valid election. If you feel the same way I do, make your voice known to our Democratic senators that you believe in election integrity. And while you're at it, let them know that public safety and security is important to you as well.

Fight on, dear ladies!

Your Lady in Red, *Suzanne Cornell*
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MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Our membership drive has slowed down, and we only have 63 new and renewed members. A message to those of you that have not yet renewed your membership: We sure need you to renew soon!! Let's get our membership back on tract - send your dues of \$50 either by check or to our PO box, or by Square. **A hearty thank you,** and we know you will continue to enjoy your membership. We have awesome programs planned for 2026!

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Hi Everyone,

As you know it is mid-term election year! And as usual, we Republican women will be out there!



As your Achievement Awards Chair, I will be organizing Voter Registration Drives and scheduling Poll Watchers for the

Primaries and General Election.

Also, please let me know if you are performing campaign activities; i.e., door knocking, working in candidates offices, working at the Washoe County Republican office volunteering, or working in your precinct. I will be keeping count of the hours that we all spend on these efforts.

There is a lot at stake this election, so let's all get behind our Republican candidates. President Trump needs each and every one of us to do whatever we can to make sure that Republicans get elected!

Let me know if you want to help. I will be calling also to schedule people to register voters and people to watch at the polls.

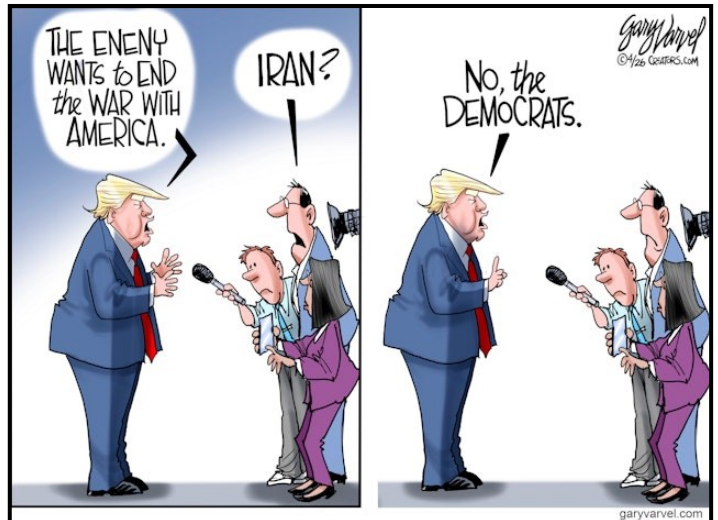
MAGA!!!

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Don't look now, but FCC Chairman Brendan Carr and Jim Acosta agree on something: President Donald Trump is "winning" his effort to reshape the media landscape in his second term. Appearing on the "Power Lines" podcast with his fellow ardent leftists Oliver Darcy and Jon Passantino, Acosta glumly proclaimed, "I don't think it takes a rocket scientist to figure out that Donald Trump is winning in his, you know, quest to reshape the media in this country that he's cracked the code on how to hurt the press in the U.S."

Acosta recently testified at a Democrat pseudo-hearing before Sen. Adam Schiff (D-Calif.), warning about how Larry and David Ellison had taken over CBS and are now planning to acquire CNN. He accused Trump of committing "an assault on our freedom of speech ... taking us down the road of Putin and China to state-controlled media." *Comments by Tim Graham on patriotpost.us/opinion.*





Incline Village General Improvement District (IVGID) Update

by Judy Miller



Beach House – The Tahoe Regional Planning Agency's (TRPA) Governing Board approved the project at their March 25, 2026 meeting. Approval was recommended by staff, even though the project fails to comply

with architectural guidelines, and no though community outreach was done until the plans were too far along for any major change.

Incline Village General Improvement District (IVGID) March 23, 2026 Board Meeting – The IVGID Board received an abstract of the SE Group's (Is this the name of the group?) needs assessment for the Snowflake Lodge. The actual report was not included. Preliminary pricing for the Board's preferred scenarios range roughly from \$30M to \$36M. Replacement of the Lakeview Chair is considered essential with an estimated cost of another \$8M. The report included assumptions that IVGID would be engaged in year-round bar and restaurant operations unrelated to its basic powers of recreation. The Board directed staff to plan an "Open House" in late summer with preliminary architectural renderings to "sell" the project.

The budget portion of the IVGID meeting considered Internal Services and Capital Improvements. There is still not enough information to get a firm idea of where facility fees will land. Those fees are scheduled to be set on April 28. Capital Improvements are compiled by the General Manager's Capital Investment Committee at meetings no longer noticed or open to the public.

The Finance Director commented that capital improvements and park maintenance are funded primarily by facility fees (which have no limits). With over \$10M in capital projects proposed for the beaches and Community Services just for FY'27, and roughly another million for parks maintenance, facility fees will likely be even higher than last

year's all-time high of \$1375 if the project list and park budgets are approved. To keep FY27 fees lower, some expenses may be paid for out of the shrinking Community Services net position. Diamond Peak had a disappointing season, so the impact on the net position is not yet known.

Susan Herron made a presentation on how facility fees are assessed and reported that there are 300 discrepancies between IVGID's parcel/dwelling unit list and the County assessor's. The Board packet includes a history. Up until 1982 hotels were charged one-half of a facility fee per room. The Hyatt used to pay the equivalent of 200 facility fees (more than 400 rooms), but now only pays 3. Trustee Jezycki defended her stance that mixed-use properties containing both a residential unit and a separate commercial space on a single parcel, should only be charged a single facility fee. Yet, multiple apartments on a single parcel are charged a facility fee for every unit.

Conversation Café March 19 – The general manager appeared, hinting there may be cuts to Senior Programs, including this one, claiming it was more of a county social services responsibility. He will be talking to the County about various Senior Programs, including Senior Transportation. An attendee asked about Dillon's Rule, which the State of Nevada adheres to, (limiting government agencies to only provide services which they are specifically authorized to provide). IVGID is authorized to provide public recreation and certain utilities. Yet IVGID has been operating bars and restaurants outside of the normal operating hours/season of the Ski venue. Catering services are not recreation. Weddings are not recreation. Transportation, not limited to recreational outings, but for any purpose, is not recreation.

Internal Controls are still lacking. At the March 11 Board meeting, it was revealed that staff had

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IVGID UPDATE

unilaterally authorized expenditures of \$40,000 over the previously-approved contract amount for the Snowflake Lodge needs assessment. The services brought the total of the contract over the maximum that the general manager is authorized to execute, yet no Board approval was sought until after 12 meetings had taken place with the consultant.

IVGID's actions continue to be diametrically opposed to our conservative principles of limited government and transparency.

Supreme Court Hears Landmark Case on Whether Federal Law Bars Counting Ballots Received After Election Day

By Megan Barth

On Monday, March 23, 2026 the U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments in the consolidated high-stakes election integrity cases — *Watson v. Republican National Committee* and the companion *Libertarian Party of Mississippi v. Wetzel* — that could fundamentally reshape how federal elections are conducted nationwide.

Judicial Watch, representing the Libertarian Party of Mississippi and partnered with former Solicitor General Paul Clement, argued that federal Election Day statutes (including 3 U.S.C. § 1 and provisions dating back to 1845) require ballots not only to be cast or postmarked by Election Day, but also received by election officials on or before that uniform national deadline. The Fifth Circuit previously struck down Mississippi's law allowing mail-in ballots to be counted if received up to five



days after Election Day, finding it preempted by federal law. A Supreme Court ruling in favor of the challengers could invalidate similar “grace period” laws in more than a dozen states, potentially affecting hundreds of thousands of ballots in future elections.

Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton described the case as “the most important election integrity case in modern history,” asserting that permitting ballots to “trickle in” days or even weeks after Election Day undermines the single, uniform Election Day set by Congress, creates opportunities for fraud, and erodes public confidence. “Federal law sets one Election Day. That deadline should be enforced,” Fitton stated. The petitioners contend that the ordinary historical meaning of “election” includes the full process up to receipt of ballots, and that post-Election Day counting represents a modern departure without strong precedent.

During oral arguments, Justice Samuel Alito delivered a sharp analogy to counter arguments for flexibility in ballot receipt deadlines, emphasizing the fixed and precise nature of federal Election Day. He stressed that Congress established a single, uniform Election Day—the Tuesday after the first Monday in November—with a clear, non-extendable endpoint for casting votes. Alito drew direct parallels to how Americans observe other nationally recognized fixed holidays and observances to illustrate the point:

We celebrate a specific Birthday (not a vague period “around your birthday”).

We have Independence Day on July 4th exactly—not over several days or with a “grace period.”

We observe George Washington Day (also known as Presidents’ Day or Washington’s Birthday) on the designated third Monday in February as a precise federal holiday.

The same holds for Memorial Day, Labor Day, and other holidays, which are tied to exact dates or specified Mondays without ambiguity or extensions.

Source: <https://californiaglobe.com/>



Membership Application

New Member Renewing Membership

If you receive this application/renewal form via email, please print a copy and mail with your check to the address below.

NAME as it appears on VOTER REGISTRATION: _____

NAME as it appears on your NAMETAG: _____

SPOUSE'S NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS(es): _____

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: _____

Home Phone with Area Code: _____ Work Phone: _____

Fax Number: _____ Birthday (Month, Day) _____

Email address (for roster and newsletter):

Please print

MEMBERSHIP STATUS , PLEASE CHECK ONE:

Active \$50, any woman registered as a Republican

Associate \$20, any woman with a full membership in another Republican women's group,

_____ OR any man registered as a Republican
Primary Club Membership

CHECK AREAS OF INTEREST:

Art or Graphic Art Work

Fundraising

Greeter at Meetings

Budget/Finance

Membership

Legislative

Bylaws

Publicity

Phone Committee

Campaign Work

Public Relations

Email

Community Service

Youth Coordination

Newsletter

MAIL APPLICATION AND CHECK to the following address:

Membership Chairman
IV/CB Republican Women
P. O. Box 3009, Incline Village, NV 89450

Always more information for you at our website: ivcbrw.org



Incline Village-Crystal Bay Republican Women Vision and Mission Statement

Vision: To support individual freedom and responsibility under the Constitution of the United States and the Declaration of Independence by making Nevada a Red state again and keeping it that way.

Mission: To promote the principles and philosophy of the Republican Party at the local, state, and federal levels by taking action to:

- Support the election of conservative Republican candidates.
- Educate club members and local voters.
- Communicate with local, state and federal legislative bodies to enact constitutional, conservative legislation.
- Collaborate with Nevada Republican Women's clubs to leverage best practices to improve club effectiveness.
- Promote Republican and conservative values through social media, print media, and community participation.
- Effect change in our schools to support conservative and constitutional values.
- Protect the integrity of local, state, and federal elections.



Member Birthdays

Barbara Reiter 5 April
 Wendy Nitti 22 April
 Susan Schnetz 27 April

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