

# Bright Lights

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## BRIGHT LIGHTS NEWS

### KABOOM Park Makeover Needs One More thing...You!

Thanks to the generous assistance of KaBOOM, a national non-profit organization, Dr Pepper/Snapple Group, and the B.E.A.R.S., the new playground at Avalon Park is becoming a reality. There is only one thing missing—community volunteers. The generous grant from KaBOOM requires the assistance of 150 community volunteers, and **100 more volunteers are still needed for the Oct. 8th build date.**

Last month Victorville kids participated in a design exercise using crayons to draw their favorite elements of the new playground. Their designs were incorporated into the final design by KaBOOM architects.

How can you help? Individuals or families can volunteer as well as businesses, churches or service clubs. There is a need for "Build Captains" from larger groups, and we are also in need of tools to borrow for the day to complete the project.

Items needed include: spade shovels, rock/metal rakes, six foot step ladders, wheel barrows, manual post hole diggers, corded drills, a 4 lb. sledge hammer, tamps, cement/garden hoes, claw hammers, and miter saws.

Volunteers need to be 18 years of age. No experience is necessary, just a willing body and generous heart. Meals will be provided. **To volunteer contact Janie Lynch at 760-245-5551. To donate tools for one day contact Becky Wasserman at 760-243-1969.**

**The Victorville Police and Fire Activities League is gearing up to open its youth boxing center in late October** at 14200 Amargosa Road. According to Police Captain Cliff Raynolds the joint program between police and fire is the first of its kind in the State of California.

The 6,000 square-foot building has recently undergone renovations including a new wall, refurbished flooring and paint. Currently, the Activities League is obtaining bids for equipment including a professional boxing ring and equipment. Olympic boxing coach Robert Espinoza has signed on to assist with the program that is open to Victorville youth between the ages of 14-20 years of age.

Interested youth will be required to fill out an application that must include the permission of a parent or guardian. Businesses and individuals interested in assisting with the program should call Police Department at 760-241-2911 or the Fire Department at 760-245-5312. Youth interested in participating in the program should also contact the Police or Fire departments for more information.

Joe Brady, President of Bradco Companies is no stranger to tough economic times. In 1989 he formed his company—a full service commercial, industrial and land brokerage company serving the High Desert Region, and northernmost portion of San Bernardino County. Just a few years later, in the early '90s the recession hit the High Desert hard following the closure of George Air Force Base. Undeterred, in 1993 Brady began publishing the quarterly economic overview —**the Bradco High Desert Report— now publishing its 47th edition!**

Twenty-one years later, the Bradco Companies is still going strong. What keeps Joe optimistic? As a child he was involved in a 2-ton truck accident that ruptured his liver, and he counts each day as a gift. Joe also credits these key philosophies that have guided him:

Believe in what you are doing,  
Accept moral support from friends and family  
Never lose sight of your goals.

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