

Tri-Valley CAREs

Communities Against a Radioactive Environment

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YOUR NUCLEAR WEAPONS UPDATE 2010...

2010 is well underway, and the coming months hold major opportunities to advocate for changes in U.S. nuclear weapons policy.

Jan 28th - A high level Obama Administration official will be speaking on nuclear weapons issues. The timing is thought to be related to the President's State of the Union address.

Feb 1st – The DOE releases its fiscal year 2011 budget request to Congress (and to us in the public).

March 1st- The Nuclear Posture Review is scheduled to be released. This is the Obama document that can influence U.S. policy for the coming decade.

Between now and March 31st- The “follow on” agreement to START (Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty) with Russia is scheduled to be completed.

May- The nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference will take place at the United Nations in New York City.

Each of these events will come with opportunities for Tri-Valley CAREs and YOU to respond by writing letters to the editor, making calls, and/or taking it to the streets. We will keep you posted with action alerts and more in the coming weeks and months.

UPDATES ON NUCLEAR CLEANUP AND BIO-WEAPONS:

Community Meeting on Cleanup of Off-Site Pollutants from Livermore Lab

Tri-Valley CAREs has long been advocating for a public meeting to involve the Livermore residents whose homes sit atop an off-site plume of contaminated groundwater. Our goal is to ensure that those who are directly impacted by the contamination have an opportunity to participate in decisions that affect their lives.

We had been advised by Lab officials that they would host a public meeting in January 2010. The bad news is that the Lab says it is not “ready” to have that meeting. The good news is that they say the meeting will happen, just not in January. We are following up with Lab officials as well as the state and federal regulatory agencies. Here is our commitment to YOU. If the Lab does not hold a community meeting on the Superfund cleanup in early 2010, WE WILL. Stay tuned.

Update on Tri-Valley CAREs' bio-warfare agent research lawsuit

We received notice from the Northern District Court in early December that our hearing on Cross Motions for Summary Judgment was being continued (moved) from December 8th, 2009 to February 23, 2010 at 1:00pm. Let's keep our fingers crossed that Judge Armstrong is persuaded by our very strong arguments (and our great legal team).

WE THANK YOU:

First, we want to thank every one who contributed to our year-end fundraising drive. Our individual donors (large and small) mean a lot to us. Individual contributions account for a significant portion of our budget. They keep our door open and our information flowing. Individual donors help stop nuclear weapons!

Also, our thanks go out to everyone who voted for Tri-Valley CAREs' "Greening the Livermore Lab" grant proposal on the Youtopia Foundation website. We received nearly 1,000 votes, which was amazing. Unfortunately, the Youtopia award was given to a different group. However, we still want to thank everyone who voted us. THANK YOU! We will continue our fundraising efforts in 2010.

TWO LOCAL EVENTS:

"Peace Art" event to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Monday, January 18th, 2010

9:30 am – Noon, refreshments will be served.

Location: UCC, 1886 College Avenue, corner of College and M St. in Livermore

More Info: (925) 443-7148

Each year, the peace community in Livermore hosts a celebration of the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King on the occasion of his birthday and national holiday.

For this year's very special celebration we are working with Jennifer Locke, a local artist whose vision and creativity are shaping our "Peace Art" event. This event is intentionally designed to be children/youth friendly as well as intergenerational. The program will focus on creative expression around the theme of peace and will conclude with our traditional peace walk to Lizzie Fountain in downtown Livermore, weather permitting. As we come together to celebrate the legacy of Dr. King, we anticipate inspiring and revitalizing our own partnership in peacemaking as well.

The morning's peace workshops will include:

- * Creating Community Music
- * Creating Banners and Drawings
- * Creating Words of Peace
- * Creating Movement/Dance
- * Creating a Community Painting.

We will also have a special room to listen to the moving words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. followed by a discussion. Call Jen Locke at 935-858-2801 for more details.

Tri-Valley CAREs Meeting

Next Thursday, January, 21st 2010

7:30 - 9:00 pm

Location: Livermore Public Library 1188 South Livermore Ave. Community Room A

More Info: (925) 443-7148

Resolve to become more active with Tri-Valley CAREs in the New Year. We welcome new and long-time members alike. Our monthly meetings are a place to get acquainted, get informed, and get motivated. Together, we will accomplish great things in 2010.

Look for more information and events (like the monthly Pleasanton anti-war vigil) at www.trivalleycares.org
We will also keep you informed via your Citizen's Watch newsletter, with a new edition coming out next month.

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