

## Code Enforcement Division set to move to Lucerne

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LUCERNE &ndash; The Lake County Code Enforcement Division will soon be moving its operations to Lucerne. The entire division will be located on the second floor of the Lake County Visitor's Center, located at 6110 E. Highway 20, according to Community Development Director Rick Coel, whose department also covers Code Enforcement.

&ldquo;We have set Oct. 29 as the start date for the move to Lucerne,&rdquo; said Coel.

He said that he thinks it will take a week to complete the move and for staff to begin working out of the Lucerne office. &ldquo;We plan to rotate staffing in a way that allows us to keep one staff member at our courthouse office during normal business hours,&rdquo; he added.

The division originally was slated to move to Lucerne earlier this year, as Lake County News has reported. However, Coel said a number of logistical issues had to be resolved, resulting in delays.

Code Enforcement staffing has been updated effective Thursday, according to Code Enforcement Manager Voris Brumfield.

Staff includes Beverly Westphal, countywide abandoned vehicle abatement; Allison Garrett, overseeing Lucerne, Glenhaven, Spring Valley, Clearlake Oaks and Clearlake Park; Roderic Hilliard, who is in charge of Lower Lake, Middletown, Cobb Mountain, Kelseyville, Finley and the Clear Lake Riviera; and Kimberlee Heckard, whose territory includes Lakeport, Upper Lake, Blue Lakes and Nice.

Larry Fabisch, whose territory had included the Northshore areas, has been placed on administrative leave, Coel said.

Fabisch was arrested last Saturday morning for charges including cultivating and possession of marijuana and carrying loaded firearms in public. The former president of the county's employees' union, Fabisch told Lake County News that he has medical marijuana cards which allow him to have the marijuana.

Coel said there are several reasons for the move to Lucerne, including a desire to locate a county office on the Northshore, which also will allow Code Enforcement staff to make a more efficient response to complaints in that area.

The move also will give staff more elbow room, as Coel described the office space in the courthouse on N. Forbes Street in Lakeport as &ldquo;crowded.&rdquo;

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