


Nevada City Newsletter

November 2009

*Nevada City wishes you Happy Holiday's.
May you have a long list of things to be
thankful for on Thanksgiving Day and may
gifts of love surround you during Christmas and
throughout the New Year.*

Holiday events in Nevada City

- *December 2, 9, 13, 16, 20*
Victorian Christmas
- *December 5*
Christmas at the Railroad Museum
- *November 26*
Free Meal at NC Veteran's Building
- *December 25*
Free Meal at NC Veteran's Building

Amgen Tour of California will start in Nevada City

If you enjoy the Nevada City Classic Bike Race, you are going to love the Amgen Tour of California Race. The weekend of May 16, 2010 is sure to be an exciting one in Nevada City. Lance Armstrong, Levi Leipheimer, David Zabriskie and other professional racers plan to participate in the race.

The race takes place along more than 750 miles of scenic California roadways and will make it's start in Nevada City. This is the first year that this has been possible because the race historically took place in February, so foothill communities were not even considered as host cities.

If you are not a cycling enthusiast you may wonder why this is such a great

thing for Nevada City. We have our own bike race, why do we need another one? Each year, the Amgen Tour of California and related activities have had an estimated economic impact of more than \$100 million for the participating host cities throughout the course of the race. Also the race has the potential to give Nevada City national and international recognition. It is a huge honor to be included in this state-wide event.

The details for the Tour of California are updated regularly on the official website www.amgentourofcalifornia.com

On the site you can read highlights about each of the host cities, purchase official gear, and learn about opportunities to



Photo courtesy the Nevada City Chamber website

volunteer.

The race will follow right on the heels of the California Preservation Foundation Conference. May will be a busy and exciting time in Nevada City.

Nevada City Awarded Grant for Trail



The California State Parks & Recreation Department has awarded Nevada City a Recreational Trail Program Grant to construct a trail on the Hirschman's Pond property located on Hwy 49 across from the Rood Center. The trail will be 2 miles long with the first 1/2 mile being constructed to ADA standards and allowing access to the pond.

The City worked closely with the Nevada County Land Trust and Bill Haire the Trails Coordinator. Without Bill's expertise this grant may not have been possible. Check the City's website or future newsletters for updates.

The Union Celebrates 145 Years The Union Newspaper and Nevada City

By Bob Wyckoff



Since the days of the great Gold Rush, Nevada City has been served by a local newspaper, either a daily or a weekly publication beginning with the *Nevada Journal* in 1851. Today's representative publi-

cation is the daily *The Union*.

The Union, under many different name variations has been published in Nevada County since 1864 and for many years maintained an office in Nevada City.

Credited with founding *The Union* are: M. Blumenthal, James Townsend and W.H. Miller. The three operated the paper until 1867, when they sold out. A succession of publishers followed until 1893, when William F. Prisk, took the reins.

Prisk was a great innovator. He modernized operations by discarding the old type and replacing it with a modern looking face. He installed the then revolutionary Mergenthaler Linotype type setting machine and joined his paper with the AP, The Associated Press.

In 1906, Publisher Prisk moved his operations into a brand new building at 151 Mill St., Grass Valley where he installed a new Duplex, web fed, flatbed newspaper press. Thomas Ingram as named managing editor in 1899,

and served in that position until 1916, when he was elected to California Senate representing the Third District.

Two more generations of Ingrams followed the Senator who died in 1928: his son, Robert T. "Bob" who in 1963, also became an innovator by installing a three unit, Goss Community off-set newspaper press. Bob was followed by his son R. Peter Ingram whose seat was then taken by Jack Moorhead. In the 1970's, Moorhead moved the paper into larger quarters in the Glenbrook Basin where it is published today at 464 Sutton Way under the leadership of Editor/Publisher Jeff Ackerman who also is a former president of the Nevada City chamber of Commerce.

Nevada County Land Trust Earns National Recognition

In August the Nevada County Land Trust (NCLT) was awarded accredited status.

"Accredited land trusts meet national quality standards for protecting important natural places and working lands forever", said Commission Executive Director Tammara Van Ryn. "The accreditation seal lets the public know that the accredited land trust has undergone an extensive, external review of the governance and management of its organization and the systems and policies it uses to protect land."

Nevada County Land Trust's accredited status demonstrates out commitment to permanent land conservation," says Joe Byrne, president of the Nevada County Land Trust Board of Directors. "Our land trust is a stronger organization today having gone through the rigorous accreditation program."

NCLT was founded in 1991 and works in Western Nevada County. The land trust has worked in 20 conservation-minded landowners to protect 5,000 acres of open space, working farms and forests in the region. NCLT has

More information about accreditation is available on the following website:

www.landtrustaccreditation.org

also built more than 10 miles of public community trails for all to enjoy the scenic beauty of this special place.

Wild & Scenic Film Festival Gearing Up

The Wild & Scenic Film Festival will return to Nevada City January 15-17, 2010. The City Council voted unanimously to sponsor the event with a \$500 contribution.

The official decision about which films will be entered has been made. There will be over 100 films shown of the 350 entries.

Tickets for the event will go on sale December 1, 2009. And as always many volunteers are needed to ensure it's success.

SYRCL's Wild & Scenic Environmental Film Festival is a call to action. At Wild & Scenic, filmgoers are transformed into a congregation of committed activists, dedicated to saving our increasingly threatened planet. We show environmental and adventure films that illustrate the Earth's beauty, the challenges facing our planet, and the work communities are doing to protect the environment. Through these films, Wild & Scenic both informs people about the state of the world and inspires them to take

action.

Details of the event are available on the website: www.wildandscenicfilmfestival.org or you can call 530-265-5961 for more information.



Veteran's Day, November 11

Across the world, in Britain, the United States, France, Canada and many others, the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month is a time to honor all those who fell in military service.

That day, marks the 90th anniversary of the signing of the armistice on November 11, 1918, signaling the end of World War I. The day has taken on new meaning in most countries and signals a moment of silence for all

fallen soldiers.

Known as Armistice Day in Britain and France, Veteran's Day in the United States and Remembrance Day in Canada, the names may change but the point remains the same.

Remembrance Day – also known as Poppy Day, Armistice Day (the event it commemorates) or Veteran's Day – is a day to commemorate the sacrifices of members of the armed forces

and of civilians in times of war, specifically since the First World War. It is observed on November 11 to recall the end of World War I on that date in 1918.



Nevada City Water System Study

By November 15th, new electric-read water meters will be installed citywide. The installation project has been progressing for nearly one year in an effort to comply with a State of California mandate that focuses on the need for water conservation throughout California.

City staff is currently working on water quality and water delivery issues on a flat rate structure. The term "tiered" typically refers to a "block" type of rate structure where the unit price of water changes with each of several present consumption blocks for each billing period. In a "tiered"

system, for example, from 0 to 10 units (generally units are either stated in terms of thousands of gallons (mg) or hundreds of cubic feet (Ccf) is one unit price, from 11 to 100 units a different unit price, from 101 to 1,000 units, a third unit price. About 25% of City residents currently receive their water directly from the Nevada Irrigation District and are familiar with a tiered system of water usage.

Most commonly in such rate structures, there are typically three to five different tiers or rate blocks. The term is most often used in reference to a rate structure

where the unit price increases with each higher level, or tier, of consumption. In other words, the more water you use, the higher the unit price and, therefore, the higher your monthly water bill. The intent is to set the tiers so as to induce reduced water usage at usage levels where the customer has discretion over usage, not to punish water usage where there is no discretion in usage.

The City Council will be conducting public hearings beginning in January 2010. Watch the Newsletter for more details and the scheduled meetings.

Sidewalk Maintenance

How can we get sidewalks clear of low hanging trees?

Trees on private property are the responsibility of the property owner. Trees should be trimmed a least 8 ft above the sidewalk and one ft wider than the sidewalk. Trees and bushes also cannot block viewing of traffic and parking signs. Trees located on private property whose branches interfere with electrical transmission

lines may be altered by PG&E.

How do I get my sidewalk repaired?

Sidewalk maintenance is the responsibility of the property owner, whether homeowner or business owner. A licensed contractor should perform the work. Homeowners and business owners may request an encroachment permit at no cost for sidewalk repairs.

Friendly reminder...

Do not blow leaves from your yard into the streets. This causes a traffic hazard as and is an unsightly mess.

Leaves should be disposed of appropriately. Contact Waste Management, at 274-3090 to request a yard waste receptacle.



City of Nevada City

317 Broad St. • Nevada City, CA 95959
Phone: 530-265-2496 • Fax: 530-265-0187 • www.nevadacityca.gov

Firefighters Pancake Breakfast

When:

November 22, 2009

Time:

7:30am-10:30am

Location:

Fire Station #54
201 Providence Mine Rd.

Price:

\$8.00 for adults
\$5.00 for children (12 and under)



Breakfast includes pancakes, French toast, bacon, sausage and beverage. The proceeds will go towards the purchase of equipment to help better serve our community. The Firefighters Association of Nevada City relies heavily on community support and donations.

Did you know?...

With the holidays quickly approaching, you can be thankful that the following businesses can help you out...

Treats has sorbets and ice-cream for you and greeting cards made by locals as well as surprise Cornucopia's for the people on your gift list.

Ike's Quarter Café has new specials everyday and creative changes to their regular menu items.

The Spo2t Oxygen Bar not only has an oxygen relaxation room, but an espresso bar with all organic and free trade items.

Amigo's is building on it's success in Grass Valley, by bringing their authentic Mexican food and drinks to Nevada City.

South Yuba Club will keep you healthy year round - after eating and shopping head to South Yuba Club for a self lead workout or try one of their many classes.

Volunteers

“Many would be shocked to find
When the Day of Judgment nears
That there is a special place in heaven
Set aside for volunteers.

Furnished with big recliners,
Satin couches and footstools,
Where there's no committee chairmen,
No group leaders or carpools.

No eager team that needs a coach,
No bazaars and no bake sale,
There will be nothing to staple,
Not one thing to fold or mail.

Telephone lists will be outlawed,
But a finger snap will bring
Cool drinks and gourmet dinners
And treats fit for a king. You ask...

Who will serve these privileged few?
And work for all they're worth?
Why, all those who reaped the benefits,
And not once volunteered.”



Opportunities to Serve in Nevada City

Chamber of Commerce
Victorian Christmas
Call Cindy Moon at 265-2692

Narrow Gauge Railroad Museum
• Christmas at the Railroad - needs a Santa Claus on December 5; Call 470-0902
• Docents to lead tours; training provided
Call 470-0902
• Cabinet work and construction;
Call 274-1681

Big Brothers/Big Sisters
Wine Tasting and Auction
November 21
Call 273-2227 for volunteer options

Big Brothers/Big Sisters
Activities Coordinator to plan special events for Big's and Little's to do together.
Call 273-2227 for volunteer options.