



Nevada City Newsletter

May 2009

NEWS FLASH: THE 2nd UNIT LENIENCY PROGRAM WAS EXTENDED TO JULY 31, 2009

The Second Unit Leniency Program (Ord. 2008-12) was adopted by the City Council on November 12, 2008 to establish a method to legalize existing, unauthorized second units. The program was scheduled to expire on March 31, 2009, however the Council recently extended the ordinance to July 31, 2009.

It is most important that property owners who have an illegal second unit seriously consider participation in the pro-

gram to legalize their unit. Any individual not filing on or before that deadline would not enjoy the fee reductions and incentives included in the ordinance. They would however, be eligible for total fee waiver if said units are accompanied with a deed restriction guaranteeing that rents would remain affordable to Very Low and Low income households if that provision is ultimately included in the revised second unit ordinance.

The public is urged to contact Cindy Siegfried, City Planner, at 265-2496 with any questions. Staff is standing by to assist in anyway to bring illegal units into compliance.

Budget Kick Off

The City will kick off the public Fiscal Year 2009-10 budget preparation process on Saturday, May 9th at 8:30 a.m. with a budget workshop in City Hall. Residents are encouraged to actively participate in the process and to submit comments and suggestions for new or modified programs.

City Hall Furlough Closures

City Hall will be closed the 3rd Friday of each month. The dates are as follows:

May 15
June 19
July 17
August 21
September 18
October 16
November 20
December 18

Drop Box Available

The City has installed a drop box outside the front doors of City Hall. This box is for after hours drop off of your utility payments. You will find the box on the inside of the pillar right outside our front door.

City Hall Hours

City Hall regular hours are
Monday - Friday
8:00am - 12:00pm &
1:00 - 5:00pm

"Nothing great was every achieved without enthusiasm."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Museum Discovery Day

Saturday, May 16

10am - 4pm

Free entry to each of the following museums...

Grass Valley Museum
North Star Powerhouse
Imaginarium
Railroad Museum
Firehouse Museum
North Star House

There will be kids prizes at each of the museums.

Call the Chamber of Commerce for more information at 265-2692.

Notice of Public Hearing for Proposed Increase in Water Rates

Date: Wed, June 10

Time: 6:30pm

Location:

City Hall
317 Broad St.
Nevada City

News from the Railroad Museum

The Railroad Museum and shop have been busy places of progress this winter with projects including the Michigan-California lumber car, NCNGRR Engine #5, new track lighting, kitchen upgrading, rolling stock painting and numerous ongoing activities. This summer there will be a big celebration of the completion of steam loco-

otive #13 which has been under construction for three years and funded solely by donations. Be sure to watch for the date!

Funding is still being sought for the shop expansion and for the video and archival addition.

Summer hours begin May 1.
Friday through Tuesday
10:00am - 4:00pm



“Measure S” Paving Projects

In 2006 voters passed “Measure S” to allow for funding to pave all city streets over the following 16 year period. 2009 is year number four of the program. The streets to be paved during 2009 have been designated. The decision about which streets to pave is based on a goal to distribute the streets throughout town and accommodate for infrastructure needs. To

view a map and list of the streets that are scheduled for paving, visit the city’s website:

www.nevadacityca.gov on the Public Works Department page.

If you have any questions about the paving projects please contact the Public Works Director or City Engineer at City Hall 265-2496.

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Waste Management Donates Unclaimed Cash

Waste Management donated \$500 to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Nevada County. The donation stems from unclaimed cash recovered by Residential Driver Oscar Pascacio while on route. In early January, Oscar Pascacio noticed a container in his truck that appeared to have been thrown away by mistake. Once he was able to safely remove the container from the waste stream, he found \$235 in cash inside. After three months,

Waste Management has still not been contacted regarding the recovered cash. “In an effort to put this cash to good use, Waste Management will match the funds recovered by Mr. Pascacio in a donation to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Nevada County,” said Steve Cameron, Waste Management District Manager. “We are so proud of Oscar for doing the right thing and coming forward, and this is our way of being able to pay it

forward.” “This contribution will help match a child on our waiting list with a caring and supportive mentor that will be their trusted friend,” said Dena Valin, Executive Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Nevada County. “We are honored that Mr. Pascacio chose our organization as the recipient of this generous donation.”

Shop Locally

When you purchase your gifts or groceries in Nevada City, you are treating yourself to great community programs and services. Every taxable dollar you spend in the City helps pay for public safety (police & fire), street lighting, roadway improvements, recreation and community services.

City businesses bring sales tax, property tax, lodging tax and gas tax to help run the City. In addition, local businesses **provide jobs for local residents** and they donate money and goods to non-profit organizations that provide much-needed services for residents.

Parks & Recreation



What's happening this summer?

Birthday Parties

If your child has a birthday during the summer, let the staff at the Nevada City pool handle the set up, clean up and entertainment. Birthday parties are available during any open swim hours. The staff at the Swimming Pool will decorate, play games with the children and clean up afterwards. It's a hassle free party for you and loads of fun for the kids.

Private Rentals

Do you prefer to have the pool to yourself? Rent the pool for a Private Party - birthdays, family gatherings or just because. You can rent the pool Friday, Saturday or Sunday evenings and only the guests that you invite will be allowed entrance into the pool. Lifeguards will be on duty.

For more information:
www.nevadacityca.gov OR
call 53-265-8223

Summer Day Camp and Youth Programs

We believe that participants will have the opportunity for an excellent summer experience and parents will feel as if they have invested in their child's future. All participants receive hands-on instruction within small groups. Activities are age appropriate within the designated theme. Day Camp is for children ages 4-10 and the Youth Program is for ages 10-13. Get

City Wide Clean-up Day - Date Changed to May 30th

The City Wide Clean-Up Day has been moved to May 30.

Clean-up Day is an opportunity for residents to do their **spring cleaning**. Use this day to clean **unwanted junk** out of garages, clean yards of unwanted clippings and tree **trimmings** and to properly dispose of bulk items. Let's all work together to make Nevada City a cleaner and more **fire safe** place to live.

What you need to know to rid your yard & home of the unwanted...

- ⇒ Bins will be set up at Pioneer Park in the parking lot off of Park Ave. from 8:00am-2:00pm
- ⇒ You must be a Nevada City resident (3 digit address). A drivers license is required to be allowed access to the bins.
- ⇒ The bins are available for residential use only - NO commercial users.

What can I bring to the bins?

What will be accepted...

One pick-up truck load at cab height full of the following types waste...

- 1 refrigerator
- 1 white good (appliances, furniture)
- Yard waste (no larger than 8" diameter)
- Recyclables, such as cardboard

What will NOT be accepted...

- Batteries
- Automotive tires
- Mattresses
- Motor oil
- Rocks, dirt, concrete
- Hazardous waste, propane containers
- E-waste

Check the website

Check the city's website for any changes or updates.

Help your neighbors!

We encourage everyone to help their neighbors in any way they can. If your neighbor doesn't have the proper tool to clear overgrown branches along their sidewalk and you don't have a truck—why not work together?

Live Healthy Nevada County is willing to find volunteers to help clear your sidewalks, if you are unable to do it yourself and neighbors are not available to help. Call them at 265-1451.

New City Treasurer

Andrew Howard has been appointed as City Treasurer. Andrew, along with his wife Susan, own the Emma Nevada House Bed and Breakfast on Broad Street. They have lived here for four years, and have been active in the community since they ar-

rived. Prior to moving here, Andy and Susan lived in Los Gatos for twenty years and raised their two children there. His ongoing career is that of a film and video producer, and last year he donated the production of a commercial for the Nevada City

Downtown Association, that ran on Comcast in the Bay Area and Sacramento. Andy has also been a member of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.



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Mission Statement

The City of Nevada City is dedicated to preserving and enhancing its small town character and historical architecture while providing quality public service for our current and future residents, businesses and visitors.

Need something special for mom or dad?

Mother's Day is May 10 and Father's Day is June 21.

Las Katarina's has 8 new menu items

Bonanza Oriental Gift Shop has slippers and fans

The Earth Store has great bookends

Frame a family photo at ***Nevada City Picture Framing***

Flowers are always at hit at ***Nevada City Florist***

Everyone loves hot dogs - ***Hot Dog Heaven*** is located in the canvas tent on Broad St.

Mountain Pastimes has toys for all ages including puzzles and magic tricks

Shawn at ***Project Simplify*** can help with your Clean up Day decisions

Gentle Reminders

- Please do not hang signs advertising a Yard Sale on stop signs or other traffic sign posts.
- Feeding parking meters is not allowed and may result in a parking ticket.



Nevada City Bicycle Classic - June 21

Many of the nation's top cyclists are expected to race in the 49th Annual Nevada City Bicycle Classic on Father's Day, Sunday, June 21. The Nevada City Classic is one of the premiere sporting events in the Sierra Foothills, the largest and oldest bike race on the West Coast, and second-oldest race in the nation. (www.ncclassic.com)

Historic Nevada City is draped with flags and bunting and provides a colorful backdrop as cyclists whiz through the downtown area, spokes flashing and crowds cheering. Several thousand spectators attend the traditional Father's Day event.

Senior and professional riders representing top US cycling teams are expected to race in the men's 90 minute main event. Women's, Junior's, and Master's races also are planned. Action begins at 1:00pm and is usually complete by 6:30pm.

The Nevada City Classic is under the direction and sponsorship of the Nevada City Chamber of Commerce. For more information about the race call 265-2692.

