



Don't forget to call Mama! I wish I could call mine.

MOTHER

Never a sigh for the cares that she bore for me
Never a thought of the joys that flew by;
Her one regret that she couldn't do more for me,
Thoughtless and selfish, her Master was I.
Oh, the long nights that she came at my call to me!
Oh, the soft touch of her hands on my brow!
Oh, the long years that she gave up her all to me!
Oh, how I yearn for her gentleness now!
Slave to her baby! Yes, that was the way of her,
Counting her greatest of services small;
Words cannot tell what this old heart
would say of her,
Mother -- the sweetest and fairest of all.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY, MOM

SUNDAY, MAY 8TH

City Hall Closed on Fridays

The City will close City Hall to the public on Fridays starting April 1st. City staff will be on the job catching up on their paperwork and other tasks.

The City has improved its Website so residents can find more city information and pay city bills (water & sewer) online. The City

has also installed a drop box, located at the front of the building, which many residents already use.

The City Council will evaluate the closure at least quarterly. The City Hall has been closed on the third Friday each month for over a year as employees elected to reduce hours and their

salaries by about 5% in order to save police, fire and others their jobs.

The Friday closures will not affect other city work operations, such as police patrols, fire department and public works crews and responses to emergencies.

Mark your calendar

City Hall Closed:

Mar 31 May 30
Every Friday (beginning Apr 1)

Fun Days:

Mar 20: Spring Begins April 24: Easter
May 8: Mother's Day
May 30: Memorial Day

Celebration of Life for
Beverly Leslie Hackett
Dec 14, 1917 - Dec 26, 2010
When: April 1, 2011
Time: 7:00pm
Where: Miner's Foundry
Info: Kathe; 268-8157

Amgen Tour of California

Although the race will not start in Nevada City this year; you will not have to miss the action. On May 16th, the race will come through Nevada City. Here is an update from the races website:

One of the longest stages of the race, Stage 2 has “sprinter” written all over the race route. Starting at the site of the 1960 Winter Olympics and one of the largest ski resorts in the U.S., the riders will head north to the town of Truckee and then west past the infamous and rugged Donner’s Pass. At 7,100’, this will be the only KOM of Stage 2. From here it will be a more than

7,000 feet of descending to the State’s Capitol (elev. 25’). The route will pass through Nevada City, California (last year’s official Start City) and after working its way west for several miles, the peloton will turn south and head through one of the country’s premier military installations, Beale Air Force Base. From there it will be a fast ride through the suburbs of Sacramento. Entering the circuit just past the finish line in Sacramento, the riders will begin the first of two circuit laps with a finish at the State Capitol building. You can expect the crowds in Sacramento to

be some of the largest for the entire race.



Race information can be found at www.amgentourofcalifornia.com

Railroad Museum News

The Railroad Museum has several restoration projects planned and in progress. During 2011 we hope to restore the following train cars:

Flatcar #255
Box Car #4
Tank Car #187
Engine #3 Boiler

You can watch our volunteers (including 5 new members who have recently joined the ranks) in action if you come by the museum during open hours. Museum

hours are Saturday & Sunday 10am - 4pm and beginning May 1st, our hours are Friday - Tuesday 10am - 4pm.

In 2010 there were 4,156 visitors to the Museum. Visitors included those from 36 states and 12 foreign countries.

Museum activities this year will include:
May 21: Museum Discovery Day

June 4: Annual Yard Sale

June 18: Soapbox Derby
(We plan to have a very creative entry!)

If you have any questions about Museum activities, volunteer opportunities or would like to make a donation, call us at 470-0902 or

check our website;
www.ncngrmmuseum.org

*Watch for our creative entry in
the June 18th Adult Soap Box
Derby!*

Street Slurry’s and Measure “S” Paving Updates

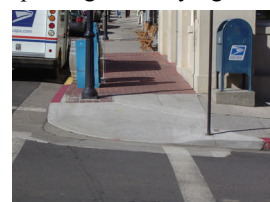
The City Engineer and the Director of Public Works have put together the 2011 Measure S paving program. They have selected 8 streets for paving, which include lower Zion St., upper Searls Ave. and upper Nevada St. Sidewalks will also be constructed or repaired on Zion St. and Searls Ave.

City staff is also reviewing a new slurry program to be completed later this year

after the paving is completed. Slurry is a heavy oil mixed with sand that gives a thin coating to the existing asphalt. This coating helps to prevent water from penetrating the asphalt, which is intended to protect and preserve new paving overlays, giving the streets that have been paved in the last 5 years a longer life.

The city has not been able to slurry streets in the past, because the existing

streets were not in a condition to be preserved, but with the Measure S paving program the newly paved streets have only minor checking and cracking appearing so slurring can be successful.



Sidewalk improvements are part of the Measure “S” program.

Parks & Recreation

Scotch Broom Pull

When: March 26, 2011

Where: Hirschman's Pond Trail
(Meet at the intersection of Indian Flat Rd. and Indian Trail Rd.)

Time: 9am - noon

Questions? 272-5994 x5

Bring: gloves, loppers & hand pruners
Scotch broom is a pernicious plant, and its successful removal is a boon to all. The plant is noxious and even toxic to most animals and displaces other vegetation used for food and habitat. During a fire, it can provide a very hot and flammable fuel source. Each mature plant can produce up to 60,000 seeds that remain viable for 5-6 years, so early removal and maintenance of the reclaimed area is important to prevent new plants from emerging.

The recently built Hirschman Trail provides a public space for the community to

enjoy the outdoors. However, the area is filled with large and mature Scotch broom plants. The Nevada County Land Trust is partnering with the Greater Cement Hill Neighborhood Association and the City of Nevada City to participate in the Fire Safe Council's challenge to remove, reduce and control Scotch broom. Our focus will be to tend to a section of the trail where the broom is pervasive and uninhibited, which thereby represents the greatest danger to the surrounding area.

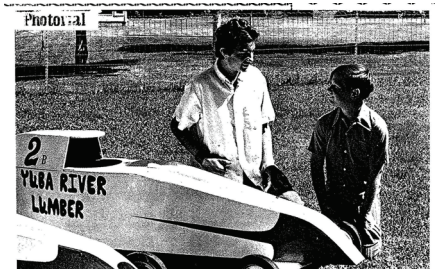
Adult Soapbox Derby

The Nevada City Council approved a Soap Box Derby event to take place June 18, 2011. This is the day before Father's Day and the Nevada City Bicycle classic. The race will take place on Nimrod St. The mission of the event developers is to provide a fun event for the entire community that is family friendly and

enjoyable for all ages. Their primary goal is to have fun! Their secondary goal is to raise money to benefit improvements at Pioneer Park.

The Nevada City Chamber is collecting registration forms for entries. There are a limited number of spaces and they are filling quickly.

To get more information about the race, entering a car or being a vendor contact event organizers at 264-6233 or ncderby@gmail.com



Soap Box Derby used to be a tradition in Nevada County. This picture was printed in the September 5, 1973 addition of *The Independent*

Water Rate Information

At a Regular City Council Meeting on November 10, 2010, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2010-52 establishing a new Water Rate Structure. The new water rates were effective January 1, 2011 and are reflected in the January/February 2011 bill.

In summary, rates are established between two types of accounts

Residential/Non-Commercial
and
Commercial Customers

The rate structure is based upon the size of your meter. Each cus-

tomers is first billed with a basic monthly commodity rate charge (basic flat charge), then a reduced rate for the first 8000 gallons and then charged per thousand gallons used in addition. Your usage is shown on the lower left-hand portion of your bill. Sewer rates have not changed.

For more details regarding the new rates, the Nevada City Water Rates schedule is available at City Hall and on the City's website www.nevadacityca.gov.

The City understands you may

have questions and/or concerns regarding your bill because of the new rate structure. Brenda, the City's Customer Service Clerk, will assist you in a prompt but brief manner to make sure all customers are served. To reduce phone calls, we encourage you to submit your questions/concerns in writing, too.

In addition, water conservation tips and links to websites with water conservation tips are being posted on the City's website. We will also be including this information regularly in the City's newsletter. See page 4 for this month's tips.

Wild for the Yuba; Celebrating Regional Grapes, Hops & Bites

A SYRCL fundraiser featuring 13 wineries and 12 breweries from all over California with a wine and beer tasting along with elegant organic food by Conscious Catering will highlight this year's live auction as we celebrate the unique com-

munities and qualities of the Greater Yuba Watershed—from source to sea! A live auction will be dispersed throughout the evening, highlighting each locale of the greater Yuba watershed. Earth Rhythms African Dance Troupe will entertain you

throughout the evening.

Where: GV Veteran's Hall

When: 6-9pm

Price: \$20-\$45 per person

More info: 265-5961 x201 or miriam@syrccl.com



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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 services for our current and future residents, businesses and visitors.

Water Conservation Tips

Stop those Leaks

Check indoor faucets and irrigation systems. Since most people water their lawns and plants in the evening, you may not notice leaks. Check for puddles around sprinkler heads and be sure to do regular maintenance on your irrigation system.

Toilets - the largest water user inside your home.

If you are planning to replace your toilet, this could save on your water usage and therefore your pocketbook. Toilets installed before 1992 most likely do not provide a water efficient 1.6 gallon per flush.

Clothes washer - the second largest water user in your home

When replacing choose Energy Star appliances

Plant the right plants with proper landscape design and irrigation

Ask your favorite nursery which plants grow best in our area with the least amount of water needed.

Water only what your plants need

If watering your garden manually, set a timer, so you don't forget to go outside to turn the water off.

New Nevada County Courthouse Opportunity for Public Comment on EIR

The Administrative Office of the Courts will be holding a scoping meeting to present project information to the public and applicable agencies and to hear input regarding the scope of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

The scoping meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 22nd in Department VI of the Nevada City Courthouse, located at 201 Church Street, in downtown Nevada City from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Comments on environmental issues related to the potential courthouse sites will be heard at the scoping meeting or can also be written and sent to the contact person below:

Laura Sainz, Administrative Office of the Courts

2860 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 400,
Sacramento, CA 95833

E-mail: Laura.Sainz@pud.ca.gov



What: Public Comment

When: March 22

Where: Nevada City Courthouse

Time: 5:30 - 6:30pm

Kellermann's Batwa Challenge

On March 27, 2011 there will be a 5K run and walk to support the Kellerman Foundation. The event is being organized by two NU Seniors for their Senior Project.

The mission of the Kellerman Foundation to provide resources for sustainable development, health, education, and spiritual outreach in partnership with the Batwa pygmies and adjacent communities. The areas of need identified by the Batwa were health, education; land acquisition, home building, and disease prevention as well the preservation of their culture. To this end a hospital has been constructed and many disease prevention programs implemented.

Race Information

When: March 27

Where: Nevada County Sportsman's Club
11296 Banner Mtn. Trail, NC

Time: 7am - Registration; 8am - Start time

Fee: \$25/person

Questions: Call 798-8858