



Nevada City Newsletter

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR THE CITY OF NEVADA CITY

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 1:
Whole Town Yard Sale

May 12-14:
California Preservation Foundation Conference

May 16:
Amgen Bike Race begins in Nevada City

May 22:
Whole Town Clean-up Day

City Hall will be Closed...

Jan 15:
Furlough Day

Jan 18:
MLK, Jr. Day

Feb. 12:
Lincoln's B-day

Feb. 15:
President's Day

Feb 19:
Furlough Day

Mr. Lincoln's Gettysburg Address

Four score and seven years ago, our fathers brought forth upon this continent a new nation: conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war.

We have come to dedicate



Lincoln's Birthday
February 12, 1809

a portion of that field as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate we cannot consecrate we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here have consecrated

it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember, what we say here, but it can never forget what they did

here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom and that government of the people by the people for the people shall not perish from the earth.

Rate the effectiveness of the City's website

In August, Nevada City launched a new website with the goal to make communicating with the public easier, provide information to the public in an easy fashion and give transparency to government functions and finance.

Now the City would like to be sure that the website is doing all that we intended for it to do.

Please take the time to complete the survey on the website's home page.

www.nevadacityca.gov
The survey is for regular site users or those who are going to the site for the first time.



Largest Environmental Film Festival in the Nation kicks off Jan. 15th

The South Yuba River Citizens League will host their 8th annual Wild & Scenic Environmental Film Festival in Nevada City, January 15-17th, 2010.

Rub shoulders with filmmakers, activists, artists, and celebrities as you take in over 135 films, 35 premieres, 85 speakers, workshops, art shows, local food, and live music.

Ticket prices to suit all pocket-books, ranging from \$5 to \$325 with lots of free events too. Information:
www.wildandscenicfilmfestival.org
or phone 530-265-5961.

Rule 20 Electric Undergrounding Program

Pacific Gas and Electric Company places underground each year approximately 30 miles of overhead electric facilities within its service area.

This work is done under provisions of the company's Rule 20A, an electric tariff filed with the California Public Utilities Commission. Projects performed under

Rules 20A are nominated by a city, county or municipal agency and discussed with Pacific Gas and Electric Company, as well as other utilities. Currently the City of Nevada City has \$438,339 of these funds designated from the Pacific Gas & Electric Co. for undergrounding.

The City Council passed and adopted a Resolution initiating the Rule 20A project for Nevada City on September 9th. Bill Falconi, City Engineer, has completed undergrounding projects in the past and will be the point person along with Evert Frisk working on this project with Bill for the City.



Prepare for winter weather

Low temperatures, snow & wind can make a mess of the roads, and your water. Be prepared so when the winter storms strike, you won't have to go without water. Here are some helpful hints to keep you happy during cold weather...

1. Know where your water pipes are. Walk your property, check the perimeter of your house & indoor locations for unprotected pipes.
2. Water pipes should be buried at least 2 feet deep. If they are not, put insulation around them.
3. When temperatures are predicted to be below freezing, leave a faucet dripping

when you go to bed. The movement of water will help to keep the water from freezing inside the pipe.

4. Keep bottled water in the house - just in case your water freezes.

If your precautions don't hold up to the frigid weather, here's what you should know and do...

1. Know where your water shut off is located. Sometimes when pipes break the water will keep running and could lead to your yard or home being flooded. Turn the water off as soon as you notice a problem.
2. Check your water lines to identify where the problem

3. If you do not discover a broken line, the water is probably just frozen, you will have to wait for the weather to warm up or you can call a plumber.
4. If you find a broken pipe or a leak, call your plumber. The City's Public Works Dept. does not do repairs to individual homes. The main line or water meters very rarely break due to freezing because the water is always moving, but if the leak seems to be between your water meter and the main line, then you can call City Hall for assistance (265-2496). For more infor-

President's Day February 15, 2010

"There is one reward that nothing can deprive me of, and that is the consciousness of having done my duty with the strictest rectitude and most scrupulous exactness"

George Washington to Lund Washington, Morristown, May 19, 1780

Shop Local - Shop Nevada City

Downtown NC
Main St. Kids: quality consignment & new toys (212 Main St.)
Gold Mountain Tea Shop: Great gifts in every price range - you might find something for your Valentine here! (312 Broad St.)

7 Hills District
Pete's Welding: Big or small medal fabrication jobs (521 Searls)
Nevada City Video: Great rental rates! (108 Argall)

Don't forget...
Nevada City Pine Creek Veterinarian Clinic: Pets enjoy visiting Dr.'s Rosner and Nolet (128 New Mohawk)



Treks for Health

Nevada County Land Trust and Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital are partnering to bring you the Treks for Health Walking Program.

Treks for Health will help you improve your overall health and provide you with opportunities to meet others while enjoying the many local trails found right here in our own community.

Your trek leader Andy Gonzales with his enthusiasm for health and exercise will make sure you have a great time on these easy walks.



Treks are available on different trails, for all ability levels.

Meet at 9:00am in the Hospital Outpatient Lobby to carpool to the trail head.

\$5.00 suggested donation to benefit Nevada County Land Trust for the protection of open spaces.

Contact Stephanie Lorensen, Treks Coordinator.
For information...
Call 530.272.5994 ext.1 or email Stephanie@NevadaCountyLandTrust.org

Swim Lesson Registration will begin in May! Watch the website and future newsletters for more details!

Parks & Recreation News

Interested in being a part of the City Recreation Dept?

The Recreation Committee is a group of individuals who meet once a month to discuss park & recreation issues and make recommendations to City Council regarding policy and changes to the parks. The Committee includes 2 Council members, the Parks & Recreation Supervisor and citizens. Give us a call if you are interested in getting involved (265-2496). Anyone is

welcome at the meetings, which generally take place the 4th Friday of each month at 10:00am. The next meeting will be January 22, 2010 at City Hall in the Council Chambers.

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Program Guides are distributed to local schools. If you do not have children in the local schools, you can print the Program Guide from

the City's website or pick one up at City Hall. Program Guides will be available in April. Watch the City's website and future newsletters for more details.

Zumba Classes!

Zumba classes are being offered at the Nevada City Veteran's Building on Monday's, Tuesday's, Thursday's and Friday's from noon to 1:00pm. Call Kristi at 477-1442 for more information.

Prune trees & plants for safety

It's that time of year for everyone to clear the path of travel for motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians by pruning trees and plants that overhang onto sidewalks. Sidewalks, bike lanes and streets must be clear of overhanging tree branches and bushes so these areas are fully accessible for emer-

gency and service vehicles, private vehicles, bicyclists, wheelchairs and pedestrians. The best time to prune is when a tree or large plant is dormant, generally in the fall or winter. City crews will prune trees and plants on city property and correct potential problem areas. Residents are encouraged to con-

tact a local nursery or landscaping business for specific pruning guidelines. A rule of thumb, tree branches should be maintained at a height of no less than 14.5 feet over roadways, eight feet over bike paths, seven feet over sidewalks and 14.5 feet over drive aisles into parking lots.



Nevada City Police Department Citizen Attitude Survey 2010

Results from the survey will provide valuable information to strengthen our partnership and community-oriented policing efforts. The Nevada City Police Department provides a number of services to the residents of Nevada City. Please indicate whether or not you have used each of the following services or facilities in the last 12 months. If you have, rate the quality of that service as excellent, good, fair or poor.

	No Not Used	Yes Used	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Police Protection	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Crime Prevention	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
9-1-1	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Animal Control	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Traffic Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parking Enforcement	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Response to Calls	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Contact/Follow Through	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Youth Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
COPP Program	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Volunteer Program	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Overall Police Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

In your opinion, are each of the below issues a serious problem, somewhat of a problem, not much of a problem, or not a problem at all in Nevada City?

	Serious Problem	Somewhat of a Problem	Not Much of a Problem	Not a Problem	Don't Know
Alcohol Abuse	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Drug Abuse	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Domestic Violence	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sexual Assault	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hate/Bias Crimes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Burglary	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Vandalism	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Vehicle Violations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bicycle Violations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Youth Crimes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Truancy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Gangs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tobacco Use By Minors	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Graffiti	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Noise	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Animals At Large	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Compared with current service levels, how much should the Nevada City PD emphasize each of the following services in the future:

	Much More	More	The Same	Much Less	Don't Know
Police Patrols	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Juvenile Crime Prevention	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Traffic Enforcement	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Animal Control	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Crime Prevention	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Drug Enforcement	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Criminal Investigation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please use back of form for additional feedback, comments or suggestions.

Please return to: City Hall 317 Broad St. Nevada City, CA 95959

Optional:

Name: _____ Phone #: _____