



# Nevada City Newsletter

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**July 14, 21, 28**

Summer Nights in Nevada City

**July 16 & Aug 20**

City Hall closed for Furlough

**July 26**

Kidscience Camp

Water Polo camp

**Aug 11-15**

Nevada County Fair

**Aug 18**

School starts

**Ongoing**

Farmer's Markets

A grandfather was delivering his grandchildren to their home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children started discussing the dog's duties. "They use him to keep crowds back," said one child. "No," said another. "He's just for good luck." A third child brought the argument to a close. "They use the dogs," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrants."



## Waste Management Hero

A youth in DeSabra, CA may have escaped serious injury, or worse, when he darted onto the road from behind a stopped Waste Management truck. Fortunately, driver Lee Meisenheimer, 32, was working at the back of the truck and noticed something moving along the side of his vehicle, "I just caught something in my peripheral vision, At first I thought maybe it was an animal." Within seconds he saw the boy, no older than 10, run around the back of his truck and head toward the road, apparently destined for a bus stop. "I just reached out and grabbed him," Meisenheimer said. A split-second later, a logging truck came barreling past. Meisenheimer said he heard it coming, but doesn't think the young boy did. "He was running for the bus, or maybe just excited to join his friends on the other side of the road," Meisenheimer said. The

driver said other students at the bus stop may have thought the youth had been struck. Meisenheimer said it was a virtual certainty that the boy, whose name



he didn't get, would have been hit. In his four years with the company, Meisenheimer said this was the fourth incident where being careless around his refuse truck has almost turned tragic. "... other drivers have similar stories," he said. He recalled one instance where a boy decided to hide behind a large garbage can, and was almost trapped in the mechanical arms which hug the refuse cans and dump them into the truck. Meisenheimer, a Chico

resident, said safety is stressed in briefings drivers get each morning before their shifts. He said he's always looking out for situations like this. Because he had physical contact with a customer, Meisenheimer said he had to report the incident to his supervisor. He didn't mention it to anyone else, though, until the weekend. He doesn't consider himself a hero, but he is concerned that he may not be so lucky the next time. "Our trucks are attractive to kids," he said. "They're big and loud, and kids want to see how they work." Additionally, Meisenheimer noted that impatient motorists driving behind garbage trucks also pose a danger, adding that on several occasions he's seen drivers cross over double yellow lines to get around him. "We're big and we're slow," he said. "But give us a little time and we'll soon be out of your way."

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## News from the Railroad Museum

On June 5 the Museum Mystery Tour had an attendance of 50 children and parents. Volunteers are working on restoration projects including the passenger coach, gondola, and Engine #5's cab. Input is ongoing on the library's database. On June 29 a \$2,000 grant was received from the National Railroad Historical Society for purchase of wood

and parts to rebuild the 120 year-old narrow gauge SP 255 flat car. Future goals awaiting funding are a redesign of platform steps, map framing, restorations of a rare US flag & creating a telegraph office. Our major goal is an addition to the museum building for archival research and viewing of media. The latter is standard for most

museums and a search for the estimated \$125,000 needed is being undertaken. Our Museum has been seen some 100 times on KVIE's "Rob on the Road". We hope you will visit the Museum now on its summer schedule of Fri-Tues 10am-4pm. Docents provide tours & our gift shop has unique items Questions? Call: 470-0902

# Permits needed for home changes



## **Friendly Reminder: Permits may be needed!**

The City Planner sends out a friendly reminder that permits are usually required when you make exterior changes to homes or businesses. An Architectural Review Permit is required when work is done on older, pre-World War

II homes and buildings, such as window replacement, additions or work on accessory structures. Staff can approve like-for-like replacement, however other major projects often require approval from the Planning Commission. Contact Cindy Siegfried, City Planner, at 265-2496

for information or check out the Nevada City website at [www.nevadacityca.gov](http://www.nevadacityca.gov) Look for FAQs on the Planning Department page.

*KVMR is Nevada County's local emergency broadcast station. Keep a battery operated radio on hand and tune into FM 89.5*

# When Disaster Strikes, will you be ready?

Do you know what to do? Do you have a plan? Fire, police and emergency medical services may be delayed in responding. You need to learn what to do, have a plan, and be prepared to take care of yourself, your family and your community.

In California, whether it's wildfires, earthquakes or winter storms — it's not a matter of if a disaster will strike, but when. The Golden State faces its share of natural disasters and it is certainly not immune to terrorist attack.

California is too! Thanks for doing your part.



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# Consumer Reports

During a discussion of having vehicles serviced, since

dealerships have closed in our area, one person mentioned an item in the Consumer Reports that said you do not have to take your car to the dealership for routine maintenance just because it is under warranty.

In checking it out for accuracy, the June 2010 Consumer Reports says that "Any qualified shop will do and might even save you some money. Just make sure you follow the maintenance schedule in the car owner's manual and keep your receipts"



# Recreation Committee



The Nevada City Parks & Recreation Committee is looking for volunteers to participate on the Recreation Committee. The committee meets once a

month - generally the 4th Friday - for a one hour meeting. The Committee makes recommendations to the City Council in regards to parks & recreation programs, facilities and funding.

Currently the Recreation Committee is working on a "Master Plan" for Pio-

neer Park. If you are interested in being part of this committee, call Dawn Zydonis, the Parks & Recreation Supervisor for more information.

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## City Council Changes

At the July 14, 2010 City Council meeting Barbara Coffman will step down as Council Member and Duane Strauser will be sworn in as a new Council Member.

Barbara has served on the City Council since 2006, she has completed her 4 year term. Duane was elected

and will serve on the Council until 2014. Sally Harris was an incumbent who was re-elected and will also serve on the Council until 2014.

You can attend the City Council meeting on July 14 at 6:30pm or watch the meeting live from the City's website.



## Ballot Measure to Protect Local Government Funds Becomes Proposition 22

California Secretary of State Debra Bowen assigned ballot numbers to the 10 initiatives currently scheduled for the November ballot. The Local Taxpayer, Public Safety and Transportation Protection Act of 2010 is now Proposition 22. As you know, Prop. 22 will stop the state from taking, diverting or borrowing local government, transportation and public transit funds dedicated to local services. California voters have overwhelmingly passed measures in previous elections

to restrict state raids of local government funds, as well as to dedicate gasoline taxes to transportation and public transit improvements and services. Despite this, state politicians have exploited loopholes in the law and used legally questionable tactics to borrow and raid approximately \$5 billion in local government transit and redevelopment funds in the FY 2009-10 budget cycle and billions more in past years.

Coupled with the downturn in the economy, state raids & borrowing of local funds are contributing to cutbacks in local police, fire, parks, libraries, street, road repair, public transit & other services.

Details about Prop. 22, the Local Taxpayer, Public Safety and Transportation Protection Act of 2010, can be found on [www.SaveLocalServices.com](http://www.SaveLocalServices.com)



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## For the Lazy Days of Summer...

Don't be lazy—get up early on Saturdays for the **Nevada City Farmer's Market**. Pick up some fresh food and yummy treats while you mingle with neighbors. Then head up Broad St. to **The Hat Store**. You'll want to enjoy the outdoors safely, so get a hat to shade your noggin. Next stop by **SPD** - they have plenty of fishing gear for a lazy summer day on the lake. When you're done fishing, you may need a shower, so pick up some wonderful smelling soaps at the **Soap Store** on Argall Way.

## Art Thieves

A thief in Paris planned to steal some paintings from the Louvre. After careful planning, he got past security, stole the paintings and made it safely to his van. However, he was captured only two blocks away when the van ran out of gas.

When asked how he could mastermind such a crime and then make such an obvious error, he replied, "Monsieur, that is the reason I stole the paintings. I had no Monet to buy Degas to make the Van Gogh."

And you probably thought I did not have DeGaulle to place this in the Newsletter. Well, I figured I had nothing Toulouse.



## Nevada City Farmer's Markets

**The Nevada City Farmer's Market** takes place on Union St. The Market is open every Saturday (until October 30th) from 8:30am - 12:30pm.

The Nevada City Farmer's Market features many interesting vendors and artists in addition to locally grown fruits and vegetables. Live musical entertainment is also provided.

**Nevada County Certified Grower's Market** is open on Tuesdays through October at the Sierra Presbyterian Church (175 Ridge Road at Nevada



City Highway). The Market is open 3:00 – 6:00 pm.

**For more information** about these or other Farmer's Markets in the area, contact the Nevada City Chamber of Commerce: [www.nevadacitychamber.com](http://www.nevadacitychamber.com) 530-265-3892