



Nevada City Newsletter

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR THE CITY OF NEVADA CITY

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MAY 2010

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 5
Registration for Recreation Programs begins

May 12-14
CPF Conference

May 16
Amgen Tour of California Bike Race

May 22
Clean-up Day

June 5
National Trails Day

June 14
Swimming Pool Opens

Children's Logic

"Give me a sentence about a public servant," said a teacher. The small boy wrote: "The fireman came down the ladder pregnant." The teacher took the lad aside to correct him. "Don't you know what pregnant means?" she asked. "Sure," said the young boy confidently, "It means carrying a child."



Nevada City Clean-up Day - May 22nd

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, **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 near Seaman's Lodge; 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?

One pick-up truck load at cab height loaded with...

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

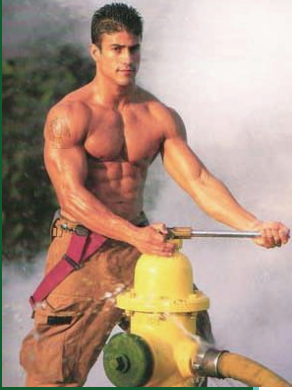
What will NOT be accepted...

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



Have questions?
Call City Hall: 265-2496

When disaster strikes, will you be ready?



Until help arrives...

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.

You need to be ready! When you are ready, California is too! Thanks for doing your part.

Be Prepared for Wildfire

- Clearly mark driveway & house number
- Identify & maintain an adequate water source outside of your home (pond, pool)
- Have tools available to fight small fires until

emergency personnel arrive (rake, ax, shovel, saw)

- Use building materials and plants that resist fire
- Clean roofs and gutters
- Plan & practice 2 ways out of your neighborhood
- Select a place for family members to meet outside of neighborhood in case you cannot get home
- Identify someone out of the area to contact if local phone lines are not working.

New water meters are a result of an unfunded State mandate.

Water Meter & Water Rate Project

The installation of water meters in Nevada City is the result of an unfunded, State of California mandate. California state law requires the installation of water meters for all water customers over a period of time and requires the City to begin billing customers who have a meter for how much water they use (volumetric billing) by January 1, 2010. Meter installation throughout the City was completed in the fall of 2009.

The Water Meter Project is in a testing phase while the City ascertains that the new system is working properly and a tiered water rate system, currently under development, is completed and approved by the City Council. All residential customers will, until a public hearing is held and the City Council acts, continue paying the current fixed rate while they see what amount of water they are currently using.

As required by California Proposition 218, a letter will be mailed to each customer of the City with the full details of the new water rates and announcing the date and time of the public hearing. The Water Meter Project will improve customer service, identify water system leaks, enable water conservation programs through customer usage data, and give customers some control over their water bill.

Amgen will be here this month!

On the day of the Amgen Tour of California Bike Race there will be a lot of activity in Nevada City. Race Teams will be staged along Coyote St., the VIP section will be at Broad and Sacramento St. And Festival Vendors will be set up on Spring St. As with any special event in town, parking will be

sparse. Spectators are encouraged to park at the Rood Center and take the shuttle into town.

Unlike the Tour of Nevada City Bike Race, there will only be one lap around Nevada City before racers go out Ridge Rd., through Grass Valley then continue down toward Dog

Bar Rd. So there are many places to watch the race, but if you want to watch the race in town, arrive early; the race begins at 11:45am.

Everything you need to know about the race is available on the Amgen website:

www.amgentourofcalifornia.com



Why are swim lessons important?

Often times when considering swim lessons for children, parents are considering if their child might want to be on a swim team in the future. Swimming is a great sport, but swim lessons are important for another reason – keeping your child safe in and near water.

Did you know?

The American Red Cross says...

- Drowning is a leading cause of death from unintentional injury in the United States.
- Children under age 5 and young adults from 15-24 have the highest rates of drowning. Unintentional drowning can usually be prevented.

What can you do to prevent an accidental drowning?

- Maintain constant supervision of children.
- Stay within an arm's reach of any inexperienced swimmers.
- Prevent access to ponds or creeks on your property.
- Empty kiddie pools immediately after use.
- Inexperienced swimmers should wear lifejackets.
- Avoid areas where moving water is present. Avoid murky water, underwater objects, and currents.

Swim lessons can help prevent accidental drowning

Swim lessons are an excellent tool to teach your child how to swim and how to stay safe in and near water. The Nevada City Pool offers swim lessons for children of all ages. During swim lessons children will be taught proper arm and leg motions for swimming. They will be taught how to float and how to breathe when swimming. This is all taught by instructors who make the lessons fun by teaching through games and songs. Each day of swim lessons includes safety topics as well.



Registration for swim lessons and other recreational programs

begins May 5th.

Summer Program Brochures are available at City Hall or online (www.nevadacityca.gov)

Call for more information: 265-2496 x 129

CPF Conference includes Heritage Tourism

At its 35th annual conference to be held on May 12-15 in Nevada City and Grass Valley, CA, the California Preservation Foundation (CPF) will offer an array of 30 workshops and presentations related to historic preservation.

Titled "Preserving a Sense of Place: The Sierra Nevada" the four-day conference will deal with subjects that include economic development, sustainability and preservation, and heritage tourism. The keynote speaker will be Doug McConnell, host of the PBS program, "Open Road with Doug McConnell."

One subject covered in depth during the conference will be heritage tourism. "This foothill region is filled with history," notes Irv Hamilton, tourism session co-chair and senior vice president of Oakland-based Placemaking Group. "It's a per-

fect area for heritage-tourism activities, utilizing historic sites, structures and artifacts." Hamilton says, "The heritage-tourism sessions will include visits to historic sites, presentations, and workshops describing how to identify and protect cultural assets. During one session, we will go through the development of a heritage-tourism marketing program." He notes, "Heritage tourism offers smaller communities an opportunity to share their history with visitors. Increasing numbers of people are exploring these nearby historic sites. That translates into economic benefits for local businesses."

Commenting on the conference, Cindy Heitzman, CPF executive director, said, "Our conference will include seminars designed to celebrate, illuminate and advance the preservation and appreciation of the legendary Sierra Nevada region.

Based on the foundation's previous conferences, Heitzman says the attendance is likely to include: planners, community leaders, government officials, historians, educators, owners of historic properties and attractions, and others with an interest in preservation and heritage tourism.

For more information on CPF conference, visit: www.californiapreservation.org or call our office at (415) 495-0349

Mission Statement of the California Preservation Foundation:

The California Preservation Foundation provides statewide leadership, advocacy and education to ensure the protection of California's diverse cultural heritage and historic places.



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Railroad Museum News

Beginning May 1 visitors to the museum will find new accomplishments by its volunteers. A redesigned alcove will include new lighting along with featuring aviation pioneer Lyman Gilmore and a Batwing Monoplane circa 1912 model, and a small tin section and chandelier from the original Kidder Mansion presently depicted in the 124 scale model.

Now available for programs with speaker is the brand new virtual tour of the museum of 1/2 hour length. Call 470-0902 for booking information.

Lyman Gilmore will be featured at the Nevada County Historical Society's program on July 20 presented by Gilmore documentary film maker Joel Fox.

Parking Tickets

In California, there is a color coded parking system that all drivers should obey. If the curb is painted white, then drivers can only park there long enough to unload and load passengers and pick up and drop off things quickly, for instance, dropping some mail in the mail box. A green curb means cars can only be parked there for a limited time – exactly how long will be painted on the curb or posted on a sign nearby. Yellow zones are for loading and unloading for a specific amount of time, usually painted on the curb or posted nearby. Non-commercial vehicles cannot be left unattended in a yellow zone. If the curb is red, only busses can stop there. A blue curb means the space is for disabled parking only. Cars parking

by a blue curb must have a hand-capped parking pass or special handicapped license plates. This color system is sometimes used in private parking lots as well as public streets.

You cannot park in a fire lane, on a sidewalk or crosswalk, in an intersection, on a highway, or block a driveway. You also cannot park within 15 feet of a fire hydrant or fire station driveway or



7 feet of railroad tracks. We no longer have railroad tracks other than at the Railroad Museum and the Trolley Junction Motel. No problem.

When parking facing downhill, the front wheels must be turned towards the curb. Uphill, the front wheels should be turned away, with the backs of the front tires touching the curb. If there is no curb, you turn your wheels so your car will roll off road if the brakes fail. This law is especially closely policed in San Francisco. The fine is only \$50.

If you get a ticket, you can pay it by mail or in person at the Nevada City Hall. There is also a drop box out front in which to place your payment when staff is not present.

Biking & Hiking

Is the Amgen Race getting you excited about dusting the cobwebs off your old bike? **Tour of Nevada City Bike Shop** can repair your bike and supply you with everything you need for biking.

If you prefer to hike, **The Fur Trader** has a variety of boots and shoes to choose from. **Asylum Down** has a multitude of baskets that can be used for a picnic, fill it with sandwiches from **Beach Hut Deli** and pick up some reading material at **Harmony Books**. You'll be all set to walk on one of the many trails along Deer Creek.