



Nevada City Newsletter

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

THANKSGIVING Community Meal at NC Veterans Building on Nov 25

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS
Wed: Dec 1, 8, 15
Sun: Dec 12, 19

CHRISTMAS AT THE RAILROAD MUSEUM
Dec 4

TINY TIM'S CHRISTMAS at the Nevada Theatre
Nov 26-Dec 26

CITY HALL CLOSED
Nov 11: Veteran's Day
Nov 19: Furlough
Nov 25-26: Thanksgiving
Dec 17: Furlough
Dec 24: Christmas
Dec 31: New Year
Jan 17: MLK Day
Jan 21: Furlough

Public Hearing on Water Plant Operations and Rate Structure.

**6:30 p.m.
Wednesday
Nov 10, 2010
At City Hall**

NOVEMBER 2010

NC Yellow Jackets sting GV Braves

On October 10, 2010, the Nevada City Yellow Jackets stung the Grass Valley Braves during their annual "Heros of October" softball game. Taking on the team names of the old high schools, teams from each city included council members, chamber members and city employees.

Grass Valley was hoping to bring home the trophy for another year, but Nevada City came back in the 7th inning to take the win 5 to 3.

The game was played while

the music from Mannafest performed at the Bandshell in beautiful Pioneer Park.

Did you miss the game? We wish you had been there to cheer us on, but

you can still view the game on NevadaCountytv.org

Oscar Angulo was awarded the "Player of the Game" by Touchdown Productions.



Tehya dresses up as the Yellow Jackets mascot and admires the trophy.

Water Meter Boxes

Do you know where your water meter is? It is important to know where this is before you have a crisis. Now that colder weather is approaching you are more likely to have a broken water line. If a water line breaks at your home, this is a main shut off for the water.

In addition, Public Works employees will come to your home every other month to do a water meter read. If bushes and weeds are not cleared around your water meter box, the employees will trim what they need to so they can access the meter, but they probably won't have the

time to do it as neatly as the homeowner would choose.

If you have questions about your water meter contact City Hall and ask for the Public Works Department.

Are you prepared for a winter wonderland?



Let it snow,
Let it snow,
Let it snow!

When it snows, the Department of Public Works will be out with the snow plow. You may wonder, "When will they clear my road?"

The Department prioritizes in the following manner; first arterial streets are plowed. These streets have the most use, such as Broad, Gold Flat, Zion and Searls. The downtown and 7 Hills area is always a priority so that people can access the businesses in town.

Second they consider the days activities. If it is a weekday,

they clear around schools, if it is a Sunday, they clear around churches.

Then they head to the residential streets, with dead end roads and smaller roads being last.

The City's Public Works Department does not plow outside of City limits. So, they will only plow portions of roads that lead out of town, such as Willow Valley, Cement Hill and Gracie.

Public Works employees only

clear sidewalks that are along City properties. Homeowners are responsible for clearing the sidewalks adjacent to their property.

Be prepared: If the forecast calls for snow overnight, plan to wake up early, so you can shovel your sidewalk and driveway. Consider forming a neighborhood system...the neighbor with a strong back can shovel snow, others can provide salt for de-icing and hot coffee.

Geotourism

Geotourism goes beyond "drive through" travel. It involves regional communities in providing the visitor with an authentic, enriching experience. It acquaints tourists with local culture and traditions and offers them in-depth opportunities to enjoy the area's unique natural beauty and biodiversity.

Geotourism benefits the

environment by encouraging sound destination stewardship that keeps growth to sustainable levels and limits negative impacts such as overcrowding and resource pollution. It benefits residents by promoting local services and employment. It benefits visitors by informing residents about their needs and expectations.

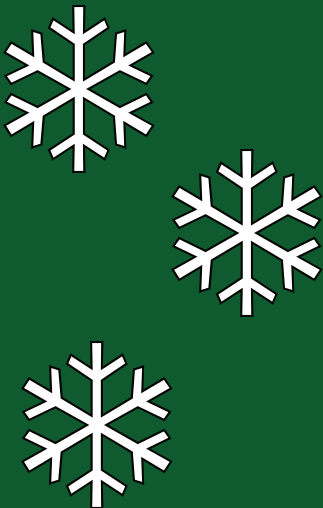
Because the Sierra Nevada is world-famous, Geotourism here offers special opportunities for interaction between residents and foreign visitors. Its core values of respecting local cultures and trying to deepen and enhance visitor experience are well suited to the region.

2010 Census Mail Participation Rates

America participated! 74% of households in the United States filled out and mailed back their 2010 Census questionnaire, a significant achievement in a time of declining survey participation worldwide. The results include an additional

two percentage points of the door-to-door follow up operation. Although received too late to prevent a visit by a census taker, those late-arriving forms were still used for tabulating purposes. Both today's final rate of 74% and 72%

achieved in April, matched the rating achieved during the 2000 Census.



You can download Data at
<http://2010.census.gov/2010census/take10map/2010textview.php>



Happy Thanksgiving

'Twas the night of Thanksgiving, and I
just couldn't sleep
I tried counting backwards, I tried
counting sheep.

The leftovers beckoned - the dark
meat and white
But I fought the temptation with all of
my might.

Tossing and turning with
anticipation
The thought of a snack became
infatuation.

So, I raced to the kitchen, flung
open the door
And gazed at the fridge, full of
goodies galore.

I gobbled up turkey and buttered
potatoes,
Pickles and carrots, beans and
tomatoes.

I felt myself swelling so plump and
so round,

'Til all of a sudden, I rose off the
ground.

I crashed through the ceiling,
floating into the sky
With a mouthful of pudding and a
handful of pie.

But, I managed to yell as I soared
past the trees....
Happy eating to all - pass the cran-
berries, please.

May your stuffing be tasty, may your
turkey be plump.
May your potatoes 'n gravy have not
a lump,

May your yams be delicious
may your pies take the prize,
May your Thanksgiving dinner
stay off of your thighs!

Water Conservation

In 1990, 30 states in the US reported 'water-stress' conditions. In 2000, the number of states reporting water-stress rose to 40. In 2009, the number rose to 45. There is a worsening trend in water supply nationwide. Taking measures at home to conserve water not only saves you money, it also is of benefit to the greater community.

Check faucets and pipes for leaks - A small drip from a worn faucet washer can waste 20 gallons of water per day. Larger leaks can waste hundreds of gallons.

Don't use the toilet as an ashtray or wastebasket - Every time you flush a cigarette butt, facial tissue or other

small bit of trash, five to seven gallons of water is wasted.

Check your toilets for leaks - Put a little food coloring in your toilet tank. If, without flushing, the color begins to appear in the bowl within 30 minutes, you have a leak that should be repaired immediately. Most replacement parts are inexpensive and easy to install.

Use your water meter to check for hidden water leaks - Read the house water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter does not read exactly the same, there is a leak.

Install water-saving shower heads

and low-flow faucet aerators. Inexpensive water-saving low-flow shower heads or restrictors are easy for the homeowner to install. Also, long, hot showers can use five to ten gallons every unneeded minute. Limit your showers to the time it takes to soap up, wash down and rinse off. "Low-flow" means it uses less than 2.5 gallons per minute. You can easily install a ShowerStart showerhead, or add a ShowerStart converter to existing showerheads, which automatically pauses a running shower once it gets warm. Also, all household faucets should be fit with aerators. This single best home water conservation method is also the cheapest!

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Railroad Museum News

As of September 30, 2010 volunteers have donated an amazing 102,000 hours since it's opening in May 2003! These donated hours allow us to make progress on projects.

Many volunteer hours are being spent in preparation for our annual family day Christmas event on Saturday, December 4th, which draws

some thousand visitors. Santa and his elves will be on hand for the children. There will be music, refreshments, a raffle, silent auction, and weather permitting, rail rides. Our gift shop has a wonderful collection of items for Christmas gifts for both adults and children.

We welcome the opportunity to give talks with DVD presentation

to groups. This month we appeared at an elementary school in Arboga, CA and at a dinner at the Trolley Junction in Nevada City for some 50 members of the Sacramento Pioneers Association.

**Winter Hours begin Nov 1st.
Saturday's & Sunday's 10a-4p.
Questions? 470-0902**

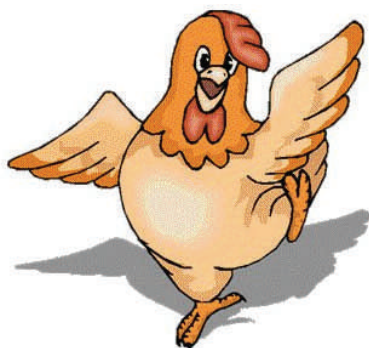
Nevada City abounds with Creative Gift Ideas for Christmas and throughout the year

Imagine this, the little performer in your family amazes and delights after lessons by **Dance with Laura Bishop** or **Nevada City Ballet Academy** (540 Searls Ave) or they could learn to play guitar with instructors at **Empire Music** (308 1/2 Broad St.)

My Favorite Things (425 Broad St) has gorgeous, vintage gifts and for the young and young-at-heart they offer "Glitter Girls Studio" which is a place to create inspire and sparkle. Tina will teach guests how to create a craft such as keepsake boxes or ornaments. You can also take your creative energy to **Mana Beads** (423 Broad St.) for beading classes. Need a gift for teacher or grandma? Kids can pick out a few beads and the friendly staff will give tips on how to make an economical gift such as a pair of earrings, a bracelet or necklace.

For the outdoor enthusiast on your shopping list, **Nevada City Anglers** (417-C Broad St.) offers fly fishing clinics and have an abundance of fly fishing supplies and apparel.

Backyard Chickens Coming Soon to Your Neighborhood



The City Council has directed staff to prepare a draft ordinance that would permit the raising of backyard chickens in the City's residential neighborhoods. A public hearing before the Planning Commission is tentatively scheduled for December 2, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The draft ordinance will provide standards for backyard chickens such as the number of chickens permitted (depending on the size of lot), location of the coop, predator-proof coop construction, and management practices for manure and pest-control. Property owners would register the chickens by submittal of a permit and acknowledging compliance with the standards. No roosters or slaughtering of chickens would be permitted. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Cindy Siegfried, City Planner at 265-2496 or please submit written comments to City Hall, 317 Broad Street, Nevada City, CA 95959.

Dial 2-1-1: Information and Referrals at your Fingertips

Did you know all you have to do is call 2-1-1? Yes, it is that simple! When you need health and human services of any kind, you can get a Call Specialist to help you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Have you ever needed help with a community service and you were unsure who to call? 2-1-1 is the answer. Trained Call Specialists answer your call and provide information and referrals to help meet your needs. Have you recently lost a job and need local employment services or are you stressed and unsure who to call? 2-1-1 Call Specialists are there to help. 2-1-1's across the country assist people by connecting them to the services they need so they can build and maintain healthy lifestyles for themselves, their families, and loved ones. Yes, it is that simple! **Dial 2-1-1.**

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*Nevada City wishes you a
Merry Christmas &
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