

City Newsletter

January 2017

Mark Your Calendar

- Jan 12-16: SYRCL Wild & Scenic Film Festival

Commercial St. will be closed from 9a on Jan. 13 to 8pm on Jan. 15

- **Feb 19: Mardi Gras Parade**

Pine & Commercial St. will be closed Feb. 19 from 11a - 5p for a Street Fair

Broad & Cottage St. will be closed Feb. 19 from 12-5p for the parade

City Hall Closures

- Jan 2 - Observe New Year's Day
- Jan 16 - MLK Jr. Day
- Feb 20 - President's Day



For more information about Police activities or to get involved, contact Chief Foley at 530-265-4700.

Nevada City Announces Improvement in Fire Suppression Rating

Property owners may soon be eligible for lower insurance premiums

The City of Nevada City announced today that the Insurance Services Office, Inc. (ISO) has improved its Public Protection Classification (PPC) ranking of the City's fire suppression system. The City's ranking will improve from a rating of 5 to 03/3X on a ten-point scale. Communities whose PPC improves may be eligible for lower insurance premiums. The ISO's ranking will take effect in February 2017.

"I'm very pleased with the ISO's determination," said Mayor Evans Phelps. "This ranking validates that the City's efforts to maintain

appropriate staffing and invest in quality equipment/infrastructure has paid dividends. Our community's emergency preparedness is much improved."

"We are thrilled to receive this news," said Nevada City Fire Chief Sam Goodspeed. "The passage of Measure C, the City's November public safety ballot measure, and the City's cooperative operational agreements with the City of Grass Valley and Nevada County Consolidated Fire District, will ensure the City maintains its high service level standards."

ISO's PPC ranking plays an important role in the underwriting process at insurance companies. Most U.S. insurers – including the

largest ones – use PPC information as part of their decision-making when deciding what business to write, coverages to offer or prices to charge for personal or commercial property insurance.



Police News

Our **K9 team**, Officer Goin & K9 Rüdiger, have been active & involved in several incidents. Rüdiger located a significant quantity of drugs during a search warrant & his mere presence caused a suspect to give up, ending a lengthy standoff. Rüdiger was front and center at NU's Homecoming Foot-

ball game where he delivered the game ball. Last month we welcomed our newest **Neighborhood Watch** group, Park Ave, into our growing network of active community groups. They have been active and focusing energy to address the area concerns including those in Pioneer Park. We

have increased our efforts to develop positive relationships with young people in our area. The **Youth Connect Initiative** is in the process of developing a Youth Town Council and more involvement with our schools. We coordinated a sailing trip on SF Bay for students from a local High School.

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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.



Pedestrian Safety

Out of all of the roadway users, pedestrians are the most at risk for severe injuries & fatalities. They account for only 3% of Americans involved in traffic crashes but represent 14% of traffic fatalities. In 2012, there were 4,743 pedestrians killed & approximately 76,000 pedestrians injured in traffic crashes in the U.S. Pedestrian collisions often occur at intersections and crosswalks. They are more likely to occur amongst men (70%) and when the pedestrian or the driver has been drinking. A study conducted by the National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) produced evidence that 41%

of pedestrian crashes occurred at intersections.

Also, 41.5% represented drivers failing to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks & 31.7% in unmarked crosswalks.

The major factors contributing to these accidents are alcohol, speed and failing to yield (by both pedestrians and drivers). In 2013, Nevada City was ranked **20th** out of **64 cities** when it came to pedestrians involved in a collision that resulted in either a fatality or major injuries. Our city was also ranked **37th** out of **74 cities** when it came to driving under an influence arrests.

So we ask ourselves, what can we do to help prevent

these tragic traffic incidents?

1. Do not Drink and Drive!
2. Slow Down!
3. Look for Pedestrians in Crosswalks!
4. Pedestrians Use Crosswalks!
5. Pedestrians Must Look both ways and be sure drivers see you prior to crossing the street!

The Officers of the Nevada City Police Department, hope by providing our community members with this useful information, we can all make a difference within our city and county and do our part in avoiding these types of tragedies.

Pace Financing

Special financing may be available to you if you are considering energy/water efficiency improvements to your property. Financing known as PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) help home and business owners pay the initial cost

of improvements, such as solar panel installation, and allows them to pay that cost back over an agreed upon term and rate through the property owner's property tax bill. The City Council has adopted three such programs, all of

which serve both residential and commercial properties, allowing them to operate within the City limits. Please contact the program administrators through the websites listed below to determine your eligibility

and decide if PACE financing can work for you.

www.heroprogram.com/

www.mpoweradvantage.net/

ygreneworks.com/

Parks & Recreation Fire Clearing Projects

Pioneer Park

The City is coordinating with Cal Fire work crews to complete fire clearing work at Pioneer Park. This is planned to take place in January or February.

When crews are working, the picnic areas and adjacent parking lot will be closed. Signs will be posted as soon as we know dates that the work will be taking place.

Hirschman Trail

Fire clearing will also be completed along Hirschman Trail beginning in February. This will cause trail closures. Signs will be posted when dates are confirmed.