

NEVADA CITY NEWSLETTER

City of Nevada City

March 2018

City Hall Closures

March 30: Cesar Chavez Day

Mark Your Calendar

Mar 3 & Apr 7: Winter Farmers Market in Robinson Plaza

Mar 26-30: Spring Break for local schools

Apr 8: Easter

City Council - Are you willing to Run?

Two seats on the City Council will be open in July. Anyone who lives within City limits can run for City Council, but you must turn in the appropriate papers by March 9th. Contact Loree at 530-265-2496 x133 to find out how to get started.



Parks & Recreation

Hirschman Trail - Fire Clearing Project: If you have been on the Indian Trails Subdivision portions of Hirschman Trail recently, you will have noticed the fire clearing work that has been completed. Sierra Streams Institute received Proposition 1 funding through Sierra Nevada Conservancy to complete the project. The City is happy with the outcome of these efforts. There is more work to be completed and you can help. Scotch broom Pulls have been scheduled for March 10, 31 and April 7. See the flyer on the City's website if you are interested in volunteering.

Were you watching the progress on the swimming pool at Pioneer Park? The

1980's bottom of the pool was removed and re-poured, then plaster & tile were laid. Due to the plaster finish, the pool will need to have water in it year round. The pool will still operate just during the summer season. Those who use the pool regularly will notice the smooth finish on the bottom of the pool. Although the repairs do require some year round maintenance, there will be less maintenance needs in the spring, so that other spring projects can be completed.

Summer Employment: The Parks & Recreation Dept. is accepting applications for lifeguards and cashiers at the swimming pool in Pioneer Park. The deadline is March 12th.

7th Annual Summer Camp & Activities Fair: Parents, mark your calendars for May 5th. Many camp providers will be at the Nevada City Veteran's Building from 10a-2p so you can meet them and find the best activities for your child this summer.

Summer Program

Registration: Registration for swim lessons and summer camps begins on Tuesday, May 1st. Registration information is posted on the City's website and the Summer Program Guide will be available by early April.

Nevada City Parks & Recreation Info:

<http://www.nevadacityca.gov/pview.aspx?id=20716&catid=564>

Sierra Roots - Warming Shelter

Sierra Roots is a local non-profit organization dedicated to serving the needs of the people of Nevada County who find themselves homeless.

The City and Sierra Roots have an agreement that allows Sierra Roots to operate a warming shelter at City facilities when the

weather is extremely cold or wet. The warming shelter is 100% operated by Sierra Roots and their trained volunteers.

City staff and Sierra Roots are in constant communication during the winter months to determine if a shelter is necessary, when it

is needed and what - if any - location is available.

A warming shelter has opened 16 nights so far this winter and the Agreement expires at the end of March.

If you are interested in volunteering or donating, please contact Sierra Roots at 530-751-3263 or info@sierraroots.org

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New Chapter in the Life of the National Hotel

The National Hotel has been sold to a new owner. The Hotel has been in operation for more than 160 years - believed to be the longest continually operating hotel in the State. It will reopen as The National Exchange Hotel Company after extensive repair, renovation and restoration by its new owner Jordan Fife, working with Eastern Real Estate. His vision for the revamped hotel is to provide mid-level luxury lodging for Nevada City locals and visitors, with décor that combines historic preservation with modern aesthetics. Plans call for moving the restaurant upstairs where it will have better access to the veranda and relocating the lobby downstairs to be more welcoming. The former owner Thomas A. Coleman has operated the Hotel since he purchased it in 1979 and the City declared February 28, 2018 as "Thomas A. Coleman Day" in recognition of his numerous contributions to the City. There are plans to keep several rooms available during the renovation to keep the "continuously operating hotel" designation.



Nevada County Narrow Gauge Railroad Museum

Have you visited the Nevada County Narrow Gauge Railroad Museum lately? The museum is constantly adding new features, there are rides and the docents are extremely educated on the topic of transportation.

People from all over the world visit this gem. There were 23 visitors from other countries during 2017!

Read the reviews on Yelp and you will know this place is a must see!



Volunteers put in over 17,000 hours of time to keep the museum up and running. Would you like to join them? Assistance is needed in the restoration shop, gift shop, museum proper and social media. Training will be provided—if needed. Visit the Museum website for more information about how to get involved:

ncngrrmuseum.org

You may also want to check out the Firehouse #1 Museum. For more information visit:

<https://www.nevadacountyhistory.org/firehouse-no.-1-museum2.html>

Updated Strategic Plan

On February 7, 2018, City Council, Planning Commission and City Staff held their Strategic Planning Session. The goals for the City that were developed during that session are:

- Enhance & maintain the infrastructure & facilities

- Improve & manage fiscal stability & sustainability

- Reduce homelessness & transient population

- Increase community communication, awareness and involvement

To view the full report visit the City's website.

League of Women Voters Parks & Recreation Study

The League of Women Voters (LWV) has done research and created a report about the state of Parks & Recreation in Western Nevada County.

The LWV recently held a Public Forum about the issue. The Forum highlighted what's available and what's needed.

The County has also hired a consultant to advise the Board of Supervisors if a Western

Nevada County Recreation District is feasible.

If this is a topic that is of importance to you, keep your eye on local media, County Supervisor Agendas and the City's website to find out what's happening and stay informed.