



Nevada City Newsletter

City of Nevada City

March/April 2022

Sean Grayson, New City Manager

I am honored to have been appointed as the City Manager for Nevada City as of February 28, 2022. I am excited to join and lead the team of employees and volunteers that serve those who live, work, play, thrive and visit our wonderful City.

My family moved here when I was an infant with my father taking a job as an engineer in the growing computer industry at the Grass Valley Group. I grew up in and around Nevada City and graduated from Nevada Union High School. I joined the fire service straight out of high school and have worked my entire adult life in public service. I promoted through the ranks of the fire service and was appointed as a Fire Chief. Based on my performance, knowledge of the City and team building efforts, I was twice requested to serve as the Interim City Manager, most recently leading the City through the challenges of COVID-19. During my tenure in public service I have served as

the Interim Director of Community Services, Community Development, and Public Works. Along the way I earned a Bachelor's degree in Business and a Master's degree in Leadership and have championed leadership development and mentorship at all levels of public service. I am adept at both crisis management and long-term planning and am grateful for the opportunity to come home to serve in Nevada City.

My wife and I recently celebrated our 25th anniversary and enjoy the challenges of raising our 7 children. We currently live in Roseville as we are on the hunt for a home in Nevada City; housing is a challenge everywhere right now, especially when you need so many bedrooms!

I would like to thank our City Council for their unanimous confidence in my appointment and more importantly for their dedicated service to this community. I would also like to thank the dedicated group of city em-

ployees that provide service to our City; it is an honor to join the team. A big thank you to Joan Phillippe who has served as the Interim City Manager for the last year. Her love of public service and leadership here in Nevada City is an inspiration to me in continuing the honorable work of government for our community. Most importantly I would like to thank you, our business investors and community members that make our Nevada City the unique and wonderful location that it is.

I am available to you and am always interested in a story, a compliment or a complaint about the work of City government. Please come visit me at City Hall, call me, or see me at one of our wonderful businesses. Consider following the City, our police department, or one of our businesses or non-profit organizations on social media. You can find me as Sean Grayson or @NevadaCityMgr on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.



City Hall Closed

- *Mar 31: Cesar Chavez Day*

City Council Meeting Dates

- *March 9 & 23*
- *April 13 & 27*

Planning Commission Meeting Dates

- *March 17*
- *April 21*

Business Reminders

Staff has recently received complaints regarding neon-like and A-frame signage within the historic downtown area. Please consider this a respectful reminder that neon-like signage displayed in a manner that is intended to be viewed from the exterior of a business is not permitted. While A-frame signs are generally not allowed, during the ongoing COVID-19 emergency the City has permitted each restaurant and

retail establishment the use of one temporary sign, including A-frame signage, not to exceed 12 square feet, to be placed in such a manner that signage does not impede accessible pedestrian access along the sidewalk or into the business. Please contact City Planner, Amy Wolfson at amy.wolfson@nevadacityca.gov, if you would like to discuss your signage needs.



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Special Events & Street Closures

Nevada City Spring Clean-up April 5th; 8a-1p

Hosted by Nevada City Chamber. Projects include power-washing sidewalks, painting curbs, weeding, graffiti removal, raking, and more. Submit your project ideas to Lynn at lynn@nevadacitychamber.com. No need to sign-up, just show up - Chamber office at 8am.

Earth Day Celebration April 30th; 11am -5pm

This event has not been reviewed or approved by City Council yet. Event details will be posted on the Chamber's website: nevadacitychamber.com

Parks & Recreation Projects

Tennis Court Rehabilitation

The tennis court will soon be lit with new lighting, have a new surface and shade over the existing bench. This project is funded by Nevada City Prop 68 - Per Capita funds.

Playground - New equipment

The City will be installing a new piece of ADA playground equipment, improving the surfacing around that equipment and other minor improvements. This project is funded by Nevada County Prop 68 - Per Capita funds and the City's general fund.

Summer Programs and Employment

Employment opportunities and program information will be posted on the City's website.

Bathrooms at Pioneer Park

Park bathrooms have to be winterized due to potential for freezing pipes and even toilet tanks. Staff are working to find ways to keep a bathroom open during winter.

Stormageddon Clean-Up

City staff have been working with Contractors on cleaning up storm debris and repairing damaged property after the massive storm of Christmas 2021. Much of the damage cleaned to date is in Deer Creek, Gold Run Creek, Little Deer Creek, the Water and Waste Water Treatment Plants, and Pioneer Park. Projects that still need to be completed are replacement of the foot bridge in Pioneer Park, a sewer line support structure and fences around Pioneer Park. We do not have a timeline for these projects, but they remain a priority for the City.

If you are still working on clean-up in your yards and property, the following information may be helpful to you:

Storm Debris Removal

The County is contracting with the Fire Safe Council of Nevada County to offer free storm-related green waste disposal to Nevada County residents.

March 11th, 12th & 13th

March 25th, 26th & 27th

April 8th, 9th & 10th

9:00 am- 3:00 pm

12625 Brunswick Rd, GV

Also, watch the City's website

for green waste disposal days specifically for Nevada City residents.

FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

Nevada City residents can apply for up to \$6,000 to get assistance in removing hazardous vegetation and remaining storm debris. https://static.s123-cdn-static-d.com/uploads/2149934/normal_615f80da7c06c.pdf

Adopt-a-Sliver Program

The City is in need of matching funds for a State Fire Assistance grant to pay for professional treatments of our small

properties. You can help at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/fire-safe-nevada-city-slivers-project>

Questions about your own clean-up?

Most storm related damages do not require a permit for removal or repair (removing of a tree or repair of a fence), but if you have questions about that, you can contact the City Planner at 530-265-2496 x130.



I Want A Sign!

If you would like to support having the Courthouse in town, you can get a sign to put in your yard. Here's how:

1. Complete slip below, clip from newsletter and mail to: Keep Our Courts Downtown, PO Box 1073, Nevada City, CA, 95959 or drop through mail slot at City Hall
2. Send the information below to: keepourcourtsdowntown@gmail.com

Name: _____ Address: _____