



Nevada City Newsletter

City Hall will be Closed the following days:

- Nov 11: Veteran's Day
- Nov 26&27: Thanksgiving
- Dec 25: Christmas
- Jan 1: New Years Day

City Council Meetings

There will only be one meeting each month during Nov & Dec.

Nov 18 (3rd Wednesday)

Dec 9 (2nd Wednesday)

Mark Your Calendar:

Don't miss out on the many wonderful events happening in Nevada City during November and December.

See page 2 for a list of events.

Simplified Business License Tax Proposal Placed on June '16 Ballot

Nevada City's business license ordinance was adopted in 1957 and has not changed meaningfully to the present time. Evaluating possible approaches to simplifying and modernizing the City's Business License Tax was one of the City Council's 2014/15 12-month objectives.

The current business license structure is comprised of more than 30 different methodologies for calculating the tax payable to secure a business license. Rates have not been adjusted since 1993 and range from \$10 to \$250 annually with quarterly payments, pro-rating options and daily rate structures. Business license

revenues account for less than 2% of the City's annual General Fund revenue (approximately \$60,000).

In the past several months, the City Council evaluated options to simplify the City's business license tax structure by reducing the number of rate categories in order to facilitate convenient, customer-friendly online payment options, reduce administrative processing, and enable the City to keep business tax rates competitively low.

Supported by the Nevada City Chamber of Commerce, the City Council voted unanimously on October 28 to adopt an ordinance simplifying the Business

License Tax by reducing the rate structure to two categories (to be adjusted annually to account for inflation):

Businesses with 10 or more employees: \$150 annually

Businesses with 9 or fewer employees: \$100 annually

The proposed ordinance also includes an option for businesses to receive a 5% discount if they choose to pay for three years in advance due to the reduced administrative processing and handling of a three-year license.

Senior Project at Pioneer Park

Watch for some amazing art work at the Nevada City Swimming Pool. Jordan Mol, a local high school senior and lifeguard at the pool, will be doing a painting on the outside of the bath house. It will help children determine where they can enter the pool safely without the water going over their heads. It should be a very helpful tool to keeping kids safe and add some fun color to the swimming pool area. Jordyn's project will include fundraising for the materials needed. If you would like to make a donation to this fabulous project, contact Parks and Recreation at 530-265-2496 x129.

City Launches Monthly Business Walk

The City and Nevada City Chamber of Commerce held their inaugural Business Walk in late August, a strategy of the City's newly adopted NCFORWARD economic plan. The purpose of the monthly Business Walks is to check the pulse of the local business community and seek opportunities for improving service. The August Business Walk targeted the thriving Spring Street corridor. September's Business Walk focused on Argyle Way in the 7-Hills Business District, while October's Business Walk visited upper Commercial Street in the downtown Historic District.





NC DIG - Nevada City Determined Improvement Group

On October 3rd many volunteers were working hard to spruce up Nevada City. In the downtown area, curbs were painted and sidewalks were power washed. At Pioneer Park, pruning was done in areas around the lower parking lot and Seaman's Lodge received some much needed TLC. Volunteers from the RAKE event also picked up garbage around the park. The DIG group plans to continue their work. Watch for opportuni-

ties to help out in the spring.

Other City "Clean-up" Projects

A **cottage** on Broad St., owned by the City, received a face lift with new paint, repaired deck and sidewalk.

Watch for changes to the bathrooms at **Pioneer Park**. Those are scheduled to be remodeled within the next year. We will also be planning to replace the roof at Seaman's Lodge soon. Many of these projects are

possible with the voter approved Measure L funds.

The **new sidewalk** on E. Broad was made possible by Congestion Mitigation Air Quality funds. This section of road has regular pedestrian traffic. The new sidewalk will make it safer for everyone.

Measure S work continued this fall with many streets being repaved and sidewalk improvements made as well. Watch the City's website for a complete list.

Special Events & Street Closures in Nevada City

If you are organizing a 5K/10K run, downtown event or any special event that might involve a street closure, traffic issues or take place on City property, please contact City staff at 265-2496.

Farmer's Market

Nov 7, 14 & 21
The last days of fresh harvested food!
ncfarmersmarket.org

Craft Faire

November 27-29
NC United Methodist Church
433 Broad Street
10am-4pm
www.nevadacitymethodist.com

Christmas at the Railroad Museum

December 5
10a-3p
5 Kidder Ct.
470-0902

Victorian Christmas

Wed's: Dec 16 & 23
Sun's: Dec 6, 13, & 20
www.nevadacitychamber.com

Cup with a Cop

November 18
8:00-10:00a
Location: KVMR



Veteran's Day

November 11 was originally set as a U.S. legal holiday to honor Armistice Day - the end of World War I, which officially took place on November 11, 1918.

In 1954, Congress, at the urging of the veterans service organizations, struck out the word "Armistice" and inserted the word

"Veterans." With the approval of this legislation on June 1, 1954, November 11 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

Veterans Day continues to be observed on November 11, regardless of what day of the week on which it falls. The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day

to November 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date, but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.