

Nevada City Newsletter

September 2009

Hear Ye, Hear Ye.... Big Parade in Nevada City



All citizens of Nevada City are invited to join the fun at the 43rd Annual Constitution Day Parade & Celebration on the weekend of September 12-13. A local tradition since 1967, this parade has been reported to be the oldest and largest Constitution observance in western America. This year's parade moves down Broad Street

at **2:00 pm Sunday** (Sept. 13) and features more than 100 entries including the Ophir Prison Marching Band and the Famous Marching Presidents of Nevada City.

Other weekend activities include:

- American Civil War Association **battle reenactments** in Pioneer Park...
Saturday: 1:00 & 4:00pm
Sunday: 11:00am
- 49er Rotary's "Fiesta de los Patos" **Duck Race** on Deer Creek at 11:00am Saturday.
- A free open-air **concert** by the Nevada County Concert Band is featured in the downtown historic district from 5:30-7:00pm on Saturday evening.

For information and a complete schedule of the weekend events, contact the Nevada City Chamber of Commerce at 265-2692. On-line information can be found at www.nevadacitychamber.com

Grand Marshals for the Parade
Police Chief Lou Trovato and wife,
Waynette



Nine Eleven

*My heroes were born,
on a September day...
Leaves falling, sky was bright;
They entered a building
went out of sight...
Everything around
me grew still,
things that happened so unreal!
Sky grew cloudy, ashes fell,
Remember that day,
so very well!
Men and women, of different
race, faced danger that day,
but held their place...
they weren't famous or rich,
were known by few...
their courage strong,
their will was too!
How can we thank them?
What can we say?
Be proud to be American...
Remember that day!*

9/11/2001

By Anonymous

New City Website goes live

On August 14th, the City launched it's new website. The site was developed by Spiral Studios with input from the Website Committee. The website was built for the purpose of providing information about all government functions, allowing the public to find information easily and pro-

viding current contact information for City Staff and elected officials. The web address is www.nevadacityca.gov

Some of the features that you will find on the new site are live and archived video of City Council and Planning Commission meetings, a calendar with meeting

details and other City events, frequently asked questions for each department, and details for current projects that the City is involved with.



Dial 211

Residents of Eastern and Western Nevada County get the help they need now by using the www.Dial211.com website, which has a database of over 1200 organizations providing services in our county. In addition to information on employment, housing, legal assistance, health and basic needs, families are regularly using the site to find information about preschool, recreational activities, swimming lessons, children's play groups, art classes, parenting education, breastfeeding, prepared childbirth, children's library services, child care providers, and additional issues that families address.

And soon, Nevada County residents can make one phone call to talk with a trained information and referral specialist. So many times we are faced with unexpected challenges and get overwhelmed. It happens to all of us. There may be a time when we don't know where to begin to find the help and support we need.

2-1-1 is an information and referral system that is confidential and free. The end goal is for 2-1-1 to be

City of Nevada City was included in the list of "Top Hits" along with 19 other agency's on www.Dial211.com.

available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, in all languages, for people with all disabilities. Right now, 75% of the people living in the United States and approximately 85% of Californian's are able to dial 2-1-1 and talk to someone who can help them. Nevada County may be the first rural county in California to have this program, which is slated to be statewide by 2010.

Water Rate Increase effective July 1, 2009

The water fee adjustments, which have not been made since July 1, 2005, were determined by cost of living increases as well as projected long-term revenues, and maintenance and operating expenditures. Based on the City's current projection for Fiscal year 2009-2010, a proposed rate increase of approximately 8% will be required. The rate of \$26 will be raised to \$28 per month, which will generate approximately \$39,227 annually.

The fee increase will not result in any expansion to our current staffing level or program. In fact, over the last several years the City has maintained a reduced staff level, and further

budgeted expenditure cuts have been imposed. If employee salary reductions become necessary, we will re-evaluate the amount of the fee increase required.

Providing a safe and reliable drinking water system for customers is the number one priority for the Nevada City Water Department. The City purchases treated and untreated water from NID at certain heavy demand times of the year and carefully monitors this transmission line, reservoir and maintains the City-wide distribution system. This includes maintaining water mains, fire hydrants, valves, and water services from mains to individual meter

boxes, issuing construction water permits, installation of services, and 24 hours-a-day and 7 days-a-week standby for emergencies. Staff also installed, maintained, and replaced meters for approximately 1,300 water service accounts during the past two fiscal years. The City will be considering a tiered system to encourage water conservation in the future. The City routinely conducts water quality monitoring including testing and analysis for bacteria, chlorine residual, pH and other elements.

Lowell Robinson Selected for Small Business Award



Nevada County Businessman has been honored at a formal State Recognition Celebration. Lowell Robinson, received the Top Business Award for State Legislative District 3. "All the Assemblymen and all the State Senators have an opportunity to nominate a small businessman in their district for the year, and, this year, Assemblyman Dan Logue nominated Lowell Robinson of Robinson Enterprises, Inc. to be the Small Businessman of the year for his district."

The award was based on the number of years Robinson Enterprises has been in business, the number of people the company has employed and for what Lowell Robinson has done for the community on a continuing basis. The award was announced May 26th at the annual California Small Business Day in Sacramento. – Source KNC0.

Parks & Recreation



Recreation Classes

Cardio Tennis

Monday's 5:30-6:30pm

Friday's 12:00-1:00pm

Location: Pioneer Park Tennis Courts

Contact: Barbi 530-265-4041

Fencing

Mondays 7:00-9:00pm

Location: Nevada City Veteran's Building

Contact: Chris 530-392-0257 or

www.diamondroseacademie.org

Qigong

Mondays 5:30-6:45p

Tuesdays 10:00-11:15am

Fridays 10:00-11:15am

Location: Nevada City Veteran's Building

Contact: Akiko 530-264-7166

T'ai Chi Ch'uan

Tuesday's & Thursdays 5:00-7:00pm

Location: Nevada City Veteran's Building

Contact: Morgan & Susan 530-274-3513

NEW beginning September 10th

Zumba Class

Thursdays 12:00-1:00p

Location: NC Veteran's Building

Contact: Catie 530-265-8208

**Nevada City Pool
Closes
September 13th**

Brownfields Update for Nevada City

In 2006, the City received a grant from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to assess abandoned mine sites on city land.

Working with Friends of Deer Creek scientists, an assessment is close to completion of heavy metal contamination at four sites: Providence Mine, Stiles Mill, Hirschman's Pond, and Pioneer Park, and it has been found that all four sites are affected by a low level of mining soils pollution.

In September, state and federal scientists

are meeting in Nevada City with Friends of Deer Creek scientists to brainstorm cleanup strategies. The EPA has further funding available for cleanup of recreational sites that have been found to be polluted.

What's a Brownfield? Brownfield land (or simply a **brownfield**) is land previously used for industrial purposes or certain commercial uses. The land may be contaminated by low concentrations of hazardous waste or pollution, and has the

potential to be reused once it is cleaned up.

For further information contact: Joanne Hild at Friends of Deer Creek , (530) 265-6090

Dress-up Nevada City

Beginning September 11, Nevada City will be dressing up and staying open on the weekends. What does that mean? Participating shop owners will stay open until 9:00pm on Friday and Saturday evenings, giving locals and visi-



tors more opportunity to shop and experience all that Nevada City has to offer.

The Chamber of Commerce is hoping to invite TV stations from the Sacramento and Reno area to stay a night in Nevada City and do a travel piece on

Nevada City.

Businesses are also being encouraged to dress in "period clothing" to accentuate the historical interest that Nevada City offers.

If you would like more information about "Dress-up Nevada City", call Chuck Shea at 273-6017.

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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 service for our current and future residents, businesses and visitors.

Did you know?...

SPD is celebrating their 50th anniversary...

Miner's Foundry is having a 150 year celebration on September 27...

Supporters of KVMR radio station receive special offers from Plaza Tire and Indian Springs Tasting Room along with other local businesses...

Gray Goose has retro kitchen gadgets and picnic-ware...

JJ Jackson's truly has something for everyone...

New Store Alert...

The Pink Lily: lingerie with clothes on the way

Solstice: Buy, Sell, or Trade items

Narrow Gauge Railroad Museum



Busy times at the Railroad Museum. The public debut of its steam-powered locomotive #13 took place July 19th. It is an engineering and aesthetic delight financed and built over a 3-year period with 6,000 volunteer hours. A DVD of its progress from beginning to completion has been produced.

Due in September is an addition to the shop building planned and financed by volunteers. In it historical rolling stock can be preserved, protected and worked upon in inclement

weather.

Funds are being sought for an addition to the Museum building which will house space for showing videos and films, an archival storage area with room for researchers, and a materials storage section. Ongoing also are projects involving the tool car, flatcar, speeder, passenger car and Engine #5.



The Museum's annual yard sale will be held Saturday, September 12, from 8:00am-12:00pm which always includes unique tool and mechanical items. The Nevada County Library will hold a Children's Story hour with

railroad books as its theme on Tuesday, September 15, at 10:30am.

Be sure to visit the Museum's Gift Shop which has an inventory of traditional and unusual items of railroad and other transportation interest for all ages. Its sales have made possible much of the progress mentioned.

Summer Hours
(May 1 - October 31)
Friday - Tuesday
10:00am - 4:00pm