



City of Nevada City

Newsletter

November 2008

TIDBITS

New dates for **Planning Commission** meetings. Beginning October 16, Planning Commission meeting dates were changed to the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month. Meetings begin at 6:30pm.

Watch these and all City meetings on NCTV, Channel 17. For a schedule of this channel visit www.nevadacountytv.org

New **Parking Meters** have been installed. The new meters accept nickels, dimes and quarters and the parking fee is .05¢ for 12 minutes with a 3 hour maximum.

Victorian Christmas Dates

Wednesdays:
December 3, 10, 17
Sundays:
December 14, 21

Gold Country Calvary Chapel will be at the NC Veteran's Building on **Thanksgiving Day**, providing a **free meal** to the community. The meal will be served from 12:00—2:00pm. Need a ride? Call 274-2108.

Is there a Santa Claus?

From the Editorial Page of The New York Sun,
written by Francis P. Church, September 21, 1897

We take pleasure in answering thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of *The Sun*:

"Dear Editor, I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, 'If you see it in The Sun, it's so.' Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?"
Virginia O'Hanlon 115 West Ninety-fifth St.

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the scepticism of a sceptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no child-like faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense

and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if you did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, *but* that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

High School Students have film making opportunity

High School Students will have a rare opportunity to make a documentary film that will premiere at the 2009 Wild & Scenic Environmental Film Festival.

15 students will attend a training session; December 13 & 20. The training session will be taught by Debra & Tom Weistar, filmmakers and youth media educators from Finding the Good. The Weistar's unique youth documentary filmmaking program has resulted in four outstanding films, like WSEFF award winner, "Dude, Where's My River?"

After the mandatory training ses-

sion, the students will complete their films which will be shown during the film festival in January.

To learn more about the instructors, go to www.synergia.us and for an application send an email



request to ropes@synergia.org or phone: 530-265-5490.

The 7th Annual Wild and Scenic Environmental Film Festival will be held January 9-11, 2009. More information on the festival and ticket prices will be available December 1 at www.wildandscenicfilmfestival.org

Volunteers are always needed, so contact SYRCL about how you can get involved and be a part of the largest environmental film festival in the United States.



The leaves are falling

With the autumn weather comes bare trees. With all those leaves on your lawn, you have to rake them or blow them somewhere. Please be aware that piles of leaves that are blown into the streets can be a

traffic hazard as well as make an unsightly mess.

Leaves should be swept, raked or blown onto your own property and disposed of appropriately. If you do not already have a

yard waste container from Waste Management, you can call them at 274-3090 to request one. Yard Waste can also be disposed of at the McCourtney Rd. Transfer Station.

2008 Flu Clinic Schedule Nevada County Public Health Dept.

Source: www.mynevadacounty.com
For information call: 265-1450

Adult Flu Clinics

Wed, Nov 12th 11a - 1p
Penn Valley Fire Department
10513 Spenceville Road, PV
Wed, Nov 19th 11a - 1p
Sierra Pines Methodist Church
22559 Hacienda Dr, LOP
Wed, Dec 10th 11a - 1p
Grace Lutheran Church
1976 Ridge Road, GV

Children & Adult Clinics

Thurs, Nov 6th & continuing every Thurs 1- 4:30p
in the Parking Lot behind the GV Vet's Bldg.
255 So. Auburn St., GV
Thurs, Nov 13th 10 - 11:30a
Thurs, Dec 11th 10 - 11:30a
NSJ Community Center
Thurs, Nov 20th, 10 - 11:30a

Thurs, Dec 18th, 10 - 11:30a
Washington General Store
A \$10.00 contribution is requested.

Vaccinations for the following will also be offered:

Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis) \$10.00
Pneumovax (Pneumonia) \$40.00

Parks & Recreation



Although the smoke interrupted everyone's activities a bit this summer, the Nevada City Parks & Recreation Department endured through with the rest and then rebounded with a great finish.

Over 400 children took swim lessons with us this summer. Nevada City Parks & Recreation is proud to offer this important program. Many parents reported the successes of their children, as they learned new skills and advanced from one swim level to the next this summer. If your child has not taken swim lessons yet, con-



sider fitting it into your schedule next summer.

75 children participated in the Nevada City Day Camp. This year we were able to offer some new activities such as archery and canoeing. The children involved

in the Drama Rama week performed a wonderful play for their parents and the public. The ability of the children to learn a play during one short week of camp is amazing. Their talents should be commended.

Our new program this summer for youth ages 10-13 was successful. Fashionable "Haute Trash" items were designed, kayaking and mountain biking rides were conquered and delicious food was prepared. We plan to continue this program next year; providing a safe fun environment for Nevada City youth.

NCE student artwork on display at City Hall



Teacher, Nancy Broz has been at Nevada City Elementary for 34 years and recently approached the City Manager with a request to hang her students artwork at City Hall.

The display is now up and is a beautiful addition to the entryway at City Hall. The display is titled "Autumn Comes to Nevada City" and is an excellent representation of

the fall colors we are seeing in nature right now. These second graders have amazing talent and we invite you to stop by City Hall to view their work.



Have a question for City Hall?

One of the many ways that you can communicate with City Hall is to visit our website at www.nevadacityca.gov on the "Contact Us" page. Anyone can send an email with a question, concern or request for information. A staff member will get back



to you in a timely manner.

If you do not have access to the internet, you can call or mail in questions and you will be directed to the appropriate person for help.

We are also in the process of posting many of our

forms on the website. The Planning Forms are available on the Planning Department page. Forms such as Business Licenses and Request for Records are available on the Administration page.

Contact Us:
317 Broad St, Nevada City, CA 95959
(p)530-265-2496 (f)530-265-0187



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.

“To be without some of the things you want is an indispensable part of happiness”

-Bertrand Russell



Nevada City Fire Dept Pancake Breakfast

When: November 23, 2008
Time: 7:30-10:30am
Where: Fire Station #54
210 Providence Mine Rd.
Cost: \$5 children (12 and under)
\$8 adult

The Firefighters Association of Nevada City relies heavily on community support to help us provide the best possible services. If you are unable to join us for breakfast, you can still show your support by making a tax deductible donation.

Day Light Savings Time was November 2.

The Fire Dept. would like to remind you that this is a good time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors.



Is your home ready for winter?

Taking care of the following few simple tasks around your home can help your house “weather the weather” more efficiently and effectively while minimizing the chances of major damage and reducing unnecessary costs.

1. Have your chimney inspected: Warming up in front of a crackling fire is a great way to ward off a winter chill. But before you start using your fireplace, have your chimney inspected and



cleaned to prevent fire and smoke damage.

2. Inspect rain gutters: Everyone loves a waterfall, but not when it's pouring off your roof. To avoid overflows and water damage, clean and repair gutters and downspouts.

3. Trim your trees: Branches overhanging your roof or electrical wires can cause extreme damage to your home. Trim these appropriately to prevent structural damage or injury.

4. Fix weather-stripping and caulking around windows and doors: Keep Jack Frost's bite out of your house. Minimize drafts by repairing gaps around doors and

windows to keep your home warm and help cut heating bills.

5. Check the roof: A critical task in keeping your home's interior dry and comfortable is to make sure your roof is still weatherproof. Replace missing, loose or damaged shingles or tiles to prevent leaks from rain or snow.

6. Inspect the furnace: Having your furnace go out is the last thing you want to happen on a freezing-cold winter night. Make sure the furnace is in proper working order and have it inspected for less obvious problems.

Source: CSAA