



Nevada City Newsletter

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR THE CITY OF NEVADA CITY

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **May 1**
All City Yard Sale
- **May 5**
Swim Lesson Registration begins
- **May 16**
Amgen Tour of California
- **May 22**
All City Clean Up

Watch for Nevada City Pool Program Guides in early April. Registration for programs will begin May 5.



Return Census Forms & Nevada City Benefits

"Dozens of federal programs rely on census information to allocate funding for neighborhood improvements, public health, education and transportation," says City Manager Gene Albaugh. "With recent decreases in state money, it is more crucial than ever to achieve an accurate and complete count of our residents."

Census data directly affects how more than \$300 billion per year in federal and state funding is distributed to communities. In California, approximately \$1,300 per person will be lost over the next 10 years for every person not counted in Census

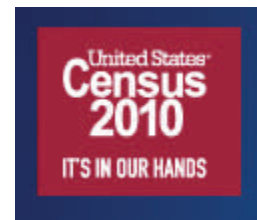
2010.

U.S. Census officials also note that California might lose a congressional seat if there is an undercount of residents. In the last census, California had an undercount of 1.5 percent, higher than other states.

The census counts all children and adults living in the United States, both citizens and non-citizens. The person completing the questionnaire should include information about all household members who live and sleep at that address most of the year.

Participation in the census is required by the U.S. Constitution and federal law. **The**

Census Bureau is required to keep all census information confidential. Census takers will follow up with households that do not return questionnaires by April 1. Additional information is available at www.2010.census.gov.



2nd Annual Nevada City All-City Yard Sale

Saturday, May 1, 2010

Nevada City is encouraging all residents to have a yard/garage sale on May 1st. You get to clean out your home, sheds, and garages and others get to purchase your old clutter - which will be a new treasure for them!

If you don't have enough space in your yard or garage for the sale, rent a space at the Nevada City Veteran's Building. Spaces are limited and it is first come, first served.

We will also create a map of yard sale locations, which will

be available April 26.

The All-City Yard Sale will take place - rain or shine!

If you would like to rent a space at the Veteran's Building or would like to have your yard sale location on the map; call City Hall 265-2496 by April 15th.



Be Prepared!

GREEN TEAM

Workshop Dates:

March 8th

8:30a - 12:30p

March 23rd

10:00a - 2:00p

How to contact the
Railroad Museum:

530-470-0902

OR

www.ncngrrmuseum.org

What if?...

What if an earthquake happened in Nevada County? You could be without help for at least 3 days...be prepared.

What can I do in advance?

Bolt appliances and large furniture securely to wall studs. Learn how to shut off gas, power & water in your home. Prepare an emergency kit. Visit these websites for suggested items:

www.RedCross.org

www.mygreathome.com

www.fema.gov

During a quake?

Indoors:

You should protect your head & body as much as possible.

Don't try to walk around during the movement.

Outdoors:

In a clear area get down on the ground.

If driving pull over where it is safe.

Watch for power lines that are down, falling rocks, trees and debris.

After an earthquake?

Protect yourself with long sleeves and pants, work gloves, etc.

Fix your own injuries before attempting to rescue/help others.

Listen to the radio for updates and information.

Look for hazards and fix them if possible. (broken gas lines or water pipes)

Clean up spilled liquids that are flammable or toxic.

Be aware that aftershocks will happen.

Creating a Green Team

You are invited to join us for a very exciting endeavor: the Nevada City Council unanimously approved the concept of drawing from its Nevada City stakeholders a measurable sustainability vision for Nevada City.

Darin Dinsmore and Assoc., from Truckee, will facilitate this process. The overall goal is to look at sustainability and renewable energy as an economic development tool for

Nevada City.

This will establish Nevada City as a community leader opening the door for Federal stimulus funds, job creation, economic development, and reduce our carbon footprint on the planet.

The process will begin by creating a Green Team during 2 half-day workshops with Darin Dinsmore and Assoc. During these workshops a strategy will be developed to move towards

a sustainable community with a focus on job creation and public-private partnerships so as to secure grant funding.

This sustainability process will entail:

- 1) *Integrated sustainability framework that could be incorporated into the general plan .*
- 2) *Create an implementation program.*
- 3) *Focus on jobs & the economy.*
- 4) *Create a tracking system to monitor success.*

News from the Railroad Museum

The Railroad Museum hosted 4,970 visitors who enjoyed a meaningful experience thanks to volunteers who put in an amazing 15,621 hrs.

On October 14th a dedication of the 1,080 sq.ft. shop expansion took place with recognition given to volunteers Elmabel & Nick Rohrman who generously funded the building structure. This addition en-

ables more rolling stock to be preserved, protected & worked on in inclement weather.

On November 14th John Christensen celebrated his retirement from the Army & nursing. John was an original founder of the Museum & was instrumental in obtaining Engine #5 from Universal Studios. He served on the Mu-

seum's Board for 21 yrs, and we're delighted to have him leading various restoration projects at the Museum. 865 visitors met with Santa on Dec 5th. It was a heartwarming event.

2010 aims to be just as busy with continued restorations and searching for funds to expand the Museum.

Hirschman's Pond Vision & Planning Study



The City's Recreation Committee has begun the process of creating a Vision and Planning Study for the property known as Hirschman's Pond. This property

is located along Hwy 49; adjacent to the Rood Center.

The intent of the Study is to have a document that will serve as a guide for management and development.

The Study was presented at the February 18th Planning Commission meeting. Many people from the public attended to offer feedback and respond to the Study. The Planning Commission made a recommendation to take the Vision and Planning Study to the

City Council with public comments incorporated as necessary.

The Parks & Recreation Supervisor and the City Planner will present the Study at the March 10th City Council meeting.

The Draft Vision and Planning Study can be viewed on the City's Website: www.nevadacityca.gov and will be available with the City Council packet for the March 10th meeting.

Grant

Workshop

May 4, 2010

6 - 8 pm

In Council

Chambers

Grant Workshop

Mark your Calendars for a Grant Workshop, May 4, 2010, 6pm-8pm, City Hall Council Chambers, to develop clear protocol and guidelines in any grant process that may involve the City of Nevada City. During this work-

shop we will identify the needs and requirements of the city as well as what steps the city can take to improve its communication and relations with the community during the grant process. It is our hope to better serve the

community as grant opportunities arise. If you are a business, organization or individual who is interested in creating a clear grant-processing blueprint we encourage you to join us.

Area Businesses Go Under

Did you see the Sacramento Bee's article: "Nine thousand businesses sit empty in the Sacramento region - nearly one vacancy for every six businesses still open", according to an analysis of Postal Service data? No county in California has a higher commercial vacancy rate than Sacramento. Stanislaus is next, and then Placer County, according to the data, which logs addresses where mail has not been picked up in more than 90 days. The number of vacant business addresses in the

Sacramento region has jumped nearly 50 percent since the start of the recession.

What can we do about this?

We still have some wonderful long-standing businesses in Nevada City. If we want them to stick around, we should make an effort to spend our money in our own community. Help keep our residents employed by keeping our businesses open. Keep local independent businesses afloat by shopping and eating out where we live.

Patronize stores in Nevada City that offer true customer service. I could name some here, but this isn't an advertising gimmick. You know who they are, and they are usually big donors whenever a local community-based group asks for donations. They are the mainstay of our community and we need to support them. So next time you think about ordering something online, please consider a trip to one of our local stores and make your purchase in person.



Paving on Broad Street

During the month of March some extra preparatory work will be done on Broad Street to the water system. Some of the water service work will occur during the daylight hours. There will also be some water shut offs between midnight and 5am during week-nights.

Weather permitting: Broad Street is scheduled to be paved also. This work is scheduled for mid April 2010. If you have special needs, please call City Hall at 265-2496. Office hours are Monday - Friday; 8:00am - 5:00pm.

To view a map that shows the approximate limits of work, visit the City's website: www.nevadacityca.gov
Actual paving work should be limited to 5 working days, with most work to be scheduled at night. Weekend work will be avoided.

Dinner and a Show

A night out in Nevada City is always great fun!

Start with dinner...

Lefty's has wonderful personal size pizza's & beautiful salads

Sushi-in-the-Raw is an exceptional local favorite

Friar Tuck's "Bubble & Squeak" is an oldie but goodie

Follow up with a show...

Off Broad Street: Now playing "Waiting for Lola"; a tale of colorful characters during the Gold Rush

The Magic Theatre is the premier outlet for independent, foreign, and other high quality non-mainstream films

The Nevada Theatre is California's oldest original-use theater offering a variety of entertainment options

City to Consider

Tiered Water Rates

Tiered or increasing "block" rates have been shown to provide an incentive for customers to use water more efficiently and thereby lower the overall water consumption. Generally, with tiered rates the average customer may experience a higher water bill during the summer and lower water bills during the winter since the per unit cost of water will increase with higher usage.

Over the next few months, Nevada City will provide additional information on tiered rates. This information will also be posted on the City website

2-1-1 is live in Nevada County

Now people in Nevada County can Dial the three digit number 2-1-1 and talk to a call specialist to help them out with all of their Health & Human Service needs.

It became official on National 211 Day, February 11th, 2010.

Please help us get the word out to everyone. In addition to finding out about services on www.Dial211.com, anyone can call on a land line phone within Nevada County and receive free, confidential information and referral 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

2-1-1 is available in 150 languages and for any disability.

Cell phones will be able to access 2-1-1 in the near future.

Thank-you for supporting 2-1-1 Nevada County!

Nevada City Squirrels



Squirrels had overrun three churches in Nevada City. After much prayer, the elders of the first church determined that the animals were predestined to be there. Who were they to interfere with God's will? they reasoned. Soon, the squirrels multiplied.

The elders of the second church, deciding that they could not harm any of God's creatures, humanely trapped the squirrels and set them free outside of town. Three days later, the squirrels were back.

It was only the third church that succeeded in keeping the pests away. The elders baptized the squirrels and registered them as members of the church. Now they only see them on Christmas and Easter.