



Nevada City Newsletter

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sept 10-12
Constitution
Weekend

Oct 10
Nevada City vs Grass
Valley Softball Game
4p at Pioneer Park

CITY HALL CLOSED
Sept 6: Labor Day
Sept 17: Furlough
Oct 11: Columbus Day
Oct 15 Furlough

*Opportunity
may knock
once, but
temptation
bangs on
the front
door
forever.*

Are you ready for a fire?

The Nevada City Fire Department wants you to be ready, if you have to face a home or wild fire. They have created a checklist to help you and your family prepare for this type of event.

Before a Home Fire

The following things should be checked to protect yourself, your family and your property in the event of a home fire.

- Smoke alarms
- Know how to escape a fire
- Know what items in your home are flammable and have them stored properly
- Properly maintain all heating sources
- Be safe with matches and cigarettes

- Is your electrical wiring safe?

Before a Wildfire

If you see a wildfire, call 9-1-1. Don't assume that someone else



has already called. Before fire approaches your home you should do the following...

- Wear protective clothing

- Remove combustibles
- Close & protect openings
- Close inside doors & open damper
- Shut off gas
- Water
- Prepare to Leave

The first 72 hours after a major emergency or disaster are critical. Utilities and phones may not be working. Public safety services will be busy, so you should prepare yourself to be self sufficient for 3 days.

An Emergency Supplies Checklist and more information about fire safety is available on the City's website www.nevadacityca.gov

Water Rates

Nevada City's water rate fees have not been and will not be sufficient to meet operations and maintenance costs. For fiscal year 08/09 the water fund expenses were \$251,000 more than revenue collected or nearly a 50 percent deficit (\$755,000 vs. \$504,000). In addition the current essentially flat rate structure is inequitable, fails to encourage conservation, and is inconsis-

tent with State law requiring that at least a portion of the rate be based upon water usage. The rate structure is not equitable in that charges are a flat rate until 25,000 gallons per month is exceeded. Most residences do not exceed this amount even during summer. As a result a single person pays the same as their neighbor with four in the household. Further AB 2572,

requires all jurisdictions as of January 1, 2010 to base at least a portion of their water bills on a volumetric basis.

These issues will be presented to the City Council in September for discussion. Following this discussion a new rate may be calculated and presented to the public at a public hearing later in the Fall.



*Credit Card
payments for
Water/Sewer bills
are now being
accepted online.*

Watch the Crosswalks

There are a lot of pedestrians in town... children walking to and from school, visitors shopping in town and residents going about their daily business. It is important that drivers watch for these pedestrians in the crosswalks.

At stop signs drivers often stop in the middle of or past the crosswalks because they cannot see cross traffic. Drivers should first stop before the crosswalk, check for pedestrian traffic, then move for-

ward to check for vehicle traffic.

If there is a crosswalk, but no stop sign, drivers should yield to pedestrians who are waiting to cross the road.

In addition, pedestrians should not assume that vehicles are going to stop for them. Although Nevada City is small, we get a lot of traffic and parked cars generally line both sides of our streets. This can make it difficult for drivers to see pedestrians who are wait-

ing to enter the crosswalk. Pedestrians should take responsibility for their own safety and be sure that drivers see them and are stopping for them before they enter the crosswalk.

Credit Card Payments Now Accepted

Nevada City now accepts credit card payments. The credit card system is only for Utility payments. Other fees such as, traffic tickets, recreation registration and business licenses' must still be paid by check or cash. To pay your utility bill with a credit card, customers can call 1-800-2paytax (1-800-272-9829) or go online to

www.officialpayments.com.

You will be prompted to enter a jurisdiction code. This code is 7207. There is an additional fee when paying with your credit card. This is a charge from the processing company, not the City. Credit cards cannot be accepted at City Hall. If you will continue to pay your utility bill with cash or check, those pay-

ments can be mailed to or dropped off at City Hall (317 Broad St.). If you arrive after hours, please be sure to put your payment (checks only please) in the drop box that is outside the front doors of City Hall. Sliding payment under the front doors is not secure.

Broad St. Paving



Weather permitting: Broad St. is scheduled to be paved this year. Work is scheduled for early to mid September, 2010. There will be some water shut offs between midnight and 5am during some weeknights. If you have special needs, please call City

Hall at 530-265-2496. Office hours are Monday—Friday,; 8a-5p.

The road will be re-paved from Union St. up to the location where Commercial St. meets with Broad St. Part of S. Pine will be paved as well. Actual paving work should be limited to 5 working days, with

most work to be scheduled at night. Weekend work will be avoided. During the construction period, Broad St. will be open during the day for business. Prior to the paving, there will be work done on the curb and gutter on York St., including some service changeouts.

Parks & Recreation

Public Workshop

The Recreation Committee will be holding a Public Workshop on Thursday, October 14; 6:30-8:00pm at Seaman Lodge in Pioneer Park to receive input from the community that will be used as we create a Master Plan for Pioneer Park. Everyone is welcome to attend. Check the city website for details.

For **information** about the Parks & Recreation Department, check the City's website www.nevadacityca.gov or call 530-265-2496 x129

Swimming Pool

The pool will be open until September 12th. Here is our post-season schedule.

Open Swim

Sat & Sun noon -4p

Lap Swim & Water Ex

Tues & Thurs 10:30-11:30a

Tues & Thurs 6:30-7:30p

Family Fun Night

Wednesday 5:00-7:30p

Recreation Classes

There are several classes taking place at the Nevada City Veteran's Building.

Zumba & Zumba Toning

Belly Dance

Tai Chi

Qigong

Fencing

Check the City's website or call for class times.

Also, check the Sierra College Kaleidoscope Catalog for dance classes at this location.

Unclaimed Property

You may be one of millions of Californians owed money by the State!

The State of California is currently in possession of more than \$5.7 billion in Unclaimed Property belonging to approximately 11.6 million individuals and organizations. The State acquires unclaimed property through California's Unclaimed Property Law, which requires "holders" such as corporations, business associations, financial institutions, and insurance companies to annually report and deliver property to the Controller's Office after there has been no customer contact for three years. Often the owner forgets that the account exists, or moves and does not leave a forwarding address or the for-

warding order expires. In some cases, the owner dies and the heirs have no knowledge of the property.

The most common types of Unclaimed Property are:

- Bank accounts and safe deposit box contents
- Stocks, mutual funds, bonds, and dividends
- Uncashed cashier's checks or money orders
- Certificates of deposit
- Matured or terminated insurance policies
- Estates

Mineral interests and royalty payments, trust funds, and escrow accounts.

If you lived and acquired assets in other states try accessing the following too:

The National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators is holding almost \$33 billion of unclaimed stocks, bank accounts and other assets. Go to www.missingmoney.com or www.unclaimed.org to see if any of it has your name on it.

Redeem that U.S. Savings Bond

The Treasury says that \$17 billion worth of U.S. Savings Bonds no longer earn interest but remain unredeemed.



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New Nevada City Businesses

Four Paws Animal Clinic will be opening soon at 521 Searls Ave. Dr. Susan Murphy will take good care of your pet.

Bubbles & Bows Pet Salon has been operating for some time now and your pet will love them. They are located at 530 Searls Ave.

Pampered Earth Kids is a new consignment store and diaper service located at 405 Commercial St.

Stik-it Kabob Restaurant has affordable, delicious, healthy kabobs & salads. They are located at 241 Commercial St..

Don't Quit

When things go wrong,
as they sometimes will,
When the road you're
trudging seems all uphill,
When the funds are low
and the debts are high,
And you want to smile,
but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing
you down a bit,
Rest, if you must, but
don't you quit.

Life is queer with its
twists and turns,
As every one of us some-
times learns,
And many a failure turns
about,

When he might have won
had he stuck it out;

Don't give up though the
pace seems slow--
You may succeed with
another blow.

Often the goal is nearer
than,
It seems to a faint and
faltering man,
Often the struggler has
given up,

When he might have cap-
tured the victor's cup,
And he learned too late
when the night slipped
down,
How close he was to the

golden crown.
Success is failure turned
inside out--

The silver tint of the
clouds of doubt,
And you never can tell
how close you are,
It may be near when it
seems so far,
So stick to the fight when
you're hardest hit--

**It's when things seem
worst that you must not
quit.**

-Author Unknown