

# Nevada City Newsletter



## City Hall will be Closed the following day:

- Mar 31: Cesar Chavez Day

## Mark Your Calendar:

- Mar 17: St. Patrick's Day
- Mar 20: 1st Day of Spring
- Mar 30-Apr 3: Spring Break for local schools
- April 5: Easter
- Apr 22: Earth Day



## City Council Approves Strategy To Keep Fire Station Open

The City Council held a Study Session on the provision of Fire and Emergency Services on January 22. Four options were discussed related to how to address the Nevada County Consolidated Fire District's (NCCFD) decision to remove their three firefighters from the City's jointly-staffed Providence Mine Road fire station on April 19, 2015. The fire station has been jointly staffed by NCCFD and the City for more than 11 years. Without a new dedicated funding source to fund three replacement firefighters, the City would only have one professional firefighter on

any given shift, essentially requiring the City to reassign the existing firefighters to other area stations. As a consequence, the seven joint operational area fire stations servicing Nevada City, Grass Valley and NCCFD service territory would be reduced to six.

After an extension review of options and fire department operations, the City Council stated a desire to keep the fire station open and directed staff to develop a ballot measure for consideration in June 2016 to fund three new positions to replace the NCCFD positions. In the

interim, the City will ask the NCCFD to extend their personnel beyond April while it pursues a temporary federal fire staffing grant that would fund three positions for 24 months. The City Council also approved a recommendation to co-locate ambulance services at the fire station by repurposing an existing living room into a bedroom to accommodate ambulance personnel. The City expects this will improve ambulance response times by at least 90 seconds for Nevada City residents as well as provide lease revenue to the City to partially offset the cost of three additional personnel.

## Community Connect Program

In an effort to improve the Police Department's pedestrian presence in the Historical District and enhance connectivity with the community at large, the Police Department has developed an initiative called "Community Connect." The Community Connect initiative is intended to strengthen

the bonds between community members and officers while providing a coordinated effort to prevent crime and ensure enforcement of City ordinances and quality of life violations. Officers will be expected to spend at least 2 hours per shift walking in the Historical District. Additionally, an Officer will be

available to chat with interested community members as part of "A Cup with a Cop" at various Nevada City coffee shops and restaurants. This program is being funded by Measure "L".

## Nevada City Spring Clean-up

The NC Police Department is working with various community members and other city Departments on a spruce-up of the Historical District. The event will occur on 3 consecutive dates March, 31<sup>st</sup>, April 1<sup>st</sup> and April 2<sup>nd</sup>. For more information contact the police department at 530-265-4700.

## Sergeants Promotion

After a 3 month testing process, Detective Chad Ellis emerged as the top candidate and was promoted to Sergeant on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Sgt. Ellis was officially sworn in at the City Council meeting on February 11, 2015.



## Parks & Recreation Department

### Summer Employment Opportunities

Applications for summer positions are being accepted and are due March 13, 2015. Check the City's website to view job descriptions and print an application.

### Lifeguard Training

Lifeguard Training will take place during spring break (March 30—Apr 3). Registration information is available on the City's website or you can call our office for more details. Registration and fees are due March 16, 2015.

### New Bathrooms Stalls

Those of you who go to the swimming pool frequently, will be very pleased to see new doors in the bathrooms. The old doors were rusting and falling apart. Thank you to the voters for passing Measure "L" and making this project possible.

### New Slide at Pioneer Park

A new slide has been installed at Pioneer Park. If you spend any time at the park, you have probably noticed many children playing on the slide. The slide was funded by the Nevada City Lions Club, Nevada City Soap Box Derby, Gold Country Kiwanis Club and the City.

### Scotch Broom Challenge

Sierra Streams Institute and the Fire Safe Council will be working on City properties to clear out the Scotch Broom. Volunteers are encouraged and welcome.

March 7: Hirschman's Pond  
April 4: Rain Date for Hirschman Pond

April 11: Environs Property

April 18 Rain date for Environs

For information or to volunteer, contact Harrison at Sierra Streams at 265-6090 x201.

### Railroad Museum News

Santa Claus was very busy at the Railroad Museum on December 7th. People lined up to see him and ride in a rail car. Many people visit the Museum each year including visitors from Australia, Switzerland, Italy and other countries.

If you haven't visited the museum, don't miss out. The volunteers are friendly and their knowledge of how to repair old railroad cars is fascinating. It is amazing to watch these volunteers engaged in something that they are so passionate about.



The line to see Santa Claus at the Railroad Museum.



Measure "L" funded: new stall doors in the swimming pool bathrooms.



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## Special Events in Nevada City

The Chinese New Year celebration will take place on March 8th. Commercial St. and Union St. will be closed between noon and 3pm. For more details about the event check out [catsweb.org](http://catsweb.org) or call Jeannie Wood at 530-265-2990.