

City of Oroville

1735 Montgomery Street Oroville, California 95965

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER WINTER 2009-2010



SPEND TIME AT...

- Museum Row
- Centennial Plaza
- State Theatre
- Historic Downtown
- Lake Oroville
- The Feather River
- Riverbend Park
- Art Gallery

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REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT FOR SOUTHSIDE AREA

The City of Oroville has a long-term vision to redevelop and improve the commercial corridor along Myers Street from Oro Dam Blvd. to Wyandotte Avenue, considered to be the core of the Southside area. That vision came a step closer when the City applied for, and received a \$5,000 grant from PG&E. That grant, used as seed money, along with the recent approval of the Redevelopment Agency (RDA) to hire Green Valley Consulting Engineers, presents the catalyst to begin the revitalization of the neighborhood. The project will feature a safe and pedestrian-friendly environment by means of consistent landscape and street-scape improvements. The improvements are intended to create a unique focal point for the community and visitors.



Artists' Rendering

Green Valley Consulting Engineers will conduct public outreach to contact as many people as possible to participate in the visioning process. Community involvement is important as it allows a means of providing input and solutions, stakeholder ownership, and will ensure that the finished project is what the community desires. Questions may be directed to Tom Fitzpatrick, RDA Coordinator

(530) 538-2405. The City is also appreciative of PG&E's economic development grant and their continued support of the Oroville Community.

ADOPT-A-STREET PROGRAM

The Adopt-A-Street Program is a partnership between the City, its merchants, and residents. It's simple to join: groups or individuals agree to adopt a street or an area, and take responsibility for keeping the litter cleaned up alongside the City right-of-way that is adopted. In return, the City provides free supplies including hats, safety vests, litter bags, and signage acknowledging the organization, business, or individual who has adopted the street. The Adopt-A-Street Program creates a cleaner, more pleasant environment for everyone who lives, works, and shops in the adopted areas. The program also strengthens community ties as neighbors and merchants work together to keep the city clean. Please contact the Community Development and Public Works Department at (530) 538-2420 to sign up, or for additional information.



ALL ABOUT DOCENTS

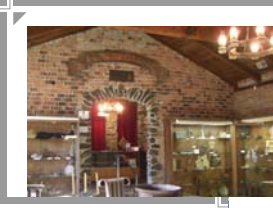


THE CITY OF OROVILLE NEEDS ADDITIONAL DOCENTS

The Museum Docents have many responsibilities including staffing the various museums. They act as tour guides and interact with visitors to insure that they have a memorable experience. They collect admission fees, staff the gift shops, update records, and assist with special projects. Docents truly are ambassadors to all who visit the City museums. They are also the life blood of making the museums work. This is a fun way to meet people, learn about Oroville's history, and network. Better yet...you get to pick the museum and name your own hours and days. Sound interesting?

For more information please call (530) 538-2415

C.F. LOTT HOME AT SANK PARK...CHINESE TEMPLE & MUSEUM...
BOLT'S ANTIQUE TOOL MUSEUM...PIONEER HISTORY MUSEUM...
FEATHER RIVER NATURE CENTER...



NIGHT AT MUSEUM SERIES

On October 24th as guests approached Oroville's 1863 Chinese Temple and Museum Complex, they entered through the festooned walkway to a sea of twinkling lights and cheerfully decorated tables for the inaugural "Night at the Museum" series planned to benefit each of the City's museums by creating awareness of the treasures they hold. The Chinese Temple and Museum Complex, a California Registered Historic Landmark, is especially unique in the United States as it is the only known complex that served three religions: Taoism, Confucianism, and Buddhism. In 1968, the Tapestry hall was built to display an extensive collection of tapestries, parade umbrellas, an imperial pillar rug of the 16th century and other items that had been lovingly cared for by the Chan family for many years, after the flood of 1907 decimated much of the local Chinese community. The Chan family assumed responsibility for the temple and its treasures until it was deeded to the City in 1937. The museum has been open to visitors since 1949.

Guests at the event enjoyed a five course traditional Chinese meal, enchanting harp music, and a performance by the Hmong Cultural Center dancers who were dressed in traditional costume. The guests also had the opportunity to view the museum collections, temples, and the Fong Lee building which was completed in 2006 as a replica of the Chan family's herb and gold purchasing store. **Watch for information about future planned events.**



(Dr. Martin Chan, Dr. Gaing Win Chan, Lilly Chan, and Councilmember, Thil Chan Wilcox)

Visit the Feather River Nature Center & Native Plant Park

The Center features an interesting collection of native plants and Indian artifacts, rocks and local history...plus access to a great walking & biking trail along the Feather River. The park is open dawn to dusk, and the Nature Center is open from 11:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. Saturdays & Sundays. Access to the Center & trails is off the Montgomery Street Roundabout on Old Ferry Road.



GREAT HOUSING PROGRAMS

- The City has **five homes available** for it's innovative "Lease to Purchase Program." The program helps to provide applicants who may have less than ideal credit become homeowners. Programs for **first time home purchasers** are also available.

- **Home Buyer Education Workshops** are now being offered for those interested in learning about the purchase process for single family homes. The workshops have many topics including budgeting, credit, local loan subsidy programs, the title and escrow process, and more.
- Make your home safe, cozy, energy efficient and up-to-date with the City's **Housing Rehabilitation Program**. Qualifying applicants can obtain a 3% simple interest loan with a flexible repayment plan.

Please contact the City of Oroville Housing Department at (530) 538-2495 for details regarding these programs.



CITY HALL DEPARTMENT



THE OROVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT... reminds all

residents that a smoke alarm is really your home's "best friend." A functioning smoke detector located in every bedroom, and in all common rooms, is a proven tool in saving lives. Take a few minutes to replace batteries in each device that is in your home. Most manufacture's recommend doing this twice a year. Questions? Call (530) 538-2480.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT...

advises that a free Pre-Application meeting is available which provides knowledgeable staff to help developers through the planning and building permit process. The meeting can help streamline the entire process. This is a "great beginning" for your project. Additional information about the permit process, as well as a Pre-Application is available on the City website www.cityoforoville.org.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

SAYS... Fats, Oils, & Grease aren't just bad for your arteries and waistline; they're bad for sewers, too! Here's how you can keep the city sewer system flowing:



- Never pour grease down sink drains or into toilets.
- Scrape grease & food scraps from trays, plates, pans, utensils, and grills and cooking surfaces into a can or the trash for disposal.
- Do not put grease down garbage disposals.
- Stop by City Hall to pick up a useful brochure on this subject or visit the City website at www.cityoforoville.org

THE POLICE DEPARTMENT... is getting ready to ramp up the Neighborhood Watch Program which is one of the oldest and best-known



crime prevention concepts in North America. The program empowers citizens to become active in security efforts through awareness, communication with each other and the Police Department.



THE HISTORIC STATE

THEATRE... recently had new coach-lamp fixtures installed along the Myers Street side of the building. This is the latest of an on-going plan to return the theatre to it's original look. New windows, tile, and colorful awnings are next in this process. For upcoming events, call the theatre at (530) 538-2470.



The Oroville Police Officers Association helped with smiles and warm feet through two of their long-standing community programs. Shoes & socks were provided to school children and over one hundred children participated in the "Shop with a Cop" program at the local Walmart store making the holiday season a happier time. Great partnering!



... AROUND THE CITY BLOCK ...



City of Oroville
Incorporated 1906
City Hall
1735 Montgomery St.
Oroville, Ca. 95965

City Council/RDA Public Meetings

1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers



Helpful Telephone Numbers

Administration 538-2405
Business Assistance 538-2534

BUSINESS & TOURISM INFORMATION
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 538-2542
WWW.ROVILLECHAMBER.NET

City Administrator
Sharon Atteberry

City Clerk 538-2535
Code Enforcement 538-2435
Community Development 538-2401
Parks & Trees 538-2415
Housing 538-2495
Police/Non Emergency 538-2448
Fire/Non Emergency 538-2480

City staff is the best place to go for answers to your questions regarding the City of Oroville.

Mayor Steve Jernigan, **Vice Mayor** James Johansson

Council Members: Sue Corkin, Art Hatley, David Pittman, Allen "JR" Simpson and Thil Wilcox

Mission Statement— The City of Oroville is dedicated to serving the public, ensuring the safety and vitality of the community, and promoting prosperity for all.

Vision Statement— The City of Oroville, nestled in the foothills of the Sierra-Nevada, graced by the beauty of the Feather River, will be a vibrant and thriving community with strong economic, recreational and cultural opportunities.

Core Values— Integrity & Honesty, Professionalism, Respect for Others, Customer Service, Open Communication, Accountability, Teamwork, and Cooperation.

COMMISSIONERS NEEDED

Are you interested in being on one of the City Commissions? Applications are now being accepted for vacancies on the Parks Commission and the Planning Commission. Please contact the City Clerks Office at (530) 538-2535 for additional details. A great opportunity to be a part of the City of Oroville.

PUBLIC MEETING INFORMATION AND KEY CITY INFORMATION ON THE web at:
WWW.CITYOFOROVILLE.ORG

The City participated with the Private Industry Council in an intern program which provided jobs for 23 youth. Under supervision, they assisted in levee clean-up efforts, park projects, weed abatement, and street maintenance. This was a great opportunity for not only the City, but for those that were in the program to learn a new skill and help the community. A pizza-party was hosted by the City in the Council Chambers with each participant receiving an appreciation certificate. Another partner opportunity with impressive results.

INTERNS HONORED



About the City & the Oroville Region

- CITY OF OROVILLE'S POPULATION — 14,490
- AREA — APPROXIMATELY 13 SQUARE MILES
- ELEVATION— 175-750 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL
- AVERAGE ANNUAL RAINFALL— 27.34 INCHES
- GREATER OROVILLE POPULATION — 55,000+
- COUNTY SEAT — BUTTE COUNTY
- 40 SQUARE MILES OF WATER — LAKE OROVILLE AND THE AFTERBAYS
- 110 MILES OF BIKE TRAILS/EQUESTRIAN TRAILS/WALKING TRAILS
- 3 GOLF COURSES/WINERIES/OLIVE REGION/MANDARIN REGION/ FARMERS MARKETS/MUSEUMS/NATURE CENTER/PARKS AND THE BEAUTIFUL FEATHER RIVER ...SOMETHING FOR EVERYBODY TO ENJOY!

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