



# City of Oroville



*Where you can Live, Work & Play ... all in a day!*

## SPEND TIME AT...

- Museum Row
- Centennial Plaza
- State Theatre
- Historic Downtown



- Lake Oroville
- The Feather River
- Riverbend Park
- Artists of River Town Gallery

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

SPRING  
2012

## SPRING IS IN THE AIR ...

**Oroville abounds** with countless opportunities for its residents and visitors and spring is one of the most vibrant times to discover what the community has to offer. Coming up the first full week in **May** is **Feather Fiesta Days**, a tradition since the 1930's. Activities include, crafts, an incredible car show which last year had over 900 entries, food, a chili-cook-off, bands and culminates on Saturday, May 12th with a 2 1/2 hour parade down Montgomery Street featuring marching bands & interesting floats. **THIS IS TRULY A HOME-TOWN, HOME-GROWN EVENT.**



During the week leading up to Saturday, there are many activities and events for all age groups. Including tours of historical homes, an open house and tea at the Oroville Chinese Temple, a Beer-fest on May 5th at Centennial Plaza overlooking the Feather River, the 62 annual Kiddies Parade on Friday, May 11th. followed by a performance at the Historic State Theatre by the Kent Family Magic Circus. More activities for Saturday include the Bidwell Bar Day celebration at the Lake Oroville Recreation Area, a scrumptious pancake breakfast and lots of food booths in the Historic Downtown District, the Spring Fest at St. Thomas Parish, a craft faire at Sank Park, ART in the Park for Kids & art displays. Shuttle busses are planned to make parking and getting around easier. If this isn't enough on Sunday, May 13th continues with the 63rd annual El Medio Mother's Day ham dinner at the El Medio Fire Station.



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Visit the Fiesta Days website starting March 20th at:  
[www.featherfiestadays.org](http://www.featherfiestadays.org)

From typewriters to "Apps" ... See story on page 3 about how your City is making communication easier!





## MIDAS PROGRAM PROJECTS

Includes projects that will complement:

- Economic Development
- Public Works
- Housing & Business Assistance
- City Facilities
- Arts, Culture & Entertainment
- Sustainability

Completed projects to date:

- Spencer Avenue Transit Station
- City Council Chambers
- Chinese Temple Repairs
- Surveillance Cameras

More information about the MIDAS Program is available at:

[www.cityoforoville.org](http://www.cityoforoville.org)



## The Feather River Rowing Club

is in the process of organizing a variety of programs for the Oroville Forebay Aquatic Center. including boating safety instruction for kayaks, sail boats, canoes, paddle boards, windsurfers and rowing. Additionally the grant provides scholarship funds for introductory programs such as; Sitting on Top of a Kayak, Canoeing, Windsurfing, Sculling, Sweep Rowing, Stand-up Paddling, High School Rowing Camp and Youth Aquatic Camp. Details about the programs to be offered and the scholarships will be released at a later date.



The Center is located at the Thermalito North Forebay State Park off Hwy 70 (Garden Drive exit) in Oroville. In addition to the aquatic center the Forebay State Park has picnic pavilions, large grassy areas, water access, ADA compliant restroom facilities and a large paved parking area. More information is available at:

<http://www.rowchico.com>

Sacramento based KVIE Public Television Host **Rob Stewart** recently filmed the Oroville Chinese Temple & Museum Complex for an upcoming spot on his popular "Rob on the Road" show that captures the spirit of what makes California great. He was very impressed with the museum that opened to the public in 1949 and contains artifacts that are national, if not international treasures. Rob also visited the Lake Oroville Visitors Center and Lake Oroville.



### Pictured

*Vice Mayor Thil Chan Wilcox, Lead Docent Carol Brown, Rob Stewart & Docent Jan Clay*

*Mayor Linda Dahlmeier & Rob Stewart at the Lake Oroville*



**Did you know?** There are more than 278 California State Parks adventures which feature nearly 15,000 campsites, 3000 miles of trails, 625 miles of rivers and lake fronts and 280 miles of majestic coastline. **BUT, DID YOU KNOW THAT HERE IN OROVILLE** we have access to over 167 miles of lake shore, the incredible Feather River, boat launches, 110 miles of bike trails, 275 campgrounds, an equestrian camp, equestrian trails, floating campgrounds, hunting areas, a shooting range, seven historic museums, the Oroville Wildlife Refuge Area, the historic Bidwell Bar Bridge, and the Lake Oroville Visitors Center. The latest addition to Oroville's stellar attractions is a new trail above the North Thermalito Forebay. Pedestrians and those with mobility scooters can enjoy the relatively flat Rattlesnake Hill Trail that winds about a mile, starting and finishing at the water. Another breath-taking vista awaits you!



FLOATING CAMPSITE ON LAKE OROVILLE

**The City of Oroville continues to look at innovative ways** for the public to communicate with the city and the app method is now available. The American



Dialect Society which meets annually to bring our vocabulary up-to-date decided in 2011 that "app" was the word of the year. According to the society, app is "Short for Application; a program for a phone or computer or other electronic device." At last count there were more that 350,000 apps floating around somewhere in space waiting for the computer-savvy to download them into wallet-sized phones and personal computers. Now the City of Oroville counts itself in those numbers and provides instant access 7/24 to its constituents.

**Seen a shopping cart lingering on the street or sidewalk? Noticed a pot hole, tree down, graffiti?** Want to send a message to the Mayor, City Council, City Administrator or a Department Manager? Interested in visiting a park or museum? See a loose animal? Need a map of the city? These are just a few of the items that are readily accessible on the City of Oroville's new app for Androids and iPhones

For those with an iPhone simply go to the App Store on your phone, type in City of Oroville and download the app. If you have an Android go the Market Place on your phone, type in City of Oroville and download the app.

If you don't have an iPhone or an Android but have a computer you can access the app by entering <http://obimobile/Oroville> in your URL. City Administrator, G. Harold Duffey encourages use of this simple and valuable tool that provides easy access to city services.

**Rick Farley, Enterprise Zone & Business Assistance Coordinator** for the City of Oroville accepts a recognition plaque from Sandy Linville representing the Small Business Development Center at CSU Chico for the City's financial and staffing participation in the Economic Forecast Conference held at the Gold Country Casino earlier this year. City Economic Development Manager, Sam Driggers and Program Specialist, Tom Fitzpatrick were also instrumental in moving the conference from Chico to Oroville with over 500 attendees **making it the most successful in the conference 12 year history.**



Clouds over the Table Mountain Preserve

# ... AROUND THE CITY BLOCK ...



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

**City Council Public Meetings**  
1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.  
in the Council Chambers

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



**City Administrator**  
G. Harold Duffey

### Helpful Telephone Numbers

- Administration 538-2405
- Business Assistance 538-2534
- 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

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

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

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**Mayor** Linda L. Dahlmeier, **Vice Mayor** Thil Wilcox

**Council Members:** Gordon Andoe, Jack Berry,  
Cheri Bunker, David Pittman, Allen "JR" Simpson

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**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 will be a vibrant and thriving community with strong economic, recreational, and cultural opportunities, where you can live, work, and play, all in a day

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

**MIDAS Program takes flight** with the recent approval of the City Council the Oroville Airport FBO building will take on a complete new look and will become very functional for pilots and the public. Construction is planned to start soon with completion targeted for the annual August 18th Oroville Fly-in day event.



**...from the desk of  
G. Harold Duffey, City Administrator**



*The City of Oroville will see its population expand by nearly 490 new residents soon after areas approved for annexation become finalized. Our Planning Department has been working to move the various islands that are currently in the County to the City which will ultimately provide cohesive City boundaries. The MIDAS program is moving along full force with projects in motion and some reaching conclusion. We are looking forward to Marshall's grand opening soon and other retail expansions and improvements. City Staff is here to help you and I encourage your suggestions and comments. **Enjoy all of the "spring" happenings including Feather Fiesta Days!***

## About the City & the Oroville Region

- CITY OF OROVILLE'S POPULATION — 14,660
- 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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