



City Gold

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Good though March 9, 2008

NEWS YOU'LL USE, FROM PLACERVILLE CITY HALL

IN THIS ISSUE:

• **Hwy. 50 Construction**

Most US50 project preparation is done; we now get to see real results as new routes open over the course of spring and summer—subject to the weather.

We'll see Forni Rd. reopened, the new connection to Placerville Drive opened, a new lane on US50, and the three bridges across Hangtown Creek widened.

• **Graffiti: You Can Help**

Graffiti often is the first sign of gang activity. When you see and report new graffiti, you can help reduce crime.

• **New Faces in the City**

City Hall gets another Engineer, and the Police Department has added many new professionals.

• **Identity Theft**

Protect yourself against identity theft – obtain a free credit report.

• **Meetings Rescheduled**

The Feb. 5 regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting will be rescheduled.

Getting Around Town

The continuing work on US50—and weather—still dominate traffic issues. Much of the work for the past two years has involved removing the sewer line from Hangtown Creek and preparing the project for the actual improvements. Over the next few months, you will start to see the actual improvements.

Forni Road & Main St.

The first priority is to reopen Forni Road at Main St., which was closed last year in order to rebuild the section of road connecting Placerville Drive to Main St. Caltrans plans to finish that route when the rains stop and daily temperatures get back over 50°.

At about the same time, the eastbound lane of the new bridge from Placerville Drive to Main St. will open, while work continues on completing the westbound route. Once the lanes in both directions are completed, access between Placerville Drive and Main St. will be faster and easier, and remove a lot of traffic from US50 at Canal Street. The connector should be open for both east- and westbound traffic by summer.

New US50 Lane

The new eastbound lane, to Bedford Ave., is about to be paved. The foundation is complete and ready for the road surface. As soon as the lane is ready to use, traffic will be shifted away from the median in order for work to finish on the median strip between east- and westbound directions of US50. All three lanes will be opened to traffic again—weather permitting—by late spring.

Adjacent to the new eastbound lane will be a safety barrier, together with decorative wrought-iron fencing and lighting, which will be installed along the downtown side of US50, and will include permanent electrical outlets for lighting the City's traditional Christmas tree display.

New Bridges

In the coming months, work will continue on widening the bridges at Canal Street and Spring Street and replacing the Bedford Street bridge.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- Call 621-CITY for even more up-to-date news, especially about travel and best routes
- Browse to <http://www.cityofplacerville.org/CityGold.asp> for the latest updates

Please Report Graffiti

Did you know that gang graffiti is the first sure sign of gang activity in your neighborhood? In order to track gang activity, Sgt. John Kunkle, Placerville Police Dept. Gang Officer, asks all residents to report any graffiti found on public or private property within the Placerville city limits. A report will then be generated, photos taken, and the responsible agency or property owner will then be contacted to remove the graffiti. To report graffiti, please call the Police Dept. non-emergency line at 530-642-5280.

New Faces in the City

The City recently welcomed on board Associate Engineer Peggy Hill, in the Engineering Dept.

The Placerville Police Dept. recently welcomed on board Officers Michael Elledge, Craig Tackett, Joe Ruelas and Clint Cornell, as well as Dispatch Records Technician Angela Cruz.

Current Events

Art Walk and Family Night Out: Third Saturday of each month, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Historic Downtown Placerville. For more information call Ann at 530-626-1444.

Girls' Night Out: Friday, February 29, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Late night shopping, fashion show and special treats on Main St. For more information call PDA at 530-672-3436.

Upcoming Meetings

City Council Meetings: Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m., at Town Hall, 549 Main St. Get agenda from www.cityofplacerville.org on the Friday before the meeting.

Planning Commission Meetings: First and third Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m., at Town Hall, 549 Main St. Get agenda from www.cityofplacerville.org on the Friday before the meeting.

Because of Election Day, the regularly scheduled meeting of Feb. 5 will be rescheduled to a date to be determined. Please check the City's website for the new date.

The Fairway Pines Subdivision and Draft EIR will be brought to the Planning Commission for review in late January or February 2008. Please check the City's website for the date and time.

Don't be a Victim of Identity Theft

According to the FBI, the risk of becoming a victim of Identity Theft can be minimized, but not eliminated. If access to your personal or credit information has occurred, early discovery can protect against financial loss and damage to your credit.

What you can do:

You are entitled to one free credit report per year from each of the three major credit reporting agencies. The Fair Credit Reporting Act guarantees this service upon your request. It is suggested that you order one report from each company every four months.

To request a report:

Online: www.annualcreditreport.com

By phone: 1-877-322-8228

By mail: Annual Credit Report Request Service
PO Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348-5281

Need Help with That New Year's Resolution?

If your New Year's resolution included physically shaping up, then you might want to consider signing up for one of the Recreation & Parks exercise programs. For more information go to: www.cityofplacerville.org/depts/parks/leisure_enrichment_classes, or call 530-642-5232.

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