

City Gold



July-August, 2008

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Calendar of Events

JULY 20, *Youth Fest*, Main St., Downtown Placerville. 10am to 3pm Local health & fitness vendors, music & more. For info call 530.621.7566

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AUGUST 10, *Craft Faire* Main St. Downtown Placerville 8am to 3pm For info call 530.672.3436

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AUGUST 16, *Girls' Night Out* 6pm to 9pm Historic Main St. For info call 530.672.3436

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THROUGH OCTOBER 18, *Jazz or Blues in the Plaza* 1pm to 4pm, Fountain Plaza Courtyard, Alternate Saturdays - from July 12 - Oct. 18

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Farmers' Markets

THROUGH OCTOBER:
Saturdays: Ivy House Lot, 8am - noon. *Wednesdays:* Bell Tower, 5p.m. - dusk

City Council Meetings

2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7pm
Town Hall, 549 Main St.
NOTE: No meeting July 22

Planning Commission Meetings

1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7pm
Town Hall, 549 Main St.

Highway 50 Update

Lower Main/Placerville Dr.

You can now travel eastbound from Placerville Dr. to Main St. without having to use Hwy. 50. However, you are still not able to travel from Main St. to Placerville Dr. Once the work on the Hwy. 50 overpass and the westbound Placerville Dr. off-ramp is completed late this summer, the connection between Placerville Dr. and Lower Main will be open in both directions. Forni Rd. has reopened and is accessible.

Bridges

Work continues on the Bedford Ave. Bridge, and the bridge is presently open to southbound traffic only. In August, when the work shifts to the other side of the Bedford Bridge, the bridge will be open to one lane of traffic in each direction. Work will continue on Canal and Spring St. Bridges, and they will remain open to traffic in each direction.

New Eastbound Lane

The new eastbound lane has been paved and soon traffic on Hwy. 50 will be shifted to the south onto the new lane so that work can occur on the left turn pockets at each of the intersections. This will also allow work to occur on the pedestrian over-crossing at Bedford.

Placerville Dr. Westbound Off-Ramp

In approximately late August, work is scheduled to occur on the westbound Placerville Dr. off-ramp, which will result in a closure of that off-ramp for several weeks. Please check updates on the City's website for alternate routes.

Bedford Ave. Water Line

In mid-July, work is scheduled to occur to relocate the water line at Hwy. 50 and Bedford. This will result in periodic water shut-offs affecting some properties in this area. Advanced notifications will be provided.

For more information and updates on the Hwy. 50 project, go to:
www.cityofplacerville.org

Your Parks -- Your Future

The City of Placerville is currently developing a Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan. Our goal will be to address parks, recreation facilities, trails and recreational activities to meet the current and future needs of Placerville area residents. We want to hear from you - the community - and listen to your opinions and suggestions. **Over the next few weeks, telephone surveys will begin.** If your household is chosen, please take five minutes to answer questions about your recreation needs. Even if your household is not one of the selected participants, you may voice your opinions in a **written survey**. Surveys will be available after July 21 at Town Hall and City Hall, as well as on the City's website.

Finally, please plan to attend one of our Community Workshops and help us all work together to develop a vision for the future of Placerville's parks and recreation facilities. *Workshops are Tues., August 19, El Dorado County Government Complex, Bldg. C, 6:00pm-7:30pm, and Weds., August 20, Town Hall, 549 Main St., 6:00pm-7:30pm.* For more information, contact the Placerville Recreation & Parks Department at 530.642.5232 or go to www.cityofplacerville.org.

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~ GREEN REPORT ~

**Waste and Recycling Cart
Collection Program**



In late June, El Dorado Disposal and the City of Placerville initiated the 3-Cart Waste Disposal Program. City residents have received a recycling cart, a yard waste cart and a trash cart. If you find that you need a different size cart or additional carts, you will be able to make those changes the week of October 16.

Recyclables

Many people do not realize how much of their “ordinary” trash can be recycled. You can help save landfill space, reserve natural resources and conserve energy by utilizing your mixed recycling cart with the yellow lid to the greatest extent possible. This cart will be picked up every other week, alternating with the yard and garden cart. The following items are acceptable for placement in your recycle cart:

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| ALL CA REDEMPTION VALUE DRINK CONTAINERS | BROWN PAPER BAGS |
| TIN & STEEL CANS | JUNK MAIL |
| ALUMINUM CANS | COLORED PAPER & BAGS |
| GLASS BOTTLES & JARS | CONSTRUCTION PAPER |
| NEWSPAPERS | ENVELOPES |
| PLASTIC BOTTLES & JUGS | PHONE BOOKS |
| ALUMINUM FOIL & TRAYS | CATALOGS |
| CORRUGATED CARDBOARD | COMPUTER PAPER |
| CEREAL BOXES (W/O LINER) & SHOE BOXES | WHITE LEDGER PAPER |
| | CHIPBOARD |

El Dorado Disposal also provides a curbside oil recycling program. Call 530.626.4141 for more information.

Yard Waste

In addition to your recycling cart with the yellow lid, you also now have available a yard and garden cart with the green lid for organic green waste. Organic green waste makes up 40% of the residential waste stream and you can help reduce waste by putting your yard and garden waste in this cart. This cart will be picked up every other week, alternating with the recycling cart. As a result of this service, the City will discontinue its Annual Leaf Pick-Up Program.

Trash

Trash is picked up weekly and there are three sizes of trash carts available: 32-gallon, 64-gallon, and 96-gallon. Utilizing your recycling cart to its fullest may enable you to use a smaller trash cart and reduce your waste disposal cost.

**What You Should Know
About CFLs**

A compact fluorescent lamp (CFL) is an energy efficient lamp using 75% less energy than an incandescent light bulb and lasting at least 6 times longer. However, mercury is an essential ingredient for energy efficient lamps and mercury can be harmful to your health and the environment. Therefore, CFLs should be handled with care and disposed of properly. Ironically, CFLs present an opportunity to prevent mercury from entering our air where it most affects our health. The highest source of mercury in our air comes from burning fossil fuels such as coal, the most common fuel used in the U.S. to produce electricity. A power plant will emit 10mg of mercury to produce the electricity to run an incandescent bulb, compared to only 2.4mg to run a CFL for the same time. Thus, while CFLs are beneficial to both the environment and the wallet, they must be disposed of properly. Until recently there was no place to safely dispose of CFLs in the Placerville area. As a result of a collaborative effort amongst PG&E, Snowline Hospice and City staff, CFLs can be disposed of for recycling at Snowline Hospice located at 455 Placerville Drive.

Police Beat

25th Anniversary – National Night Out

The Placerville Police Department invites you to participate in the 25th Anniversary of National Night Out, Tuesday, August 5, a nationwide crime/drug prevention and safety event. Neighborhoods are encouraged to sign up for a Free Block BBQ. Meet your neighbors and your local police officers. For more information and reservations, contact Cynthia Estes, at 530.642.5272 or cestes@cityofplacerville.org.

Wireless Telephone Laws

On July 1, 2008, a new law went into effect prohibiting all drivers from using a handheld wireless telephone while operating a motor vehicle. Motorists 18 and over may use a hands-free device. Drivers under the age of 18 may NOT use a wireless telephone or hands-free device while operating a motor vehicle. For a list of frequently asked questions, go to: www.chp.ca.gov/pdf/media/cell_phone_faq.pdf

Law Enforcement Citizen’s Academy

The Placerville Police Department is offering a free Citizen’s Law Enforcement Academy for residents of the Placerville area. Learn more about public safety and policing issues. Classes start Sept. 2008, one evening per week, 11 consecutive weeks. For info or an application call Lt. Kim Nida, 530.642.5210, or email: knida@cityofplacerville.org

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