

# City Gold



November - December 2008

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## Calendar of Events



MONTHLY, Third Saturday  
6pm - 9pm, Historic  
Downtown Placerville, art  
shows and late night shopping.  
For info call Ann at  
530.626.1444



NOVEMBER 28, Festival of  
Lights, 5:30pm - 8pm, Historic  
Main Street in Placerville. For  
info call 530.672.3436



NOVEMBER 28 & 29,  
Merchants' Open House. For  
info call 530.672.3436



DECEMBER 7, 31<sup>st</sup> Annual  
Christmas Parade, 1pm on  
Historic Main Street. For info  
call 530.621.5885



## City Council Meetings

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at  
7pm, Town Hall, 549 Main  
St. **Note: Nov. 11  
meeting rescheduled to  
Nov. 20 at 6pm**

## Planning Commission

### Meetings

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

## Highway 50 Update

As we enter the winter months, work on the Hwy. 50 Project becomes more weather dependant. For example, paving can only be done when the ambient temperature is 50° or greater and the roads are dry. While the project is nearly complete, much of the remaining work involves paving, and the contractor is looking to finish paving in the next two weeks. Project improvements west of Canal are essentially complete and traffic is open in both directions on the connector between Placerville Dr. and Lower Main. This is an alternative to using busy Hwy. 50 to travel from Main St. to Placerville Dr. The work scheduled for the next two months includes the following:

### *The Bridges*

Paving the bridges at Canal, Spring and Bedford is scheduled for the next two weeks (weather permitting). The work will be done during the day. Work will only be done on one bridge at a time and it is estimated that the work

will take two days on each bridge. When the work is taking place on Bedford, it will be open to southbound traffic only. Spring will be open in both directions while it is being paved, and Canal will be closed while it is being paved.

### *Highway 50*

Paving on Hwy. 50 will also occur during the next two weeks at night (again, weather permitting). The paving will be on both the west- and eastbound lanes throughout the Project area. Work will also continue on the Pedestrian Overcrossing (POC) at Bedford, with the construction of the supports which hold up the over-crossing during construction. This will cause the eastbound turn lane on Hwy. 50 at Bedford to be closed for approximately two months. The POC is scheduled to be one of the last items of the Project to be completed.

For more information and updates on the Hwy. 50 project, go to:  
[www.cityofplacerville.org](http://www.cityofplacerville.org)



## Remember to Use Your Green Waste Carts



With the arrival of the 3-cart system, including the green waste carts, the City will not be conducting a Fall Leaf Pick-Up Program. Please use your green waste cart from El Dorado Disposal for disposing of your fall leaves.



## Festival of Lights

Bring the whole family to the Placerville Downtown Association's Festival of Lights on Friday, November 28. This FREE holiday-welcoming ceremony starts around 5:30pm. Downtown's Historic Main Street will be closed in order to host performers at the Courthouse, the Bell Tower and other locations. Stroll down Main Street or take a ride on the stagecoach and enjoy local bands, jazz groups, dancers and singers. This is also the first day of the Merchants' Open House, where visitors can enjoy goodies from merchants and view beautifully decorated windows and rooflines.

The tree lighting will feature a countdown at 6pm and will be followed by a visit from Santa, who will set up headquarters in River City Bank from 6:15pm to 7:30pm. Photos will be available.

The Holly Jolly Trolley will provide free transportation between The Mountain Democrat parking lot, the Placerville Park and Ride Station on Mosquito Road (next to EID), and the bus stop near Bank of America on Sacramento Street. Many public lots, including the Center Street Garage and the Ivy House lot at Main and Cedar Ravine will be available for parking, too, but may get crowded early. Shuttle service will be available every 30 minutes from 5pm until their last downtown pick-up at 8:45pm.

Merchants and restaurants will stay open late for the festivities and the Merchants' Open House. Stagecoach rides will run from 4pm to 8pm near the Bell Tower. For more information call Placerville Downtown Association at 530.672.3436.



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### Winter Fire Safety Tips

El Dorado County Fire Protection District would like to remind everyone of the following winter fire safety tips:

- \*Make sure your smoke alarms are in good working order and less than 10 years old.
- \*Have your chimney cleaned annually by a professional.
- \*When disposing of ashes from your wood burning stove, make sure they are cold to the touch and that you soak them with plenty of water.
- \*Keep space heaters at least 3 feet from all flammable materials (curtains, blankets, couches, etc.).
- \*Never leave burning candles unattended.
- \*Do not place throw rugs over electrical cords.
- \*Keep a working flashlight next to your bed.
- \*Practice exit drills; know two ways out of every room in your home in case of fire.
- \*Remember to CRAWL LOW UNDER SMOKE in the event of a fire in your home.
- \*Never heat your home with your kitchen oven.
- \*If your clothes catch on fire, STOP, DROP (cover your face with your hands) and ROLL until the fire is out. Call 911 immediately.

If you have questions, please stop by your nearest fire station for more information. Thank you and have a fire-safe winter.



### Free Parking Hours Extended

For the holiday period from November 3<sup>rd</sup> to January 2<sup>nd</sup>, the free 2-hour parking on Main Street, in the City's parking garage and in City parking lots has been extended to 3 hours of free parking. During this holiday season, you can park for free on Main Street for up to 3 hours and, if you are parking in the City's parking garage or in City parking lots for 3 hours or less, you do not have to put money in the pay station. While parking on Main Street is limited to 3 hours, you may park for longer than 3 hours in the parking garage or in the City parking lots, and the cost is \$1 for each hour beyond the first 3 hours, up to a maximum of \$5.

You may also extend your parking stay in the parking garage or a City parking lot by adding time at any pay station. Be sure to remember your stall number and keep your parking receipt with you.

### TIM Fee Workshop

Traffic Impact Mitigation Fees or "TIM Fees," are fees that are typically collected at the building permit stage. They apply to development projects ranging from building single-family residences to commercial projects. TIM fees are mitigation fees assessed to offset the traffic impacts of new development. They are to be used for traffic improvements such as intersection improvements, new roads, etc. However, they cannot be used for road repair and maintenance. The City of Placerville has been engaged in a TIM fee study for the purpose of revising its TIM fees, and the Placerville City Council will be conducting a TIM fee workshop on November 20, 2008, 6pm, at Town Hall, 549 Main Street, Placerville, California. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

### Police Beat

#### Employment Opportunity

Police Dispatch/Records Technician - Entry/Lateral. The City of Placerville is seeking to establish eligibility lists for the position of Police Dispatcher/Records Technician, for both entry level and lateral candidates. This position performs a variety of duties involved in receiving, evaluating, prioritizing, and relaying calls for emergency and non-emergency assistance, dispatches necessary police units and performs a wide variety of specialized clerical duties. For more information, visit the City of Placerville website: [http://www.cityofplacerville.org/our\\_city/employment\\_opportunities/default.asp](http://www.cityofplacerville.org/our_city/employment_opportunities/default.asp).

#### Crime Prevention - Purse Theft

The theft of purses is most often a crime of opportunity and occurs frequently in Placerville. Purse theft can be greatly reduced if consideration is given to some crime prevention tips.

- Rather than a purse, carry a small billfold or coin purse which can easily fit into a pocket. This eliminates a purse as a target and also frees up your hands.
- If you must leave your purse in your car, lock it in the trunk. Do not leave it in plain sight.
- If you leave your purse in your cart while shopping, zip it closed and lock it in the cart with the child-restraint straps.
- If you carry only the essentials in your purse, it is best to simply let it go. It is not worth being injured, possibly seriously, by resisting. Be a good witness and call 911.

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