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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

FEBRUARY 4, Special City Council Meeting/Workshop, 6pm, Town Hall, 549 Main St. Revitalization/Redevelopment. Also see article Page 1. For more info call 530.642.5200

FEBRUARY 27, Girls' Night Out, 6pm - 9pm, Late night shopping, fashion show and special treats on Historic Main St. For info call 530.672.3436

### City Council Meetings

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at 7pm, Town Hall, 549 Main St.

### Special City Council Meeting/Workshop

February 4, 6pm, Town Hall

### Planning Commission Meetings

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

## Highway 50 Update

With the coming of the new year, the Hwy. 50 improvements are starting to wind down and come to a close. The following items remain and are scheduled for the next few months.

### Hwy. 50 Mainline

Signals: New signals have been installed at Canal and Spring Streets. The new signals at Bedford are schedule for mid-to-late February.

Final Paving: The final course of asphalt will not only be applied to the new eastbound auxiliary lane but also all the east- and westbound lanes of Hwy. 50 through the project area. Because paving is dependent upon warm and dry weather, this work will probably be one of the last items completed. Expect this work to occur at night in May.

### Pedestrian Over-Crossing

Work is continuing on the pedestrian over-crossing at Bedford. The goal is to have it completed and open for use in March.

### Bridges

The decks for bridges spanning the creek at Canal, Spring and Bedford are complete. Final paving of the approaches to each bridge will occur when the mainline Hwy. 50 is paved.

Decorative lighting for the three bridges is scheduled to be installed in mid-to-late February.

### Placerville Drive/Main St. Connector

After a false start, the bridge connecting Placerville Drive and Lower Main is now open again. This was closed for a time in December because of weather and icy conditions. The City has taken over sanding the bridge and it should remain open. Please use caution when driving on the bridge during cold and icy conditions.

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



## Business District Revitalization/Redevelopment

Interested in learning more about the potential for revitalization and redevelopment in Placerville's three business districts (Placerville Drive, Downtown, and Broadway)? If so, be sure and attend a Special City Council Meeting/Workshop on February 4, 2009, 6:00 p.m., Town Hall. A group of interested business people known as "PACT" (Placerville Area Convergence Team) will present to the Council the "ins and outs" of revitalization/redevelopment at the information workshop. Redevelopment has the potential for revitalizing business districts and creating civic improvements without placing additional burdens on taxpayers. The workshop will discuss the potential of redevelopment as a tool to implement revitalization plans, beautification projects and studies, either previously done or in the process of being completed, for the City's business districts.

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**Police Beat**

**National Night Out Award**

The Placerville Police Department is proud to announce that Placerville has been selected as the #1 national award winner for the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of National Night Out (NNO) in our population category of 15,000 and under. The National Association of Town Watch and Target, the sponsors of NNO, have ranked Placerville number one or number two in the nation for the past five years for this nationwide crime and drug prevention event.

On the evening of August 5, over 4,000 people attended one or more of the 37 different events. Target and SaveMart are major sponsors of the event. For more information or to sign up for National Night Out 2009 on August 4, Contact Cynthia Estes at 530.642.5272 or email [cestes@cityofplacerville.org](mailto:cestes@cityofplacerville.org).

**Crime Prevention ~ Home Burglaries**

The fact is that most burglaries can be prevented:  
 -Always lock your doors and windows, even while at home.  
 -Never leave a house key available outside, criminals look there first.  
 -Install dead bolt locks on exterior doors and ventilation locks on sliding doors and windows.  
 -Discarded gift boxes left outside advertise what you have inside.  
 -Have a neighbor pick up mail and newspapers while on vacation.  
 -Remember, the best crime prevention tool ever invented is a good neighbor.

Law enforcement can't be everywhere at once, but you and your neighbors can. Use your eyes and ears - then your telephone. Call 911 to report suspicious activity.

Pick up a free copy of the Attorney General's *Home Security Handbook* at the Police Department, 730 Main Street, Town Hall, 549 Main Street, or City Hall, 3101 Center Street.

**Your Help is Needed**

The City of Placerville Recreation and Parks Department offers a variety of valuable recreation opportunities to the children in our community, from swimming lessons, to youth basketball and dance classes. The benefits of participation in recreation program have lifelong impacts on children's health and learning. Unfortunately, financial struggles can make participation in recreation programs a luxury that some families can no longer afford.

The Recreation for Youth Fund provides financial assistance to families in need, for children who wish to participate in recreation programs. The goal is to ensure that no child would ever be denied the opportunity to participate due to family financial constraints. Last year alone, more than 200 children were able to participate in recreation programs thanks to assistance from the Recreation for Youth Fund.

Funding for Youth Fund assistance is provided solely by community donations. Our community has been fantastic in supporting this program over the past several years. However, with increased demand, the Fund is running low. If you are so inclined, a donation of any size can truly make a difference and provide a wonderful opportunity to a child in need. Donations can be sent to: Recreation for Youth Fund, c/o Placerville Recreation Department, 549 Main Street, Placerville, CA 95667. For additional information about the Recreation for Youth Fund, or to donate by phone, please contact the Placerville Recreation Department at 530.642.5232.

**New Faces in the City**

The City recently welcomed on board Associate Civil Engineer Nate Stong in the Engineering Department. The Placerville Police Department recently welcomed on board Police Officer Eric Nunes and Dispatcher Nancy Meuer.

A big welcome to all!

**City Commissions Seek Members**

The Placerville City Council invites City residents who are interested in sharing their positive energy and creative talents to apply for appointment to either the Planning Commission or Recreation and Parks Commission to fill several four-year terms of office. Two terms of office on each Commission will expire March 1, 2009. An interview process with all candidates and the City Council is scheduled tentatively in mid-February.

The Planning Commission meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. Duties include the periodic review and revision, if necessary, of the City's General Plan, and the review of proposed projects for their suitability to our community.

The Recreation and Parks Commission meets the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. The Commission acts in an advisory capacity to the City Council and Director of Community Services in all matters pertaining to parks and public recreation, and cooperates with other governmental agencies and civic groups in the advancement of sound park and recreation planning and programming.

A Commission application is available at City Hall or the City website, [www.cityofplacerville.org](http://www.cityofplacerville.org). It must be returned to the City Clerk, City Hall, 3101 Center Street, by January 30, 2009. For further information, please contact the City Clerk at 530.642.5531.

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