



May - August 2009

Calendar of Events

MONTHLY, Third Saturday
Placerville Art Walk, 6pm - 9pm
Historic Downtown Placerville
For info call 530.672.3436

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MAY 9 - OCTOBER 31

Saturday Certified Farmers' Market
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MAY 17, Hangtown Classic Car Show
9am - 3pm, Historic Main Street
For info 530.622.1731

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JUNE 13, Founders' Day - Wagon Train, See article this page

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JUNE 17 - OCTOBER 7

Wednesday Night Farmers' Market
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JUNE through OCTOBER
Music in the Courtyard, 1pm - 4pm
For info call 530.622.4900

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JUNE 27, Bell Tower Brewfest
6pm - 9pm, Historic Main Street
For info call 530.672.3436

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JUNE 18 through 21,
El Dorado County Fair
El Dorado County Fairgrounds
For info call 530.621.5860

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AUGUST 4, National Night Out
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AUGUST 9, Craft Faire
8am - 3pm, Historic Main Street
For info call 530.672.3436

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SEPTEMBER 12, Girls' Night Out
6pm - 9pm, Historic Main Street
For info call 530.672.3436



Stage 1 Drought Alert

On March 23, 2009, the El Dorado Irrigation District Board of Directors declared a Stage 1 drought. The declaration is in effect for the entire EID service area until further notice. EID is asking all of its customers to cut down on their water use—voluntarily and without penalty—to help meet the District-wide goal of reducing consumption by 15 percent and avoid moving to a Stage 2 drought declaration.

Placerville water is supplied by EID and the City agreement with EID requires those supplied with water by the City to follow EID drought regulations, and the City Council is asking city water customers to reduce their water use. Every drop of water saved will help! Here's the list of voluntary actions suggested by EID during a Stage 1 drought:

1. Irrigate your landscape only during the evening and early morning hours (9:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m.) to reduce losses from evaporation and wind drift.
2. Inspect all irrigation systems, repair leaks, and adjust spray heads to provide optimum coverage and eliminate avoidable overspray.
3. Adjust irrigation run times as the weather changes. Discounts are available from EID for "Smart Irrigation Controllers."
4. Reduce minutes of running time for each irrigation valve if water runoff is occurring.
5. Do not refill a swimming pool that has been drained.
6. Wash vehicles using a bucket and a hose with a shutoff nozzle for a quick rinse.
7. Take advantage of EID's water conservation incentive, rebate and give-away programs to replace high water-using plumbing fixtures and appliances with water-efficient models.
8. Obtain free information from EID on how to use water efficiently.
9. Restaurants are asked to serve water only if customers request it.

We encourage you to visit EID's website at www.eid.org to learn more about the drought, how to conserve water, and the water-efficiency programs that the District offers.

Founders' Day - Wagon Train

On Saturday, June 13, 2009, Placerville will celebrate Founders' Day, commemorating the City's 155th birthday in conjunction with Wagon Train's 60th anniversary. This year, the celebration will be city-wide, commencing at Broadway Village from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The festivities will take place in the Mountain Democrat lot and Hangtown Village Square. Activities will include: chuck wagon cook-off and challenge; handmade craft and art faire; living history exhibits; free wagon and pony rides; live entertainment and face painting.



From 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. the action moves to Downtown Main Street with the arrival of the Wagon Train, western reenactments, fire engine display and bucket brigade, panning for gems, music, pony rides, costume contest and living history exhibits.

The day concludes on Placerville Drive, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Wrap up the day with dancing to a live country and western band, eatin' some fine barbeque vittles, ridin' a mechanical bull and enjoying fine spirits.

Be in Placerville on that day to see the Old West come alive again with fun for the whole family!

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Police Beat

Crime Prevention - Telephone Scams

In difficult economic times, telephone scams often become more frequent. These scams generally involve a telephone call from someone purporting to be reputable and speaking for themselves or a relative. Some individuals have even identified themselves as members of a police organization, for example, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

The caller plays upon the emotion and sympathy of the recipient, usually spinning a tale of woe based upon some traumatic injury suffered by a relative or friend of the caller, or some very unfortunate set of events leaving the friend or relative in desperate need of money. The caller will often seek contributions by check, credit, or debit card, and seldom provides the person called with information with which to verify the veracity of the call.

Be on the alert for these types of calls. A general rule to follow in most scams: *If a stranger contacts you and you did not solicit the call or contact, do not provide your personal information or send money. If you cannot verify the identity of this person, you are likely going to be scammed.* Alert Community provides information regarding these scams and is a special initiative that provides El Dorado County residents with a way to increase their involvement in the prevention and avoidance of scam crimes. Alert Community welcomes community participation and provides a mechanism to create scam defenses for you and your neighbors. Interested? Talk to Bill Jongsma at 530.621.6369 or 530.621.6280 (message only).

National Night Out

The Placerville Police Department invites your neighborhood to have a Block Party on Tuesday, August 4, in celebration of the 26th Anniversary of National Night Out, the nationwide crime and drug prevention event. In the last five years, Placerville's event has finished first three times, and second twice in national competition for cities in our population category. Come out and meet your neighbors, your area police officer, Placerville City Council members and agencies like El Dorado County Search and Rescue and Fire Department. Call today to register your neighborhood (we only have a few sign-ups left) and get information on the next planning meeting. Contact Cynthia Estes at 530.642.5272 or email cestes@cityofplacerville.org.

END ROAD WORK

Highway 50

At long last - the Highway 50 Project is drawing to a close. The work should be essentially completed by the end of May. The final AC overlay on Hwy. 50 and on each of the three bridges and their approaches is scheduled to be finished this month. The Bedford pedestrian overcrossing will be completed with decorative barrier railing and completed sidewalks. Other items which are scheduled to occur this month are permanent signage, chain link fencing, installation of permanent crash cushions, decorative lighting on the pedestrian overcrossing and the proverbial "punch-list items."



Farmers' Markets

The advent of spring and summer brings the areas finest fruits and vegetable to market.

This year, commencing May 9 through October 31, on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. until noon, Certified Farmers Markets will take place in the Ivy House parking lot. For information, call 530.647.0744.

Also, on Wednesdays from 5:00 p.m. to dusk, from June 17 through October 7, there will be a Farmers' Market on Main Street at the bell tower. For information call (530) 622-1900. Enjoy!

Smitten by the Bug (Gold Bug)

Looking for something close by and inexpensive to do? Have you been to Gold Bug Park recently? It's a great place to spend a day on a family outing. There are picnic areas, hiking trails, mine tours, gem panning, stamp mill, museum and gift shop, and it's all right here in your backyard.

While it's a great place to visit any day, Saturday May 30, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. is a Community Barbeque and Fundraiser for the Meagher House Nature Center. Enjoy all the Park amenities along with a tri-tip meal and hot dogs for the children.

For information call Heidi Weiland, 642.1001, or Pat Cook, 626.5056. For more information on this event, or Gold Bug Park generally, go to www.goldbugpark.org



Gold Bug Park is Placerville's nugget!

City Council Meetings

2nd and 4th Tuesdays at

7pm, Town Hall, 549 Main St.

Planning Commission Meetings

1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7pm,

Town Hall, 549 Main St.