

City Gold



September - December 2009

Calendar of Events

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

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

Through SEPTEMBER 26
Music in the Courtyard, 1pm - 4pm
For info call 530.622.4900

SEPTEMBER 27, Antique Street Faire
8am - 3pm
For info call 530.672.3436

Through OCTOBER 7
Wednesday Night Farmers' Market
5pm - Dusk
For info call (530) 647-0744

OCTOBER 17, Art & Wine Festival
6pm - 9pm
For info call 530.672.3436

Through OCTOBER 31
Saturday Certified Farmers' Market
8am - Noon, 530.622.1900

OCTOBER 31
Trick or Treat on Main Street
4pm - 6pm
For info call 530.672.3436

NOVEMBER 27, Festival of Lights
5:30pm - 8pm
For info call 530.672.3436

NOVEMBER 27 & 28
Merchants' Open House, Ext. hours
For info call 530.672.3436

DECEMBER 6, Christmas Parade
1pm, For info call 530.621.5885

Your Opinion Counts

Water and Wastewater Rates

Concerns and questions over the City's water and wastewater rates? A public workshop is scheduled for September 29, 6:00 p.m., at Town Hall, 549 Main St., to discuss the City's proposed water and wastewater rates. The workshop will provide information and background as to the reasons necessitating the rate changes, and will also provide an opportunity to answer your questions regarding the proposed rates. All interested citizens are urged to attend the workshop. The rates are scheduled for adoption at the City Council meeting on October 13, 2009.

Representation on El Dorado County Transportation Commission

What should the representation be on the El Dorado County Transportation Commission (EDCTC)? The EDCTC has created a Citizens Advisory Committee for the purpose of reviewing the current composition of EDCTC and providing a recommendation with respect to the future composition of EDCTC. The Committee is holding six public meetings in order to obtain public comment with regard to this matter. The EDCTC's action is in response to legislation introduced by Assemblymember Huber, which initially sought to increase representation for El Dorado Hills on the EDCTC. A Town Hall meeting will be held on October 20, 2009, 6:00 p.m., at El Dorado County Fairgrounds, Organ Room, 100 Placerville Drive. It is important that all interested citizens in the City of Placerville take this opportunity to be heard on this very critical matter.

Revitalizing Placerville

Interested in finding out more about the future of Placerville, including the possibility of revitalization and redevelopment for Placerville's three business areas? On October 9, 2009, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Smith Flat House Center for Health, the Placerville Area Convergence Team (PACT) is hosting a fun and educational event showcasing the possibilities for the economic and cultural health of Placerville. The event will feature displays depicting potential improvements, as well as a panel discussion on revitalization and the tools available to the City to redevelop its business districts. Great food and wine will be available. For more information, call 530.621.1003. Admission is free, no host bar.

Parks Master Plan

The Draft Placerville Area Parks and Recreation Master Plan is available for public review at the Recreation & Parks Department in the Town Hall building at 549 Main Street, or online at <http://www.foothill.com/PlacervilleAreaParks/materials.htm> The Master Plan focuses on parks and recreation services in the City of Placerville and the surrounding unincorporated areas of El Dorado County. The purpose of the Master Plan is to identify the park facilities and recreation programs needed to meet the current and future demands of Placerville area residents, what it will cost to provide these resources, and the relative priority for implementation. The public is invited to review the Draft Master Plan and provide comments to Steve Youel syouel@cityofplacerville.org, 530.642.5232, or to attend the City Council meeting on September 22, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., when an overview of the Master Plan recommendations will be presented.

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Placerville City Council
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Mark Acuna, Carl Hagen, Dave Machado

Police Beat

School is Back in Session

Always observe the posted speed limit in school zones: 25 M.P.H. or less when children are present. Look for pedestrians and bicycles. Be observant when you see a school bus on the road, either in front of you or on the other side of the road. When school buses stop with flashing red lights, or while a stop signal arm is down, you must **STOP** immediately, no matter which side of the street you are traveling. If the school bus is on the other side of a divided or multilane (two or more lanes in each direction) highway, you do not need to stop. You may proceed once the lights stop flashing and the signal arm is lifted.

You are not permitted to use cell phones while operating your vehicle. You should always take extra precautions while dropping off and picking up your student. Talking, texting, or reading messages on your cell phone while driving in a school zone is very risky behavior. A child's small stature and quickness in school parking lots can pose a danger. No phone call or text message is more important than the safety of children.

Trick or Treat on Main Street

With monsters and mayhem around every corner this time of year, the best place to spend Halloween just might be the Downtown Placerville Spooktacular. On Saturday, October 31, Placerville's Historic Main Street transforms into a festive family haunt where parents and children of all ages can celebrate with trick-or-treating, costume contest and carnival. The entire event is free, thanks to the spirited folks at the City of Placerville Recreation and Parks Department and the Placerville Downtown Association.

The evening starts on Placerville's historic Main Street as stores stay open late for a little trick-or-treating from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. There will be a costume contest at 6:10 p.m. at the Bell Tower. Placerville's 20/30 Club will award prizes for the best costumes for children in various age groups and adults. Grand prizes will be awarded for best overall costumes as well. Families with children ages 10 and under are invited to the children's carnival at Town Hall from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Free games, prizes and treats are all provided by the Placerville Lions Club. Main Street, between Bedford and Sacramento Street, will be closed from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., and parking will be available at downtown parking facilities. For more information, please call 530.642.5232.

One Man's Trash is . . .

Fall Community Clean-Up Day

Saturday, October 10, 2009, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., will be the citywide Fall Community Clean-Up Day this year. You can bring your recyclables, yard waste, trash and e-waste to the drop-off area behind the El Dorado County Library at 345 Fair Lane, Placerville. Snowline Hospice will be onsite to accept tax-deductible donations of gently used items. **Please note the following items will not be accepted: household hazardous waste, household or car batteries, refrigerators or freezers, and smoke detectors.** The event is being sponsored by the City of Placerville, El Dorado County Environmental Management, Snowline Hospice and Waste Connections. For more information, call 530.642.5524. **Please do not call the Library for information.**

Hot Stuff

While many of us think of the summer months as the fire season, September and October are actually considered the critical months of the fire season. The El Dorado County Fire Protection District and the Fire Safe Council have some useful information to help protect you and your property.

Defensible Space

For the first 30 feet (or to your property line) surrounding all structures on your property, do not allow vegetation to grow uncontrollably. Make sure you remove all dead and dying vegetation and keep all vegetation in this area watered so it remains green. Don't forget to remove all tree limbs within 10 feet of your chimney and all leaves, pine needles and other debris on your roof and in your gutters. In the "Reduced Fuel Zone," or the next 70 feet (or to your property line) surrounding each structure on your property, keep grasses/weeds cut down and space shrubs so that there is distance between them and the base of the trees. Remember that gas-powered equipment should be used before 10 a.m. and after 7 p.m. and *never* during the heat of the day.

Fire Safe Evaluations - FREE

100 feet of defensible space is required around all structures. The Fire Safe Council can help you establish the parameters and provides a *free chipper program, free dumpster program* and even a *free presentation* to your neighborhood. Call Linda at 530.620.5550.

Senior Program

If you are over 60 or disabled and can use some help with 100-feet of defensible space around your home, call Linda at 530.620.5550.

City Council Meetings

2nd and 4th Tuesdays at
7pm, Town Hall, 549 Main St.
(NO MEETING on Dec. 22)

Planning Commission Meetings

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

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