



December 2010

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## **Orland Art Gallery Christmas Celebration Art Show**

Orland's beautiful new Art Center and Gallery is hosting its first annual Christmas Fundraiser December 11<sup>th</sup>, from 7 to 10 p.m. The Christmas Ball and Holiday Gala is a semi formal affair and promises to be a great evening of music, dancing, and top entertainment, all in the stunning 2500 square foot Gallery, its walls filled with Fine Art.

The evening begins with noted pianist Brian "Butch" Peterson playing a great collection of Cole Porter songs and a musical medley of Christmas favorites."Butch" is one of the original members of the Fabulous Swing Kings band and has entertained audiences from Massachusetts to California. The Chico Children's Choir, featuring the belle canto group of youngsters along with the wonderful voices of the women's choir, provides the Gala's beautiful second feature, and the grand Finale presents operatic soprano soloist Kristin Anderson, who holds a masters in music and has studied at the Austrian Conservatory, with a soaring rendition of Christmas carols. Big Band era dance music completes the evening's festivities.

Orland's own Farwood Bar and Grill, an excellent fine dining restaurant, is providing the refreshments and wine. Complementing the beautiful art on the walls, will be decorations provided by Salvagno's Event specialists. Tickets are \$45. each and sold at the Orland Art Center, corner of Fourth and Colusa, in downtown Orland, or contact Rae Turnbull at 865-5920. This is a premier event and only 200 tickets will be sold.

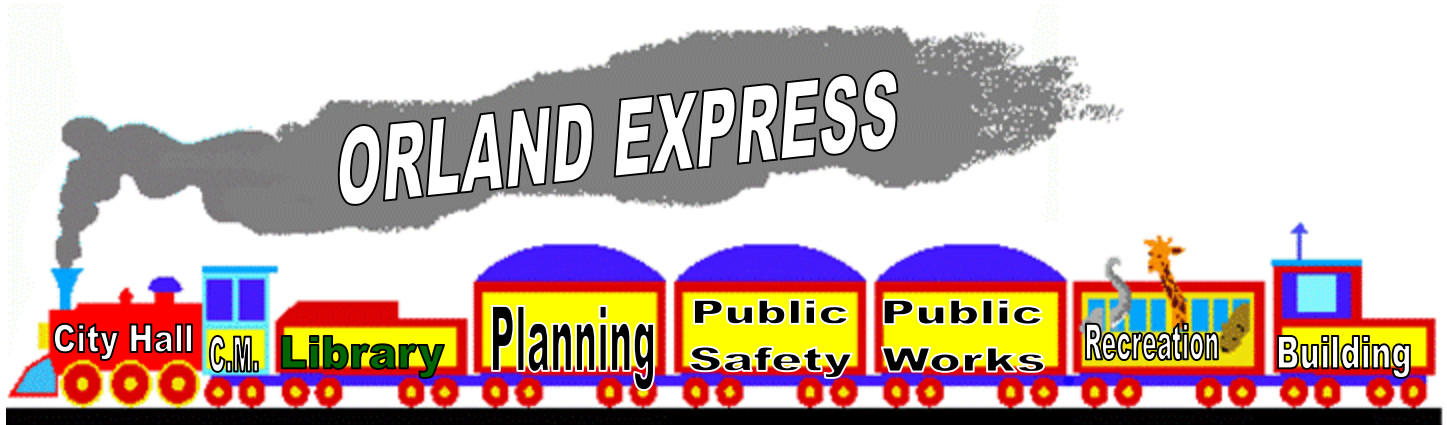
## **Council Reception for Outgoing & Incoming Council Members**

An opportunity to thank the outgoing council members, Paul Barr (16 years of service) and Reggie Olney (8 years of service) and incoming council members Charles Gee (returning to the Council) and Dennis Hoffman (first time council member). The reception will begin at approximately 7:00 pm, right after the Economic Development Commission meeting at Carnegie Center, 912 3rd Street. There will be refreshments from Alta Marie's served during the reception.

## **City Offices and Library Closure for Holidays**

City Hall, Police Administration, Library and Recreation Departments will be closed on December 23rd and 24th and December 30th and 31st. The offices will reopen on December 27th and January 3rd.

City Council members along with staff members hope everyone has a terrific and safe holiday season. If you have a non-police emergency concerning water or wastewater please call 865-1610.



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**Message from Public Works  
LEAVES WILL BE PICKED UP BY THE PUBLIC WORKS  
DEPARTMENT "UNTIL THEY ARE GONE"**

We would like to remind City residents that if they put leaves in the street, they should be piled a foot away from the curb. If they are closer to the curb, the street sweeper will not be able to pick them up efficiently. Leaves and debris that cannot be picked up travel to the City storm drains, blocking them, and cause flooding in the streets during rainstorms.

The Public Works Department does not have a schedule for when leaves are picked up. However, the street sweeper will make a pass through all City streets when an upcoming rainstorm has been predicted.

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**Message from the City Clerk**

**Business License Renewals**

It's that time of year again; the City has mailed out 421 Business License renewals for 2011. Please remit your payment by January 31, 2011 to avoid any late penalty. Call City Hall anytime (865-1600) for questions you may have concerning your existing business license or applying for a new business license.

**City Council Meetings**

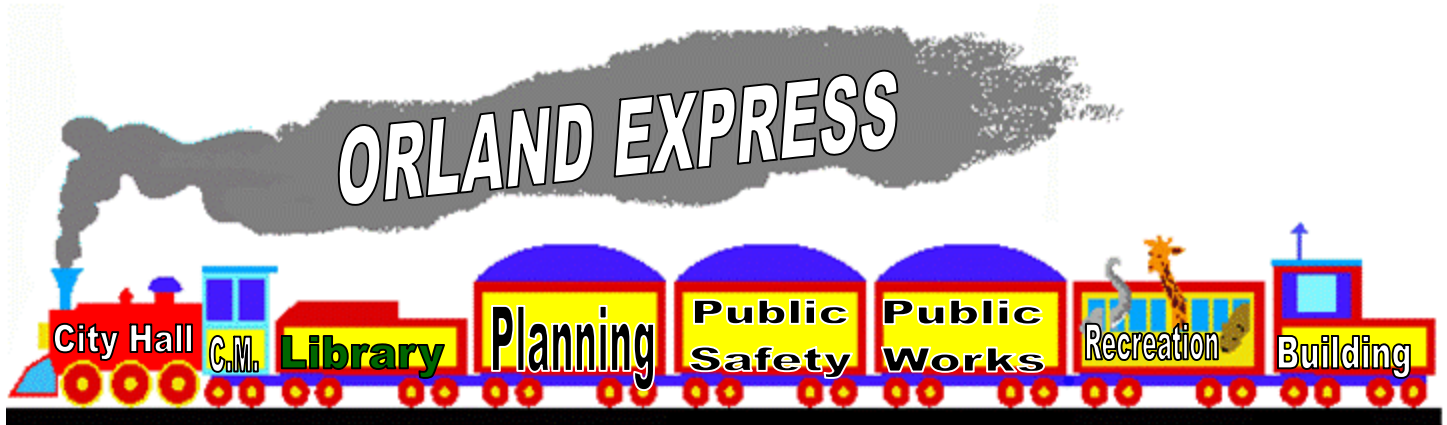
This month's regularly scheduled City Council meetings will take place on Monday December 6, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. and Monday December 20, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at Carnegie Center, located at 912 Third Street in Orland. On Thursday afternoon, prior to the Council meeting, you may pick up a City Council agenda or review it online at our City website, [www.cityoforland.com](http://www.cityoforland.com). The agenda packet is also available for public review inside City Hall.

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**Traffic Light Installation at Papst Street and Walker Street**

We apologize for the delay in the installation of the traffic light at the intersection of Papst and Walker Streets. The latest information is that the construction of the traffic light will begin the week of December 5, 2010. The coordination of this work has been time consuming and difficult.

Staff has been working diligently to ensure that the construction of this project will be as painless as possible. We thank you for your patience and understanding.



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## RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Currently, Adult Basketball and Volleyball are being held at the Recreation Center. Basketball games are held Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 10:30 pm. We have a total of 12 teams participating this season! Volleyball is held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30. We have 9 teams entered in Volleyball. Feel free to stop by the Recreation Department during these hours and watch the local teams play. The Co-Ed Volleyball Championship is scheduled for Thursday January 20<sup>th</sup> 2011 at 8:30pm. The Adult Fast Break league will run through February 28<sup>th</sup> with the Championship game at 8:30pm.

November wrapped up the Youth Soccer and Tumbling programs. They were both successful, with many participants. The Recreation Department would like to give a special thank you to all the parents and Orland High School students who volunteered their time to coach. The next Tumbling class will start up in February.

We are taking sign ups for Youth Basketball at this time. The enrollment will stop January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The basketball league will run for 8 weeks beginning January 15<sup>th</sup> 2011. The children will play one game per week against a team similar in age. In addition, they will learn the rules and teamwork necessary to play basketball. All games and practices will be held at the Recreation Center, so no need to worry about rain! Come to the Recreation Center any weekday to sign up. Practices are not mandatory and it is up to the coach whether they hold practices or not.

Starting January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2011 we will be holding a Cardio class for six weeks at the CK Price old gym on Monday and Wednesdays from 3:30pm – 4:30pm cost is \$30 per participant. If you have any questions please feel free to call us at the Recreation Department.

Remember, in order to secure a picnic area or ball fields you must call the Orland Recreation Department or City Hall to check for availability. To ensure your reservation you must pay a minimum fee of \$30 and fill out the Park application. This applies to all City fields and parks.

Please stop by the Recreation Department 1002 Hambright Ave. at Lely Park regarding questions within the Recreation Department. We have copies of our Recreation Fall-Winter guide available at [www.cityoforland.com](http://www.cityoforland.com) or hard copies are available at the Orland Recreation Center. Our email is [orlandrec@cityoforland.com](mailto:orlandrec@cityoforland.com) and phone number is (530)865-1630. Orland Recreation Commission meetings will be held the last Wednesday of each month at Carneige Hall at 6:30pm. You can now find us on Facebook under Orland Recreation.



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### Message from the Community Services Department

## California Approves Requirement for Fire Sprinklers in All New Homes Beginning in 2011

The State of California has adopted building code changes that will require all new one- and two-family homes and townhouses built in the state starting January 1, 2011, to be equipped with life-saving fire sprinkler systems.

The inclusion of residential fire sprinkler requirements in the 2009 IRC is a response to the growing fire problem in the U.S. About 85 percent of all fires occur in the home and many are fueled by new "lightweight" construction and more flammable home contents. Smoke detectors may no longer be enough in residential fire protection, as the time to escape a house fire has dwindled from 17 minutes 20 years ago to three minutes today. This poses a severe risk to firefighters as they now have less time to do their job and save residents' lives and property.

Present-day automatic fire sprinklers systems have been perfected to the point that they are extremely reliable when properly maintained. Automatic sprinkler systems are recognized as the most reliable of all fire protection devices controlling or extinguishing a fire at an early stage. The design of automatic sprinkler systems is based upon the assumption that only a portion of the sprinkler heads will flow during a fire. On average, about 96 percent of all fires in sprinkled buildings are controlled or extinguish by 2 to 4 fire sprinkler heads. Contrary to most beliefs, not all fire sprinkler heads will flow at the same time. The life safety of building occupants is enhanced by the presence of a sprinkler system and the loss of property is reduced.

## General Plan Update

The Planning Commission will be holding a Public Hearing on December 9, 2010, to consider a recommendation to the Orland City Council regarding adoption of the 2008-2028 General Plan Update, the proposed Land Use Map, the Final Environmental Impact Report, the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program and the Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations.

The Public Hearing will begin at 10:00 a.m., in Carnegie Center, 912 Third Street, Orland, CA 95963. The Public is encouraged to attend.

### **Continued message from the Orland Police Chief:**

22500. No person shall stop, park, or leave standing any vehicle whether attended or unattended, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a peace officer or official traffic control device, in any of the following places:

- (f) On any portion of a sidewalk, or with the body of the vehicle extending over any portion of a sidewalk.



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### Important Message From The Police Chief

Normally in December the Orland Express Entry from the police Department addresses Holiday Shopping and Home Safety. However, with the recent collisions and near misses of vehicles vs. pedestrians we have decided to remind everyone of the rules of the road for both drivers and pedestrians. Orland Police Department Officers will be on patrol and actively stopping both drivers and pedestrians for crosswalk and failure to yield right of way violations. We are committed to improving the public safety for our citizens and visitors of Orland. If you have any questions regarding rules of the road and pedestrian safety, please contact us at 865-1616.

Thank You and Happy Holidays!

#### Pedestrian Rules of the Road

21953. Whenever any pedestrian crosses a roadway, such pedestrian shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles on the highway so near as to constitute an immediate hazard.

21954. (a) Every pedestrian upon a roadway at any point other than within a marked crosswalk or within an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the roadway so near as to constitute an immediate hazard.

(b) The provisions of this section shall not relieve the driver of a vehicle from the duty to exercise due care for the safety of any pedestrian upon a roadway.

21955. (Jay-Walking) Pedestrians shall not cross the roadway between adjacent intersections controlled by traffic control signal devices or by police officers except in a crosswalk.

#### Driver Rules of the Road associated with Pedestrians

Definition of a Crosswalk

275. "Crosswalk" is either: The portion of a roadway included within the connection of the boundary lines of sidewalks at intersections where the intersecting roadways meet at approximately right angles, except such lines from an alley across a street.

(b) Any portion of a roadway distinctly indicated for pedestrian crossing by lines or other markings on the surface.

There shall not be a crosswalk where local authorities have placed signs indicating no crossing.

21950. (a) The driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within any marked crosswalk or within any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection, except as otherwise provided in this chapter.

(b) The provisions of this section shall not relieve a pedestrian from the duty of using due care for his or her safety. No pedestrian shall suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close as to constitute an immediate hazard. No pedestrian shall unnecessarily stop or delay traffic while in a marked or unmarked crosswalk.

(c) The provisions of subdivision (b) shall not relieve a driver of a vehicle from the duty of exercising due care for the safety of any pedestrian within any marked crosswalk or within any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection.

21951. Whenever any vehicle has stopped at a marked crosswalk or at any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection to permit a pedestrian to cross the roadway the driver of any other vehicle approaching from the rear shall not overtake and pass the stopped vehicle.

21952. The driver of any motor vehicle, prior to driving over or upon any sidewalk, shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian approaching thereon.

21963. A totally or partially blind pedestrian who is carrying a predominantly white cane (with or without a red tip), or using a guide dog, shall have the right-of-way, and the driver of any vehicle approaching this pedestrian, who fails to yield the right-of-way, or to take all reasonably necessary precautions to avoid injury to this blind pedestrian, is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding six months, or by a fine of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or both. (continued at bottom of the next page)



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## Orland Free Library

### Children's Programs and Storytimes at the Library in December

Preschool Storytime for ages 2-5: Every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. Stories, songs, and crafts. Themes for December: Bears, Snow, and Christmas, Christmas, Christmas!

Babies & Books for ages 0-24 months: Thursdays at 11:00. (No Baby storytime on December 23 & 30.) Parents and little ones together for songs, bounces, puppet play, and board books. Get a free board book each time you come!

Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. Special "Winter Moose" Puppet Show for all ages, plus a special Christmas craft. Come and join the fun!

Orland Free Library's own Children's Librarian, Nancy Leek, is an author! Her book is *John Bidwell: The Adventurous Life of a California Pioneer*, published by the Association for Northern California Historical Research.

John Bidwell was an explorer, trailblazer, soldier, gold prospector, rancher, and leader in California politics. He lived northern California history, and at the end of his life was able to say, "The history of California lies like a map before me. . . . I have seen it all."

The book is illustrated with maps, photos, and prints. It is aimed at young readers, but adult readers will find plenty in it to keep them interested as well. If you would like to know more, talk to Nancy any time in the library.

#### **New Books at the Library:**

Traveling with Pomegranates by S. M. Kidd- The true story of a mother and daughter reconnecting as they travel through Greece and France.

The Night of the Gun by D. Carr- A reporter investigates the darkest story of this life-his own.

Something for the Pain by P. Austin- One doctor's account of life and death in the ER.

Guardian Angels by J. W. Anderson- True stories of answered prayers.

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#### **ORLAND TOWN OFFICIALS**

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