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Centennial Celebration Two Months Away Help Spruce Up Orland

The Centennial Celebration will be held on Labor Day Weekend, September 4th, 5th and 6th. Thousands of visitors are expected to participate in Orland's hundred year celebration of incorporation as a city. It is imperative that Orland put its best foot forward and have Orland shine. We cannot do it alone but we can do it together. Let's get rid of the weeds, paint the old buildings, remove the trash, and spruce up our property.

The Orland Centennial Committee is requesting your assistance to help your neighbor spruce up their property if they are unable to do it themselves. There are two months to accomplish this objective before the celebration begins. Excluding 4th of July weekend there are eight weekends until the party begins.

City Hall is coordinating the clean up efforts. If you need assistance, from cutting the weeds to painting the structures to removing the trash, call City Hall at 865-1600. There is also a need for volunteers who would like to assist in cleaning up Orland. Again, contact City Hall if you or your organization would like to volunteer your time and energy to spruce up Orland.

In addition, Glenn County has scheduled August 15, 2009 for Household Hazardous Waste disposal day. Residents will be able to bring fluorescent tubes, batteries, paints, paint thinners and paint related products, detergents, epoxies, liquid resins, contaminated fuel, medical sharps, pesticides, creosote, ink and photography supplies, pool chemicals, and most other items not normally accepted at the landfill. The collection will be held at the landfill's Hazardous Waste building. The event is funded by a grant from the California Integrated Waste Management Board. Medical waste other than sharps, ammunition, explosives, and radioactive materials will not be accepted. Small business generators must make an appointment if they need to bring material to the event. The date and time for the 2009 Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Event will be August 15 between 9 AM and 2PM. Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generators' (CSQGs) waste disposal costs are not covered by grant funds. In view of the fact that a regular HHW program is budgeted for FY 2009-2010, no non-residential HHW will be accepted at this event.

IT IS THE LAW

Call before you dig! Before you do any excavation in your yard, call Underground Service Alert (USA) at 811. This service is free of charge and could save you lots of money and headaches! When we receive notice from USA that someone is trenching, digging a posthole or installing additional electrical services, we immediately go to the site to mark where city water and sewer services are located. A public works crewmember will mark blue for where your waterline meets the City's line and green for sewer/storm drain. Other public utility marks you might see are red for electric and yellow for gas/oil/steam. For your part, you must mark where you are excavating in white. Don't think you remember where any underground utility services are. We would rather mark our utilities ahead of your work than repair a major break in our waterline or sewer service after you accidentally hit a pipe.



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Administration

Orland City Council Meetings

This month's regularly scheduled City Council meetings will take place on Monday, July 6th at 7:30 p.m. and Monday July 20th at 7:00 p.m. at the 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. The agenda packet is also available for public review inside City Hall.

Arts, Library, Public Safety & Public Works Commission Vacancies

The Arts, Library, and Public Works Commission have one vacancy on each of their respective commissions. The Public Safety Commission is currently accepting applications for all five seats. This is an excellent opportunity for concerned citizens to have input in their government. For applications and more information on each commission, please stop by City Hall or visit the city website at: www.cityoforland.com

“Safety Comes First”

This past March the City of Orland formed a new Employee Safety Committee. The purpose of the committee is to promote safety awareness among the employees and improve the city's loss prevention which ultimately helps reduce costs to our City.

Forrest Marston, Public Works Foreman, was appointed as the new Safety Officer for the committee. Committee members from the following departments include: Angie Crook, Administration; Deysy Guerrero, City Hall; Earline Hindbaugh, Building/Planning; Margarita Perez, Library; Jessica LeDay, Police; Tony Rodrigues, Public Works and Garrett White, Recreation.

The Safety Committee members have been meeting once a month to conduct business. The function of the Safety Committee may include but are not limited to: conducting safety inspections to identify potential or existing hazards; make recommendations concerning safety conditions, complaints and accidents; review and implement necessary employee training programs; motivate employees to work in safe and efficient manner by following safe work practices; review and assess the Injury and Illness Prevention Program; and support Golden States Risk Management Loss Prevention Incentive Program. In addition, committee members conduct tailgate meetings within their departments. Safety topics have included: Prevention of Heat Exhaustion, Computer Posture, Chainsaw Safety, How to protect yourself from the Swine Flu, and Driving Comfort Tips & Back Problems. All employees are actively participating in *Member Link*, which offers various online safety training programs at no additional charge to the City.

Special thanks to Mark Marshall, Safety Officer for Golden State Risk Management Authority, whom has provided his expertise and guidance in forming the new committee and Jennifer Peters, Glenn County Safety Officer, who has willingly offered her support and suggestions to our committee's endeavors.



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Message from the Police Chief

The police department's goal in this Orland Express article is to warn people of the dangers and consequences of driving while impaired. Every 40 minutes and nearly 39 times a day, someone in the United States dies in an impaired driving-related crash according to research by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. That is why the Orland Police Department and law enforcement officials are reminding everyone this Fourth of July that *Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving* and to designate a sober driver before the celebrations begin.

The men and women of the Orland Police Department along with other allied agencies in Glenn County work hard to keep our streets safe. Driving while under the influence is the deadliest of all non-violent crimes. Over the 4th of July weekend the Orland Police Department will post a maximum enforcement period on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Additionally, there will be a DUI check point in Willows on Sunday July 5th at Wood and Pacific. The maximum enforcement effort and the check point are both financed through the "AVOID 5" grant obtained through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Despite recent reductions in fatalities, impaired driving remains one of America's deadliest social problems.

In 2007, 34% of all drivers involved in traffic related crashes nationally during the Fourth of July holiday period (6 p.m. Tuesday, July 3, 2007 to 5:59 a.m. on Thursday, July 5, 2007) had a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or higher.

Nationally during the July 4th holiday period there were a total of 200 traffic related fatalities. Out of that number, 44% involved a driver or motorcyclist with a BAC of .08 or higher.

In 2007, 41,059 people were killed in motor vehicle crashes. Out of that number 12,998 people were killed in traffic crashes that involved at least one driver or motorcyclist with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or higher.

The blood alcohol level of .08 is the illegal limit in all 50 states. Most people don't intend to drive home drunk, but too many find themselves at the end of the night without a sober designated driver. Unfortunately, many of these drivers convince themselves and friends that they are able to drive with the comment, "I'm okay, I'm just a little buzzed."

It is imperative to remember that if one can feel the effects of the alcohol at all, if you feel a 'buzz,' by definition that is 'impaired.'

Don't take the chance. Designate a driver, be safe, stay alive.



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Message from Community Services Department

Advertising Signs

The City of Orland is unique in that Interstate "5" and State Route "32" are owned and maintained by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). Historically, Caltrans has required that any proposed sign located within one (1) mile of a Caltrans highway requires review by Caltrans to ensure that there would be no negative impacts (visibility, etc.) to the State-owned facilities. As a result, all development projects, including advertising signs, are submitted to Caltrans for review.

Typically, an advertising sign will require an Encroachment Permit and/or an Outdoor Advertising Permit from Caltrans. An Encroachment Permit is required if any work will be done within the State's right-of-way and the Outdoor Advertising Permit is required for each advertising sign.

This process is separate from the City's permitting process for an advertising sign. It is always best to check with the Planning Department prior to contacting Caltrans. In most instances, both processes can be completed simultaneously for permit streamlining.

To determine if your advertising sign will require a Caltrans permit, you may contact the following offices:

- 1) Office of Outdoor Advertising, Mr. Tom Austen, 916.651.1250 (Sacramento)
- 2) Caltrans Encroachment Permit, Mr. Damion Farley, 530.741.5753 (Marysville)

The City of Orland also has the Sign Ordinance available for review and download on the City's website at www.cityoforland.com under the Planning Department, Title 17 (Zoning – Chapter 17.78).

The Sign Ordinance contains the processes and standards required for a variety of signs encompassing on-site and off-site signs, including Hanging Signs, Projecting Signs, Awning and Canopy Signs, Pole Signs, Monument Signs, Multiple Tenant Signs, Wall Signs, Noncommercial Signs, Sign Maintenance and Materials, Comprehensive Sign Plans, Prohibited Signs, and Exempt Signs.

If you are interested in an advertising sign for your business, please contact the City of Orland Planning Division at 530.865.1608, 815 Fourth Street, Orland, CA 95963, or by email to nsailsbery@cityoforland.com for further information.

Message from Public Works Department

Effective July 31, 2009, water and sewer capacity fees the Public Works Department collects for new hook-ups will be reduced. City Engineer Ken Skillman, in reviewing the Consumer Price Index, determined current fees the City were charging could be reduced by .4%. Water capacity fees will be reduced from \$1,493.85 to \$1,487.85 per equivalent dwelling unit (EDU) and sewer capacity fees from \$1,824.70 to \$1,817.40 per EDU. Other fees for connecting to City services were also reduced by .4%. The only unchanged fee was for the sewer main replacement charge which remained at \$23.50 per lineal foot. More information can be obtained from the Public Works Department or the City's web site under Water and Sewer Connection Fees.

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ORLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Lot Burning: In the City, weed abatement is required. You also will see us out on drills burning off some lots. We frequently are asked why we burn some and not others. First, we are volunteer and only have so much time. We fit this burning in during our Monday night drills on the 3rd and 4th Mondays. Next we try to prioritize as to which lots pose the biggest risks, and also will give us good training. With the limited time we have, we are not able to get them all. It is still the land owners responsibility to mow or disc the weeds.

One problem that we frequently encounter are "Fence Dumpers." Many people throw their grass clippings and branches over the back of the fence onto someone else's property. These clippings pile up, and make an area that we can't burn. Piles of old clippings are very difficult to mop up after a fire, and will smolder for a long period of time. Therefore, we avoid burning in that area. Please dispose of your clippings and brush in the proper manner.

Water Safety: It's the middle of summer in Orland, and it's hot. A lot of the activities revolve around swimming and water. Please be safe. Every year we have calls for diving accidents, boating injuries, and sometimes even drowning. Orland has lots of opportunities to cool off from Black Butte Lake, backyard pools to the Orland City Pool. Most are safe, but you need to use caution and personal responsibility. The majority of accidents that occur are because of alcohol. Some important things to keep in mind:

- Use your head. When you've been drinking, you quit thinking. The laws on drinking and operating a boat are clear, but every year there are serious accidents at the Lake involving boats and alcohol. We also get calls to the Lake, pools, and other areas for people injured jumping from cliffs, ledges and trees into the water. Again, most of these injuries involve alcohol.
- Use a life jacket. I know this gets covered again and again, but it can't be stressed enough. They are not just for kids. When your boat hits one wrong wave, you won't have time to look for the life jacket. Trust me, it makes it nice to just float around in a life jacket in the water. It's relaxing.
- Keep an eye on the kids, from the toddlers to the older ones. It's not just the little ones that can get hurt. We were all kids once, and did things we weren't supposed to.

Know Where You are At: Summer brings an increase in the number of outdoor activities. People are outside doing everything from horseback riding to boating to just bike riding. In these days of cell phones many people report emergencies with their cell phones. Unfortunately 911 can not tell where you are calling from. We frequently lose valuable time searching for victims in a medical emergency. Many times we are dispatched to an area, and then spend 15 minutes trying to figure out an exact location.

- Look around for road signs. Know an approximate location where you are at.
- Orient yourself with landmarks. Black Butte Lake covers about 30 square miles. We need to know exactly where you are. Look at a map before you go.
- Be specific about your location. Yes, the Stony Creek area is private property, and people are not supposed to be trespassing, but we still get called for injuries in different areas of the Creek. A lot of time is spent looking for the victim and access for emergency vehicles. This applies even to homes.
- Remember that the 911 Dispatcher will not be familiar with the area. If you call from a cell phone, your call will most likely start in Butte County. They don't know where you are. Give good information.
- If possible, get someone to a land line phone. When your call is placed on a land line, the dispatcher knows exactly where you are.

Have a fun, safe summer. Remember, "We Don't Want Your Business."



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Recreation Department Activities

Adult Basketball has started another season. This season there are 14 teams that play Monday and Wednesday Nights. Once the summer ends, the league will also be on Thursdays. The Adult Softball Leagues are still going and you can catch a Men's Fast Pitch game on Monday Nights. Games start at 7:00 and 8:30 pm. The Coed Softball Games are played every Tuesday and Thursday evening with games starting at 6:00, 7:15 and 8:30 pm. There are six Fast Pitch teams and nine Coed Softball teams.

Last month there were three Youth Camps. We had the Youth Sports Camp, Youth Basketball Camp, and the Mini Activities Camp. Each camp was a week long and they were full of fun. Each camper was served pizza for lunch on Fridays. Youth Soccer has also started and games are played at Vinsonhale Park every Saturday morning. There will be another league starting in September.

This month there will be a Volleyball Camp and a Football Camp. You can still sign up for both camps here at the Recreation Center.

There will be a Coed Softball Tournament at the end of this month. The tournament starts July 31st and will go through August 2nd. This is a combination "round-robin" and single elimination type tournament with an emphasis on playing a lot of ball. The "round robin" portion will have four groups of four teams each. The team's record in "round robin" play will be the basis for separating the teams into two divisions. There will be a Division A for the 1st and 2nd place teams in each group and Division B for the 3rd and 4th in each group. A modified single elimination will be played to decide 1st through 4th place in each Division A and B awards will be given for at least 1st and 2nd place in Division A and 1st for the B Division. Each team will play a minimum of four games during the tournament. The cost for this tournament is \$250. You must Register for this Tournament by July 24th.

For any information regarding any recreation activity or if you have any ideas for new programs, please feel free to call or email the Recreation Department. You can find all schedules, forms, or information about the Recreation Department on the City website. www.cityoforland.com

Orland Free Library

Make reading more rewarding with Orland Free Library's summer reading program.

All summer, the library will offer free activities, prizes and programs that inspire children and young adults to be creative and master the art of reading. Encouraging children and young adults to read regularly during the summer can prevent documented reading achievement losses and reading is a fun, free activity that can be done anytime, anywhere by all members of the family. In *Outliers: The Story of Success*, a new title at the library, Malcolm Gladwell points out that children of all income levels learn at almost the same pace throughout the school year. Yet by sixth grade there are vast differences in reading levels. What happened? The research shows that summer vacation often has a significant negative effect on student learning. Children that do not read during the summer actually lose ground while kids that read four or more books over the summer avoid reading achievement losses and most actually see increases in their reading ability over that time. The bottom line is that students who read during the summer do better in the fall, so sign kids up for the library's summer reading program today! For more information call Jody Meza, City Librarian, 865-1640.

Ahoy there, mateys! All young buccaneers ages 2-10 are invited to a special Pirate Storytime presented by Miss Glenn County, Katie Pendergrass on July 15th at 11:00 a.m.

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