



Yreka City Newsletter

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Fourth Street Project Completed

The Department of Public Works recently completed construction of the Fourth Street Water Main Replacement and Overlay Project. This was the largest of many projects that were constructed this year.

In addition to installing a new water main on Fourth Street between Miner and Middle Streets, new water mains were installed in adjacent portions of Miner, Butte, Dillon, Yreka and Rose Streets for a total of close to 3,400 linear feet. The new water mains replaced old deteriorated steel water mains and were funded with approximately \$560,000 from the City's Water Enterprise Fund.



After the water main construction was completed, a new layer of asphalt concrete pavement was placed on most of the affected streets. Over one mile of streets received new pavement with the \$545,000 from the State Transportation Improvement Program.

Construction always creates inconveniences for drivers, pedestrians, and adjacent businesses and residents. Public Works appreciates the patience and cooperation of the community during the long construction period for this important project.

Yreka Police Clue/Tip Line (530) 841-2345

By: Chief Brian B. Bowles

The Yreka Police Department has a Clue/Tip Line that is located in the Police Department. The Clue Line is a secure line that is used to leave a recorded message. The Clue Line is normally used by people that don't want to talk to the police but saw something or have a clue or information on a police case or incident. You can leave useful information and you will remain anonymous. If you want police contact or want to talk to an officer or dispatcher please do not use this number, use our regular line 841-2300. We frequently ask the public for assistance involving ongoing cases. We would like to talk to you in person, but if you are too close to the case or want to remain totally anonymous, please feel free to leave a message on this recorded line and we will get your message. If you leave an anonymous tip on the Clue line, we will not attempt to find out who you are. I only ask that you leave us enough information for us to act on. So often we get information that we cannot act on. Please keep this number handy *****(530) 841-2345***** and report any clues or information on crimes that have occurred or may take place.



- Important Numbers**
- City Hall/
Water Division
(530) 841-2386
 - Fire Department
(530) 841-2383
 - Police Department
(530) 841-2300
 - Public Works
(530) 841-2370
 - Senior Program
(530) 841-2365

Elected Officials
Tom Amaral
Mayor

Jim Griffin
Mayor Pro Tempore

Rory McNeil
Councilmember

David Simmen
Councilmember

Jason Darrow
Councilmember

Liz Casson
City Clerk

Michael Pavlik
City Treasurer

Furlough Days 2009-2010

**The City of
Yreka will be
closed on the
following
furlough days:**

- September 25, 2009
- October 30, 2009
- November 13, 2009
- November 25, 2009
- December 23, 2009
- December 31, 2009
- January 29, 2010
- February 26, 2010
- March 26, 2010
- April 30, 2010
- May 28, 2010
- June 25, 2010

Storm Water Issues

Recent federal and state regulations and court decisions have necessitated a change in the way the City of Yreka handles its storm water. We now need to address the quantity and quality of storm water. As the City has developed, the quantity of storm water has increased with the addition of impervious surfaces, and the quality has decreased because of the oil and other debris from streets and parking lots. Yreka's decades-old storm drain system is inadequate to meet the current and future needs of the City. It is comprised of pipes, culverts, swales, and diversions that transport storm water into the various drainages that lead to Greenhorn Creek, Juniper Creek, Humbug Creek and Yreka Creek. Trees, blackberries, and other vegetation grow, effectively reducing drainage capacity and increasing the likelihood of property damage. Most of these drainages and Creeks are on private property, and there are no easements to provide access for maintenance. In addition, the City does not have an identified funding source to maintain the drainage ways and creeks. Therefore, property owners are responsible to maintain drainage ways and creeks on their property.



The City completed a Storm Drain Master Plan in 2005 to analyze the existing storm drain system and recommend improvements that will mitigate some of the quantity issues. For example, we require new construction projects to detain storm water on site to help reduce peak flows. We have been proactive in seeking grant funding to accomplish the goals of the Master Plan and have been successful in obtaining grant funds to construct new storm drains on Center Street and Yreka Street between Oregon Street and Yreka Creek. We also partnered with Caltrans to construct a new storm drain from South Main Street to Yreka Creek just north of Bruce Street.



On another front, the City worked cooperatively with adjacent landowners and completed a section of flood plain widening and restoration on Yreka Creek north of Oberlin Road. The site has an interpretive sign that describes what was accomplished at this demonstration project. Please go by and check it out. Another similar project will soon be underway along Deer Creek Way just north of Montague Road. Grant funds have been temporarily suspended, but we are hopeful that the State will give us the notice to proceed soon.

Another State grant has been temporarily suspended which, when reauthorized, will allow us to construct three large detention basins on the west side of the City that will help reduce the peak flows during storm events.

We have been working hard to do what we can with grant funds, because we do not charge a storm drainage maintenance fee. We look forward to working with property owners to find ways to accomplish the required maintenance. The City is looking into ways to organize neighborhoods that own the drainage channels in order to allow the City to maintain the drainage channels – perhaps with labor from the California Conservation Crew or the Deadwood Conservation Camp. This will require community outreach and planning.

Until we can accomplish this long term goal, we ask that you maintain and keep clear the drainage ways and creeks that run through your property.

ALERT: Online Bill Payers
Please update your utility bill account number when making a payment online. Thank you!

Employment Opportunity
The City of Yreka is now accepting applications for the position of City Manager. Please visit our website at www.ci.yreka.ca.us for more information.