

**Important Numbers**

City Hall/  
Water Division  
(530) 841-2386

Fire Dept  
(530) 841-2383

Police Dept  
(530) 841-2300

Public Works  
(530) 841-2370

Senior Program  
(530) 841-2365

**Elected Officials**

Rory McNeil  
Mayor

David Simmen  
Mayor Pro Tempore

Robert Bicego  
Councilmember

Bryan Foster  
Councilmember

John Mercier  
Councilmember

Liz Casson  
City Clerk

Rhetta Hogan  
City Treasurer

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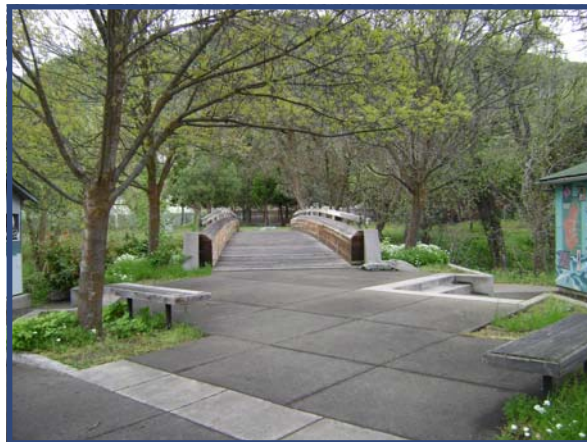
## Safe Routes to School



You may have noticed on your way to work or school that there are greatly improved sidewalks, crosswalks, and other traffic safety features near Yreka's schools. The City of Yreka recently finished the Safe Routes to School Project. This State-funded project is designed to encourage more students to walk to school by improving sidewalks and crosswalks, as well as installing speed feedback signs and other features to encourage safe driving near schools. The City targeted streets that are commonly used by students and were in need of work to improve safety and accessibility. Construction was completed in April by RB Aldrich Construction of Fort Jones.

## Yreka Creek Greenway

On Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, volunteers from the community celebrated Earth Day by cleaning up the Yreka Creek Greenway. Tasks included picking up litter, removing graffiti, restoring murals, and wrapping trees in order to protect them from beavers. This clean-up day was part of an ongoing effort to enhance the Yreka Creek Greenway in order to make it more inviting for residents and visitors. Organizers of the event, Rosa Albanese of AmeriCorps Watershed Stewards Project and Jerry Mosier of the Yreka Creek Greenway Committee, were very happy with what was accomplished and are excited about the continued improvement of the Greenway.



## Upcoming Events

**Humbug Hurry-Up - June 9th**  
[www.humbughurryup.com](http://www.humbughurryup.com)

**Chamber of Commerce Gold Rush Days - June 16th** (842-1649 for more info)

**Father's Day Pancake Breakfast and Show & Shine Car Show - June 17th** (Fairgrounds 842-2767)

**Yreka Art Walk - June 29, August 3, September 14 & October 26**  
(842-1649 for more info)

**Scott Valley Bank 17th Annual Summer Concert Series - June 22 & 29, July 6, 13 & 27**  
Visit the website [www.scottvalleybank.com](http://www.scottvalleybank.com) for more information.

## Landscape Without Lawns

The Public Works Department recently hosted two free landscaping classes that focused on converting lawn areas to more water-efficient trees, shrubs and ground covers. The classes were conducted by Master Gardener Lynne Schafer and assisted by Don Rolph, Water Efficiency Coordinator and Landscape Architect. The classes included lecture, exercises, and demonstrations on types of landscaping without lawns, plant selection, irrigation, installation, maintenance and costs. Over 75 people attended these classes and the City hopes to offer the class again next spring. To find out how you can reduce water usage and save money, please visit our website: [www.ci.yreka.ca.us/city/public-works/water-efficiency](http://www.ci.yreka.ca.us/city/public-works/water-efficiency).



## CCC Cleans Up Miner Street Park

Our parks typically require a lot of maintenance and clean-up after winter. Public Works usually removes fallen

branches, picks up trash, cuts grass and does many other things in order to prepare them for spring and summer use. This year the local branch of the California Conservation Corps (CCC), in preparation for Earth Day, spent a day working in Miner Street Park cleaning, trimming, and pruning in order to prepare the park for not only its normal use, but also to make sure the park was in pristine condition in time for the Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt. A big thanks goes out to the CCC crews!

**QUESTION:** When do I need to get a building permit?

**ANSWER:** Building permits are required for a number of projects that you may be starting this summer including:

- Reroofing a house
- Building, enlarging, or altering a house
- Installing water heaters, monitors or wood stoves
- Decks attached to the dwelling unit
- Installing a retaining wall more than 4' high
- Above-ground pools that are more than 24" deep and all below-ground pools
- Building a one-story detached structure (such as a shed) that is larger than 120 square feet
- Electrical or plumbing work that is more extensive than typical minor repairs

To find out if your project needs a building permit call the City's Building Department at (530) 841-2325 or drop by City Hall at 701 Fourth Street. For more answers to frequently asked questions, visit the City's website at [www.ci.yreka.ca.us](http://www.ci.yreka.ca.us).

