

Yreka City Newsletter

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Important Numbers

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Police Dept
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Public Works
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Rory McNeil
Councilmember

David Simmen
Councilmember

Robert Bicego
Councilmember

Bryan Foster
Councilmember

John Mercier
Councilmember

Liz Casson
City Clerk

Rhetta Hogan
City Treasurer

Measure M - YES on Chickens!



With the passage of Measure M in the June 5th election, the keeping of up to six hens is now permitted in R-1 and R-A zoned areas within the City of Yreka. In order to be permitted to keep hens within City limits, an application has to be submitted to the City Clerk. Submit completed application, which includes site plan, pictures, and executed application form to the Yreka City Clerk, 701 Fourth Street, Yreka, CA 96097. If applicant is not the property owner, the property owner must sign authorizing the application before it can be submitted. To download a copy of the application and to learn more about the rules and regulations regarding keeping hens in Yreka, please visit our website:

www.ci.yreka.ca.us/community/hens-in-the-city-of-yreka

Back to School & Traffic Safety

School is here again and many children will soon be walking or riding their bikes to school. All drivers need to be on the lookout. Children may dart out into the street at a moment's notice. Please slow down and drive cautiously, especially around schools. Children need to always walk on the sidewalk, look both ways when crossing the street, use crosswalks, and make eye contact with drivers of oncoming cars before stepping out in front of them. Parents, if your child is one of the many kids riding a bike to school, remember they have to wear a helmet. Helmets must be worn at all times, even for short trips, because it can save your child's life. Also, please park your vehicle next to the curb when dropping your child off at school. Over the last few years, there has been an increase in double parking which is dangerous and illegal. Please take a few extra moments and park in a safe spot. The busiest drop-off and pick-up times are between 7:30am and 8:30am, as well as between 2pm and 3:30pm.



The Yreka Police Department wants each child to be safe on their way to and from school. Thank you and have an enjoyable new school year!

IMPORTANT NOTE: The closing of Gold Street School will greatly increase traffic at Jackson Street and Evergreen Schools, so please be extra careful !

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FUN IN THE MOUNTAIN SUN!

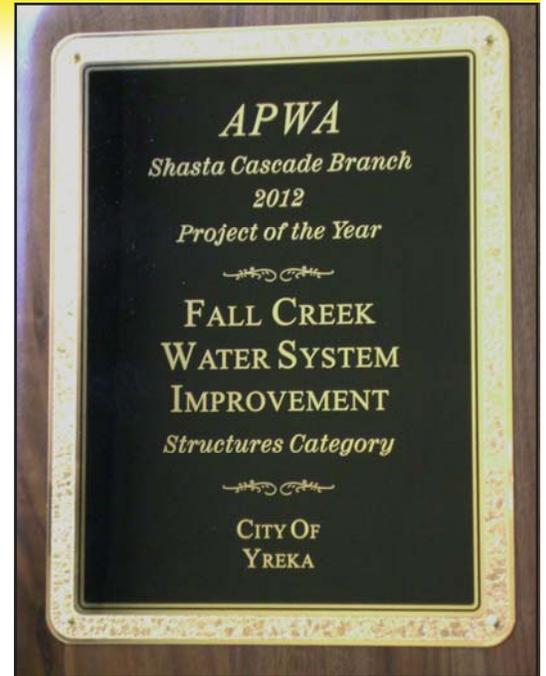
Wednesday: Battle of the Bands
Thursday: The Hired Hands (Free Concert)
Friday: Sprint Car Races
Saturday: CCPRA Rodeo
Sunday: Destruction Derby

City Receives Project of the Year Award

The City of Yreka's Fall Creek Water System Improvement Project was selected by the Shasta-Cascade Branch, Sacramento Chapter, of the American Public Works Association (APWA) to receive its Project of the Year award in the Structures Category.

This award celebrates the effective partnerships developed between City staff, the funding agency, engineers, and contractors who worked together to complete one of the City's largest public works projects to date. Public Works staff accepted the award on behalf of the City at an APWA luncheon on May 24, and Steve Neill, Director of Public Works, presented the award plaque to the City Council at its meeting on June 7, 2012.

The Fall Creek Water System Improvement Project is nearing completion. Large portions of the project are already complete and online. The most notable is the new 2.5 million gallon clearwell storage tank on Butcher Hill which helps equalize the flow and supply of water during maintenance activities and emergencies. Construction on remaining portions of the project is expected to be completed later this summer.



Greenhorn Park Improvements

You may have noticed a number of changes that have been happening at Greenhorn Park. Multiple volunteer groups have generously donated (and continue to donate) a considerable amount of time in order to improve amenities in the park.

Noxious Weed Removal

The Siskiyou County Office of Education's (SCOE) Transition Summer Community Work Crew spent three weeks working in Greenhorn and other parks around the City. The crew did a number of projects including painting park benches and clearing noxious weeds such as Dyer's Woad (also known as Marlahan Mustard) from around Greenhorn Reservoir. The SCOE's program is designed to encourage students to explore different career opportunities and gain valuable work experience.



Rebeca Franco organizes the Weeds to Native Plants program which is designed to utilize the help of local school children in the removal of invasive and non-native weeds. This program promotes the growth of native plants and has focused on a number of sites around Siskiyou County. In Yreka, the sites include Greenhorn Park and Yreka Creek.

New Trail Markers

During its June 21th meeting, the City Council approved trail signs for Greenhorn Park as part of a project being conducted by Ford Institute Leadership Program Cohort Five, which is sponsored by the Ford Family Foundation. The trail signs are designed to encourage trail use in Greenhorn Park by providing information on trail length, common trail uses, and other relevant information.

These volunteer groups have been an essential element in helping the City maintain parks in these tough times. If you, or a group you are a part of, are interested in volunteer opportunities with the City of Yreka, please contact Matt Bray at 841-2370.