

Yreka City Newsletter

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Important Numbers

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Fall Leaves

Fall is almost here and the City would like to remind you not to dump or blow leaves from your property into the streets and drains. It is against City Ordinance and often leads to clogging the City's drain inlets. If the drains are clogged during a storm, despite the City's best effort to keep them clean, the possibility of flooding is much higher.



Fire Season is Not Over

By: Fire Chief
Jerry Lemos

Early on, this fire season has shown that it could be an extraordinary one. Precipitation last winter and spring brought much needed relief from many years of drought, but also contributed to significant growth of grass and brush that can result in high ignition. In 45 days, Siskiyou County had 131 fires; 98% of which were caused by humans.

Please help prevent dangerous fires by carefully choosing the times for any activity that could cause sparks or otherwise contribute to starting a fire. Avoid mowing dry vegetation or using grinding tools in the late morning and afternoon. Be cautious during very low humidity and high temperature weather.

Typically the dry, hot weather lasts through October, so please use extreme caution and keep our community safe until we get some soaking rain and cooler weather.



Back to School & Traffic Safety

By: Police Chief
Brian Bowles



School is here again! As always, I am sure that summer went by too fast for most students. Many children are now walking to school or riding their bikes. All drivers need to be on the lookout, as children may dart out into the street at a moment's notice. Speeding cars colliding with a person walking or riding a bike, especially a child, will most likely result in serious injury or death. Please slow down and use caution, especially around the schools. Children need to always walk on the sidewalk and look both ways before crossing the street. Use the crosswalks and make eye contact with the 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 must wear a helmet. A bike helmet is the most important piece of biking equipment. It 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 couple 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-8:30am & 2pm-3:30pm. The Yreka Police Department wants each child to be safe on their way to/from school. Thank you & have an enjoyable new school year!

Yreka Fire Department Needs Volunteers



The Yreka Volunteer Fire Department (YVFD) is currently looking for new volunteers to help out. The YVFD has been serving this community since 1856 and has always been dedicated to working as hard as they can to keep this community safe. Volunteer firefighters respond to many different emergency situations including medical aid, fires, traffic collisions, and assisting the public.

Volunteering provides an opportunity to get experience and training in firefighting, medical aid and other emergency respons-

es as well as the satisfaction of keeping your community safe. If you are interested in this respected and rewarding position, come by the Ley Fire Station at 401 West Miner Street and see first hand how firefighters conduct their day-to-day operations. You can also call Fire Chief Jerry Lemos at (530) 643-0903 to schedule an appointment.