

# Yreka City Newsletter

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## Back to School and Traffic Safety

By: Chief Brian B. Bowles, Yreka Police Department

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, can 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. Have them use the 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 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 of 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 the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and between 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The Yreka Police Department wants each child to be safe on their way to/from school, so please slow down and be extra attentive. Thank you and have an enjoyable new school year!

## Email Alert System on Local Crime Activity

Yreka City Police Department now offers free e-mail "crime alerts" about crimes committed in your neighborhood.

By receiving an e-mail alert to your computer or phone, Yreka residents can know what is going on and have the ability to take preventive action. "The bottom line is with less police officers on the streets we need your eyes to see for us," said Chief Bowles. When you see something unusual call

the Yreka Police Department at (530) 841-2300.

"When citizens know what crimes are actually occurring in their neighborhoods, they are less likely to be afraid and less likely to become victims themselves," said Chief Bowles. "By sharing crime information online, citizens can be aware of issues in Yreka and help with crime prevention efforts."

The free email alerts are

provided daily, weekly, or monthly for up to a 2-mile radius.

To sign up for the e-mail "crime alerts" visit [www.ci.yreka.ca.us/crime](http://www.ci.yreka.ca.us/crime) or [www.crimereports.com](http://www.crimereports.com).



### 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

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Mayor

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Councilmember

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Councilmember

Liz Casson  
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Michael Pavlik  
City Treasurer

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## Yreka Neighborhood Crime Maps Are Available on the Internet

New to the City of Yreka website is the **Crime Reports** map link.

[www.ci.yreka.ca.us/crime](http://www.ci.yreka.ca.us/crime)

Once on the website page, follow the online instructions and click **Full View** in the upper left corner. A new browser window will open, taking you to the crimereports.com website. If you want to learn more about Yreka's crime map, please contact the Yreka Police Department at (530) 841-2329.

If you are having trouble navigating the website or if you want to use it to the fullest extent, contact the police department to set up a one-on-one demonstration at the police department or schedule a group demonstration.



### New Artistic Creation



The Liberty Arts building at 108 West Miner Street has a new look. Local resident and artist, Bill Durovchic (shown in picture), designed and produced the luminous sign. It is made of stainless steel and contains close to 1,600 marbles. The project was funded by a generous grant from the McConnell Foundation of the Shasta Regional Community Foundation.



The planned Utility Bill increase will go into effect on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. The new rates will be reflected on your November 1<sup>st</sup> bill.

### Stormwater Detention Basin Construction Update

Located in the alley between Knapp Street and West Lennox Street, the Barham Stormwater Detention Basin project is near completion. Shown below, this broad containment area is being constructed to catch and hold rainwater during large storms to prevent flooding in lower-elevation areas of town. Another detention basin has been built on the corner of Shasta Avenue and Childs Way.

