

Yreka City Newsletter

Important Numbers

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Fire Dept
(530) 841-2383

Police Dept
(530) 841-2300

Public Works
(530) 841-2370

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(530) 841-2365

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Intro to Fats, Oils & Grease (FOG)

This is the first in a series of articles designed to educate the residents of Yreka about fats, oils and grease (FOG) in sewer lines, the problems they can cause, and some ways to prevent FOG from excessive build-ups. FOG is generated during food preparation, cooking and clean-up. In addition to cooking oil and cooking grease, FOG includes meat fats, lard/shortening, butter/margarine, food scraps, dairy products, batters, icing, dressing and other sauces.



When FOG goes down your drain and into a sewer line, it can build up and choke off the flow of wastewater. Extra cleaning is often required by City maintenance workers to help clear FOG build-ups in sewer mains. Even with the extra cleaning, FOG can still cause a Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO). A SSO is the unintentional discharge of untreated wastewater from the top of a manhole or cleanout caused by a blocked sewer pipe. FOG can also cause blockages in your sewer lateral, which will cause wastewater to back up and overflow out of a cleanout on your property or a drain in your house. SSOs are not only hazardous to public health and the environment, but they can also cause the City to incur large fines. As part of the City's required Sewer System Management Plan, the City's FOG Source Control Program was prepared and presented to the City Council in 2012 and the City is currently working on implementing the Program. For more information, visit our website at ci.yreka.ca.us/utilities/fog and learn how to prevent excessive FOG build-ups.

Weeds to Native Plants Program

The Mount Shasta Area Audubon's "Weeds to Native Plants" program is entering its second year. Designed and run by Rebeca Franco, the program is supported by the US Forest Service and US Fish & Wildlife Service. The program is designed not only to educate Siskiyou County students about plants, their ecosystem, and how to identify them, but also to give students hands-on experience removing noxious weeds, like Dyer's Woad (aka Marlahan mustard), and replacing them with native plants.



As part of the program, projects are taking place all over Siskiyou County and 12 different schools are participating. Jackson Street School, Yreka High School, and Etna High School are participating in projects in Yreka. A lot of progress was made in Greenhorn Park last year, and the program will return to the park again this year. Rebeca Franco, the students, teachers, and other volunteers have been making an enormous contribution to the City providing thousands of dollars' worth of in-kind labor that has been instrumental in helping the City manage noxious weed infestations.

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Ringe Pool Update: From June 1 to August 9, Yreka Splash will be managing and operating the pool. They plan to offer daily public swim, evening public swim, daily lap swim, swim lessons, water aerobics, Mom & Me program, and masters swim time. For more information, call (530) 842-6841.

Yreka Launches Gold Rush Days Saturday, June 15th



Gold Rush Days in Yreka is one of the biggest, most dynamic gold rush festivals in California. Mark your calendar for June 15th as pony rides, antique peddlers, old-time photo booths and live music fill our historical downtown corridor. From 9am-4pm, the Chamber of Commerce has planned stage performances and a large variety of street vendors to sell fun food and retail items. The Siskiyou Daily News and Siskiyou Central Credit Union will be sponsoring the annual Chili Cook-Off. Stop by the Fire Hall and join our local firefighters at the Yreka Volunteer Fire Department's Pancake Breakfast.

Activities include:

- Arm Wrestling Tournament
- Chili Cook-Off
- Gold Panning
- Horseshoe Tournament
- Pancake Breakfast
- Pony Rides
- Stage Performances
- Street Theatre featuring Cowboy Action Shooters
- Tunnel Tours
- Vendor Booths
- Watermelon & Jalapeno Eating Contests

See you there!

Sports Contacts

SPORT / LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE #
LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL / RINGE	ALLISON GIANNINI	905-1213
CHARGERS YOUTH FOOTBALL / MINER	PHIL CHRISTY	598-7535
YOUTH SOCCER / SHASTA & LOWER GH	LORI KEYSER-BOSWELL	841-1379
ADULT SOCCER (14 & UP) / LOWER GH	MIGUEL GALVAN	949-3503
PONYTAIL SOFTBALL / SHASTA	RON BUDESILICH	340-2421
BABE RUTH / HIBBARD	LAURA HEALY	598-2755
TENNIS / MINER	PEGGY KING	598-7446
STATE OF JEFFERSON ELITE RUGBY / LOWER GH	JAKE PELTIER JOE ALLISON	598-5534 340-3224
ADULT SOFTBALL / MINER	BRADY SVILICH - YMCA	842-9622

18th Annual Summer Concerts IN THE PARKS

Sponsored in part by Buffalo Broadcasting & Siskiyou Daily News
Special Thanks to: Siskiyou Development/Best Western Miner's Inn & Convention Center - Lodging Host; Fairchild Medical Center - Sound Sponsor; Yreka Transfer LLC - Green Sponsor; Siskiyou Arts Council & Siskiyou Arts Bus

Friday, June 14th, 6:30 pm - Hoy Park, Weed/Lake Shastina
Karen Lovely Band • This Lady Sings the Blues
 Lake Shastina Community Services District & Homeowners' Assn • Lake Shastina Public Works • Meyer Irrigation Specialists • Mercy Lake Shastina Community Clinic

Friday, June 21st, 6:30 pm - Miner Street Park, Yreka
Craig Chaquico • Beyond the Starship
 Sears, Yreka • ABY Petro, Inc. / Yreka Valero • Stidham Trucking

Friday, June 28th, 6:30 pm - Miner Street Park, Yreka
Frank Ricci • Let's Fall in Love, a Sinatra Tribute
 Family Smiles • Siskiyou Distributing • Kegg's Creations

Friday, July 5th, 6:30 pm - Miner Street Park, Yreka
Siskiyou Big Band • Small Town, Big Sound!
 Luke's Yreka Drug • Gold Nugget Printing • Siskiyou Telephone

Friday, July 12th, 6:30 pm - Miner Street Park, Yreka
Shasta Taiko • Feel the Beat of Great Drums
 Bruce Riger, MD • Girdner Funeral Chapel • Siskiyou Golden Fair, Junior Fair Board

Friday, July 26th, 6:30 pm - Miner Street Park, Yreka
Gimme Shelter • Classic Rock & Blues
 Darrin W. Mercier Attorney at Law • Black's Home Furnishings • Yreka Subways
Attention all Kids! THIS CONCERT ONLY:
Fun & Crafts at the Siskiyou County Arts Bus

Friday, August 2nd, 6:30 pm - Hoy Park, Weed/Lake Shastina
The Cheeseburgers • Shrimptboat Rock and Roll
 McDonald's of Yreka & Weed • Shasta Forest Products, Inc
 Mercy Lake Shastina Community Clinic

Saturday, August 3rd, 7 pm - Downtown Mt. Shasta
Beso Negro • Gypsy Jazz
 An Art on the Block Special Concert
Presented by the Siskiyou Arts Council; Underwritten by Scott Valley Bank

Sunday, Sept. 1st, Noon to 6 pm - Mt. Shasta City Park
Blackberry Music Festival
Three Bands! Berry Pies! Plus Food & Games!
Presented by the Mt. Shasta Rotary Club; Underwritten by Scott Valley Bank

Special thanks to our 2013 concert sponsors!
 Please shop locally to show your appreciation! Scott Valley Bank Summer Concerts at the Parks are a **Siskiyou Arts Council** supported project.