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**City Hall/  
Utility Billing  
(530) 841-2386**

**Fire Dept  
(530) 841-2383**

**Police Dept  
(530) 841-2300**

**Public Works  
(530) 841-2370**

**Senior Program  
(530) 841-2365**

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**David Simmen  
Mayor**

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Councilmember**

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Councilmember**

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City Clerk**

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# Yreka City Newsletter

## Yreka 911 Dispatch & Police Department Upgrades



The Yreka Police Department is implementing a new electronic system designed to help the Police Department, 911 dispatchers, and other emergency services to better react to and track events that take place in Yreka. The key elements in this new system will be a new Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) program and a new Records Management System (RMS).

The new CAD program will provide 911 dispatchers

with a highly integrated tool that allows them to access critical information quickly and efficiently. Officers and other emergency personnel in the field will be getting faster, more accurate information, helping them respond to incidents more effectively.

The new RMS for the Police Department manages and integrates all of the available police records, including the CAD program. The system will allow the Police Department to run reports to track patterns, trends and other relevant information, which will help proactively fight crime, improve public safety, and better serve the community.

## Oregon Street Asphalt Concrete Overlay

The Oregon Street Overlay, which began in the fall, will be completed this spring. The project consists of two parts. The underground portion, to upgrade sewer and water lines, was completed last fall. The second portion will be the asphalt concrete overlay on Oregon Street, from Miner Street to Turre Street, and it will be completed once temperatures rise enough to allow for the overlay.

## Miner Street Grant Program Update

The Miner Street Grant Program, which is funded entirely by a private donation from the Phyllis Stewart Trust to the City, officially began during the summer of 2012. The program was designed to beautify the portion of Miner Street from the Police Station to Interstate 5. To accomplish this, the City created a matching grant program for facade improvements at commercial properties and other improvements to public spaces. **(continued on page 2)**

## Miner Street Grant Program Update

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The City received 12 applications for the Miner Street Grant Program. Five projects have been completed, several more are nearing completion, and the rest are in the application and review phase of the program. \$50,000 in grants have been approved so far and more are likely in the near future after other applicants finalize their applications.

While the City is not currently accepting new applications, it is hoping to open the program up again in the future.



## Spring Home Improvements

As building season gets underway, some projects may require a City building permit. Some examples of projects that require a building permit are:

- ◆ Reroofing a house
- ◆ Building, enlarging or altering a house
- ◆ Installing water heaters, monitors or wood stoves
- ◆ Decks that are attached to the dwelling unit
- ◆ Installing a retaining wall more than 4 feet high
- ◆ Building a one-story detached structure (such as a shed) that is larger than 120 square feet
- ◆ Electrical or plumbing work more extensive than minor repairs
- ◆ Enlarging or installing a new window or door



The Building Official is available for inspections on Tuesdays and Thursdays. A minimum of 24 hours notice is needed to schedule an inspection.

If you are unsure whether or not your project needs a Building Permit or you need to schedule an inspection, call the Building Department at (530) 841-2325 or drop by City Hall at 701 Fourth Street. Building Permit applications are available at City Hall and on our website.

## The Red Scarf Society Presents.....

The Red Scarf Society for the Performing Arts is presenting two return performances at the Yreka Community Theater. The first will be the Sons of the San Joaquin at 3:00 pm on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. Recognized as masters of western harmony, no group conjures the cowboy's life more and offers a sublime slice of the Old West with their melodic harmony and intricate western compositions. So don't miss it! Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$5 for students.

On Saturday, May 4th at 7:00 pm, the Red Scarf Society will again feature the Siskiyou Violins. This will be a benefit concert for this group of delightful local young and extremely talented string musicians from northern California and southern Oregon in anticipation of their European tour. When they performed here in 2011, they were on their way to Carnegie Hall. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for students.