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## Skate Park Improvements

The Skate Park on Miner Street is looking better than ever thanks to the 16 foot wide half pipe constructed by the City of Yreka Public Works Department.



The Maintenance Division performed asphalt work and hired B & A Asphalt Maintenance to slurry seal the surface after repairs. The City purchased the half pipe kit from OC Ramps and built it on-site. Meek's Lumber & Hardware made an awesome donation of materials to secure the back of the half pipe and refurbish the other two existing ramps. Grind away skaters!

## Back to School & Traffic Safety

**By: Chief Mark Gilman, 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, 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 several 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 & 2:00pm-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!

## Updated Fencing Ordinance

On June 15, 2021, at a regular meeting of the City Council, a fencing ordinance amendment was adopted by the City of Yreka. Ordinance No. 863 regarding fencing, walls, hedging, and screen planting became effective in the City of Yreka as of July 16, 2021.



Noteworthy components of this ordinance include:

- ◆ **Residential:** Unless specifically addressed in the Ordinance, fences, walls, hedges, or screen plantings of any kind may not be constructed or grown to exceed four (4) feet in height within the front yard setback or exceed six (6) feet in height in the rear yard or side to front yard. Corner lots may not have fences, hedges, or screen planting exceeding three (3) feet in height within thirty-five (35) feet from the property corner adjacent to the intersecting streets.
- ◆ **Commercial/Industrial:** Security fencing in the industrial and commercial zones (M-1, M-2, CH, CT) will be allowed an additional two (2) feet above the six (6) foot height limit for the purpose of wire security fencing. (This does not apply to the front yard setback area.)
- ◆ **Historic District:** Fences within the Historic District must meet the requirements of the Historic District and a separate permit is required. Wire or chainlike fences are prohibited.
- ◆ Schools and other government-owned property are exempt from the fence height restriction in the front yard setback.
- ◆ No fence is allowed to become or remain in a condition of disrepair including, but not limited to, noticeable leaning, missing slats, broken supports, or overgrowth of weeds/vines.
- ◆ In no instance shall a fence extend beyond the property line.

For more information, please visit our website at [ci.yreka.ca.us](http://ci.yreka.ca.us) and search for fencing ordinance.

## Fall Leaves & Yard Debris

The City of Yreka is once again asking for your help in keeping the Storm Drains flowing this Fall.

Public Works sweeps the streets as frequently as possible when leaves are actively falling in an effort to keep storm drain pipes flowing. **However, the Street Sweeper is not intended for leaves.** It is one method we use to stay in compliance with our State-issued Storm Water Permit by removing fine sediment and small items of trash blown around by the wind.

Flooding problems in the street and on private property occur when leaves from private property enter the City Storm Drain System. Placing or blowing your leaves into the street is against the California Vehicle Code and the City of Yreka Municipal Code.

We encourage you to dispose of your leaves by composting or mulching, but you can also haul them to the Transfer Station. Yreka Community Gardens typically has two leaf collection days in October or November, depending on when the leaves fall. For more information, contact [yrekacommunitygardens@gmail.com](mailto:yrekacommunitygardens@gmail.com).