



# City of Oroville

Where you can Live, Work & Play ... all in a day!



## SPEND TIME AT...

- Museum Row
- Centennial Plaza
- State Theatre
- Historic Downtown



- Lake Oroville
- The Feather River
- Riverbend Park
- Artists of River Town Gallery

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## MANY HANDS NEEDED!



With busy lives, it can be hard to find time to volunteer. However, the benefits of volunteering are enormous to you, your family, and your community. The right match can help you find friends, reach out to the community, learn new skills, and even advance your career. Volunteering can also help protect your mental and physical health. Here's a few tips to get started volunteering...for example, do I want to ...

- ... make it better around where I live?
- ... meet people?
- ... try or learn something new?
- ... do something with my spare time?
- ... see a different way of life and new places?

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MUSEUM PASSPORTS ...  
A GREAT VALUE!  
AVAILABLE AT CITY HALL

## VOLUNTEERING



## FALL IS IN THE AIR





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- ... to have a go at the type of work I might want to do as a full-time job?
- ... to do more with my interests and hobbies?
- ... to do something I'm good at?
- ... and most importantly to give back to my community ...

In your search for the right volunteer opportunity, don't limit yourself to just one organization or one specific type of job. Sometimes an opportunity might look good from the outside, but the reality is quite different. Visit different organizations and get a feel for what they are like and equally important if you click with the staff and other volunteers. Remember, the more satisfaction you have as a volunteer, the better your contributions and the more likely you'll continue.

**So....where might I look to volunteer in Oroville?**

*(Note ... These are a just few suggestions)*

- Oroville Museum Docents ...call 538-2415
- Oroville City Hall ...call 538-2401
- Oroville Police Department "VIPs" ...call 538-2059
- Feather River Recreation & Park District ...call 533-2011
- Oroville Area Chamber of Commerce ...call 538-2542
- Feather Fiesta Days ...call 520-4742
- Salmon Festival ...call 520-4742
- Holiday Light Parade ...call 520-4742
- Lake Oroville Visitors Center ...call 538-2219
- Boys & Girls Club ...call 533-3067
- Oroville YMCA ...call 533-9672
- Service Clubs ... many/check phone listings
- Churches & Shelters ...many/check phone listings
- Watch for special clean-up activities such as ...
  - + Feather River clean-up
  - + Historic Downtown clean-up
  - + Parks & Trails clean-up



Check out upcoming events at these electronic calendars:  
[www.cityoforoville.org](http://www.cityoforoville.org)  
[www.orovillechamber.net](http://www.orovillechamber.net)  
[www.frrpd.com](http://www.frrpd.com)  
[www.lakeoroville.net](http://www.lakeoroville.net)

You want to make sure that the experience is right for your skills, your goals, and the time you have available to spend. Speak up if you have questions. Make sure you are comfortable with what is expected and understand the time commitment. **THANKS!**



## IT'S ALL ABOUT THE SALMON!



**“They're Back”** Every year Oroville gets to play host to the return of the salmon. The Feather River Fish Hatchery which is located at, 5 Table Mountain Boulevard, Oroville, is operated by the Department of Fish and Wildlife with funding provided by the Department of Water Resources and the State Water Contractors. The hatchery is open to the public year-round, however it becomes a bee hive of activity during the fall salmon run. As a visitor to the hatchery, you will witness how humans have intervened to help Mother Nature ensure the continuation of spring and fall run Chinook salmon and steelhead trout.

**Salmon and steelhead, raised at the hatchery,** are released in the river or in San Francisco Bay, to find their way to the Pacific Ocean where they mature. After two to three years in the ocean, they instinctively return to their place of birth — through the Delta, up the Sacramento River to the Feather River and ultimately, the Feather River Fish Hatchery here in Oroville.

**For the nineteenth consecutive year** the community is coming together to celebrate the Salmon Festival. The event has grown steadily with close to twenty thousand attending a variety of events starting with a salmon dinner at the Feather River Nature Center on Friday. Saturday events include tours of the Fish Hatchery, an artisans craft faire in the Historic Downtown District, entertainment and tasty food on the levee above the Feather River, a health faire and a “Splash n Dash” 3K fun run sponsored by Oroville Hospital. Children's activities are at Bicentennial Park. Lots of free activities with shuttle busses to move people back and forth. On Sunday, the incredible Bounty of Butte County is held at Sank Park on Montgomery Street. The Bounty offers an opportunity to taste and sample the best of Oroville and Butte County. **Another great weekend for locals and visitors!**



**Friday**  
**September 27th**

**Saturday**  
**September 28th**

**Sunday**  
**September 29th**



## WATER, OUR MOST PRECIOUS ASSET!

**Lake Oroville** plays a pivotal role in the State Water Project which was planned, designed, constructed, operated and is maintained by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). The State Water Project (SWP) is the largest state-built, multipurpose water project in the United States.

The SWP, spanning more than 600 miles from Northern California to Southern California, includes 32 storage facilities, 17 pumping plants, 3 pumping-generating plants, 5 hydroelectric power plants, approximately 660 miles of canals and pipelines, including the 444 mile long California Aqueduct.

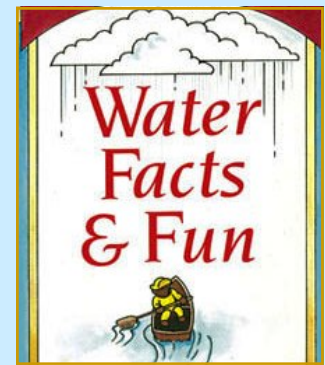
The main purpose of the SWP is water supply which comes from diverting and storing water during wet periods and

distributing it to areas of need in Northern California, the San Francisco Bay area, the San Joaquin Valley, the Central Coast and Southern California. Other SWP purposes include flood control, power generation, recreation, fish and wildlife enhancement and water quality improvements in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

Twenty-nine urban and agricultural water agencies have long-term contracts for deliveries of SWP water, with 70 percent going to urban users and 30 percent to agricultural users. The great thing about the SWP is that the contracting agencies are repaying the full cost, plus interest, of financing, building, operating and maintaining the SWP water storage and delivery system. (Information from DWR)



- Water is the most common substance found on earth.
- *The only water we will ever have is what we have now.*
- In a 100-year period, a water molecule spends 98 years in the ocean, 20 months as ice, about 2 weeks in lakes and rivers, and less than a week in the atmosphere.
- *Each day the sun evaporates 1,000,000,000,000 (a trillion) tons of water.*
- Water is the only substance on earth naturally found in the three rule element forms: solid, liquid and gas.
- 80% of the earth's surface is water.
- 97% of the earth's water is in the oceans and seas.
- *66% of your body is water.*
- A person can survive without food for more than 30 days, but less than a week without water.
- *A gallon of water weighs 8.34 pounds.*
- The first water pipes made in the U. S. were fire-charred, bored-out logs.
- There are over 1 million miles of water pipelines and aqueducts in the United States and Canada. That's enough to circle the globe 40 times.
- There are over 59,000 community public water systems in the U. S.
- *The average household uses 107,000 gallons of water per year.*
- It takes 120 gallons of water to produce one egg.
- *Over 42,000 gallons of water (enough to fill a 30x50 foot swimming pool) are needed to grow and prepare food for a typical Thanksgiving dinner for eight.*





# 19th Salmon Festival Saturday, September 28th

**10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.**

*Feather River Fish Hatchery, The Levee & Historic Downtown Oroville*



This long-time community event promises to be bigger and better than ever. The planning committee has been meeting for the past several months working on the connectivity of the Salmon Festival.

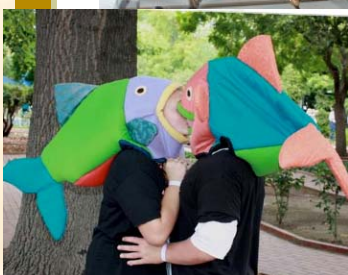


- **FRIDAY, September 27th** the traditional **Feather River Nature Center salmon & tri-tip dinner** on the banks of the Feather River ...
- **Feather River Fish Hatchery** plans on opening its doors from **8:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.** to welcome visitors who will be able to see up close the actual salmon spawning operation ... Interactive events geared towards children with snacks available ... And new this year a pancake breakfast!
- **Historic Downtown Street Fair** packed with many vendors featuring unique items, food, music and visitor activities ... Plus all downtown stores open with special deals ...
- **Splash n Dash** ... Sponsored by Oroville Hospital ... 3K fun run/walk along the river with water fun!
- **Butte County Office of Education Annual Family Fund Day** at Bicentennial Park (adjacent to the Street Fair) with games, live music, a talent show, face-painting and of course more food ...
- **Salmon Court on the Levee (11:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.)** ... expands with more music, tons of food, adult beverages, cooking demonstrations, Oroville Hospital Health Fair, fine art and lots more!



• **SUNDAY** ... "Oroville's Bounty of Butte County" from 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. in beautiful Sank Park ... **SAMPLE & TASTE**

**THE BEST THAT OUR AREA OFFERS!**







The City of Oroville "Lease to Purchase Program" is available to assist low to moderate income families achieve home ownership. The program is designed to help those with less than ideal credit and/or circumstances to purchase a home. The City has several homes that are ready now for the lease to purchase program ...

Contact the Business Assistance & Housing Department at (530) 538-2495 (or)  
 Email: [housing@cityoforoville.org](mailto:housing@cityoforoville.org)

Other real estate lending programs include ... FIRST TIME HOME BUYER PROGRAM; MINOR HOME REPAIR PROGRAM AND HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM.



This could be "Home Sweet Home"

## "Celebrate...Museum...Row"

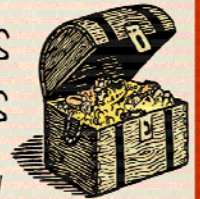


Returning on **Saturday, October 19th**, with a jam-packed-fun filled day for individuals, families & friends. Tickets are priced at \$5.00 and will admit up to five people, plus this year we are introducing our museum trading card series, "**If only our walls could talk**" which is also the theme of the day.

Festively dressed museum docents will entice you with historic trivia and special displays ... Food & beverages will be available at some of the locations... and a mystery word game to play as you visit the museums with special prizes offered! Participating museum locations include, Bolt's Antique Tool Museum, Butte County Historical Society Museum, Chinese Temple & Museum Complex, C. F. Lott Home in Sank Park, Feather River Nature Center & Native Plant Park, Lake Oroville Visitors Center, Lantrip Ashtray Museum, the Pioneer History Museum and the Ehmann Home.

Tickets available now at City Hall or at the Lott Home or Bolt's Antique Tool Museum on the day of the event ...

Discover Oroville's  
 Historic Treasures  
 By Visiting Museum Row



# ... AROUND THE CITY BLOCK ...



City of Oroville  
Incorporated 1906  
City Hall  
1735 Montgomery St.  
Oroville, Ca. 95965



City Council Public Meetings 1st & 3rd  
Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers

Public Meeting information and key city information  
on the web at: [www.cityoforoville.org](http://www.cityoforoville.org)  
City Administrator: Randy Murphy

### Helpful Telephone Numbers

- Administration 538-2535
- Business Assistance 538-4307
- City Clerk 538-2535
- Code Enforcement 538-2401
- Parks & Trees 538-2415
- Planning 538-2430
- Public Works 538-2420
- Police/Non Emergency 538-2448
- Fire/Non Emergency 538-2480

### Business & Tourism Information

Chamber of Commerce 538-2542  
[www.orovillechamber.net](http://www.orovillechamber.net)



**City staff is the best place to go for answers to your questions regarding the City of Oroville.**

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Mayor Linda L. Dahlmeier, Vice Mayor Thil Wilcox  
Council Members Gordon Andoe, Jack Berry, Cheri Bunker,  
David Pittman, Allen "JR" Simpson

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**Mission Statement**— The City of Oroville is dedicated to serving the public, ensuring the safety and vitality of the community, and promoting prosperity for all.

**Vision Statement**— The City of Oroville will be a vibrant and thriving Community with strong economic, recreational, and cultural opportunities, where you can live, work, and play, all in a day

**Core Values**— Integrity & Honesty, Professionalism, Respect for Others, Customer Service, Open Communication, Accountability, Teamwork, and Cooperation.

**The City of Oroville continues to look at innovative ways for the public to communicate with the city and the app method is now available**

**Seen a shopping cart lingering on the street or sidewalk? Noticed a pot hole, tree down, graffiti? Want to send a message to the Mayor, City Council, City Administrator or a Department Manager? Interested in visiting a park or museum? See a loose animal? Need a map of the city? These are just a few of the items that are readily accessible on the City of Oroville's new app for Androids and iPhones**

For those with an iPhone simply go to the App Store on your phone, type in City of Oroville and download the app. If you have an Android go the Market Place on your phone, type in City of Oroville and download the app.

If you don't have an iPhone or an Android but have a computer you can access the app by entering <http://obimobile/Oroville> in your URL & download the App.

**...from the desk of  
Randy Murphy  
City Administrator**



**Greetings!** I am pleased to be your new City Administrator. Oroville is a great and vibrant community and has so much to offer. City Council meetings are an excellent opportunity for the public to see government in action and to be able to participate in the decision making process. I look forward to meeting many of you and hearing what you have to say.

### About the City & the Oroville Region

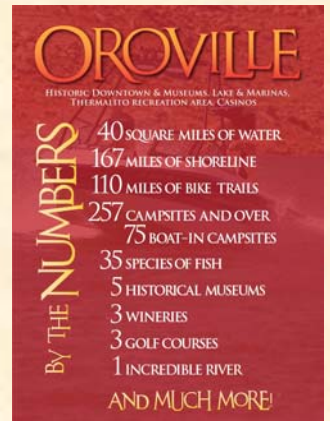
- CITY OF OROVILLE'S POPULATION — 16,260
- AREA — APPROXIMATELY 13 SQUARE MILES
- ELEVATION— 175-750 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL
- AVERAGE ANNUAL RAINFALL— 27.34 INCHES
- GREATER OROVILLE POPULATION — 55,000+
- COUNTY SEAT — BUTTE COUNTY

40 SQUARE MILES OF WATER — LAKE OROVILLE AND THE AFTERBAYS

110 MILES OF BIKE TRAILS/EQUESTRIAN TRAILS/WALKING TRAILS

3 GOLF COURSES...WINERIES...OLIVE REGION...MANDARIN REGION...FARMERS MARKETS...

MUSEUMS...NATURE CENTER...PARKS AND THE BEAUTIFUL FEATHER RIVER ...



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