



City of Oroville



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- Museum Row
- Centennial Plaza
- State Theatre
- Historic Downtown
- Lake Oroville
- The Feather River
- Riverbend Park
- Bedrock Park
- Artists of River Town Gallery
- Shop Local!
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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER WINTER 2014 — 2015

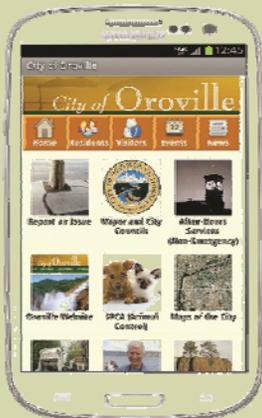


Recently!

With the right mix of temperatures & precipitation!



Perhaps!



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Understanding "winter" which is the coldest season of the year in polar climates and temperate climates, between autumn and spring. Winter is caused by the axis of the Earth in that hemisphere being oriented away from the Sun. Different cultures define different dates as the start of winter, and some use a definition based on weather. When it is winter in the Northern Hemisphere it is summer in the Southern Hemisphere, and vice versa. In many regions, winter is associated with snow and freezing temperatures. The moment of winter solstice is when the sun's elevation with respect to the North (or South) Pole is at its most negative value (that is, the sun is at its farthest below the horizon as measured from the pole). The earliest sunset and latest sunrise dates outside the polar regions differ from the date of the winter solstice, however, and these depend on latitude, due to the variation in the solar day throughout the year caused by the Earth's elliptical orbit (see earliest and latest sunrise and sunset) A bit of trivia courtesy of Wikipedia.

Aquatic Center for Oroville?



As part of the Settlement Agreement for the relicensing of Lake Oroville, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) is committed to providing a study for a fresh water swimming pool to replace what has been lost by the development of the lake and the hydro power plant.

The Supplemental Benefits Fund (SBF)* Steering Committee several months ago established an ad Hoc Committee to study swimming facilities and how, between the SBF and DWR, such a facility might be built. The ad Hoc Committee is comprised of elected officials, agency advisors and representatives of the general public. It has met multiple times and has made a site visit to the Gauche Aquatic Center in Yuba City. On December 10, 2014 there were two public outreach meetings to present findings, to date, and to seek input from the public. The SBF also has provided funds for Melton Design Group to work with the committee and provide preliminary designs, costs and locations for a potential Aquatic Center for the Oroville Region that would be situated on a site, to be determined, with at least fifteen available acres.

Aquatic Centers are usually successful if they offer a full package of activities which might include, a lazy river, challenging water activities such as slides, water playgrounds, picnic areas, activity center, multi use swimming pools for sports enthusiasts as well as swim teams. Therapy pool, ADA access, possibly a covered pool area and fully energy self sufficient allowing use year-round.

Most of this is in the discussion stages, but provides a funding option for the SBF Steering Committee to consider. There will be additional opportunities for the public to provide input including clicking [here](#) to complete & provide survey comments.

* **About the Supplemental Benefits Fund (SBF).** The SBF is the result of a Settlement Agreement signed by multiple parties associated with the re-licensing of the Oroville Facilities (FERC Project No. 2100) which will make available up to approximately \$61 million over the next 30 to 50 years, depending on the term of the license when approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The funds are intended to help stimulate the economy of the Greater Oroville Region. The SBF is funded by the State Water Contractors & the State of California Department of Water Resources. There have been interim projects funded by the agencies pending the FERC approval. More information is available by visiting www.cityoforoville.org, (City Services, Settlement Benefits Fund Administration).



“MEET SOME OF OROVILLE’S HERITAGE MURALS”

A mural is any piece of artwork painted or applied directly on a wall, ceiling or other large permanent surface. A distinguishing characteristic of mural painting is that the architectural elements of the given space are harmoniously incorporated into the picture



Scattered throughout the Historic Downtown District are over thirty interesting & decorative murals depicting events in Oroville that range from the gold rush days to modern times. The Oroville Downtown Business Association organized the project in 1983. Local artists, such as Fred Daley, Lee Frank, Laura-lynn Lambert, Shyla Cook, Rex Burrell, & others, over a period of years have captured and created scenes to fill the “blank canvasses” of buildings. Not only are the murals on the building walls several are displayed within buildings. Longtime champion of the art’s, Freda Flint said, “Our murals are an expression of who we are ... they really are the story of our life”. These are fun additions to our town ... please enjoy them!



ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHT PARADE A BIG HIT!

After months of planning, the 19th annual Holiday Light Parade, themed "Riverfront Christmas", occurred on Saturday, December 13th. This year the parade attracted over 8,000 spectators who lined the streets in the Historic Downtown District to goggle and gaze at close to seventy decorated entries. There were marching bands, equestrians on horseback, walkers with decorated dogs, lighted cars, trucks and floats. The parade, which lasted about two hours, allows our community to display their creative talents and provide interesting "homespun" entertainment. Of course the weather cooperated with a clear, crisp evening. Hot beverages and munchies were available and, all & all, the parade was dubbed "the best ever".





Meet ... Ruth Wright the new Director of Finance for the City of Oroville ...

Ruth brings a new dimension to city finances as she is a CPA, has been in private practice, and most recently was one of the Accounting Managers for Butte County. The Finance Department maintains and enhances the financial health of the City, works to secure and foster the ethical and proactive management of the City's finances. They also provide quality financial procurement, and other management support, while effectively supporting the citizens, City Council and Departments of the City of Oroville and its related agencies. Ruth is supported by long-time Finance Department staff, Irene Shaw, Diane Howard, Lezlie Wendland, and Sharen Lindberg.

CONSERVE WATER USAGE AND ...

- RECYCLE paper, glass, plastic, cans ...
- RECYCLE yard-waste ... aluminum ...
- RECYCLE oil, cardboard ... computers
- RECYCLE magazines & much more!
- Need recycling tips...visit

<http://americarecyclesday.org/recycling-tips-of-the-day>



CITY OF OROVILLE MUSEUM PASSPORTS
 A great value & a **super gift idea**...Passports are good for one year & admit up to 4 people and cost only \$25.00. Available at City Hall or Bolt's Antique Tool Museum.

Orange Tree Senior Apartments were officially dedicated on November 17, 2014 ...

After many years of planning the long awaited Orange Tree Affordable Senior Apartments were officially dedicated on Monday, November 17th. There were short speeches, nice music, tours, tasty items to nibble on and sparkling beverages. PEP Housing has outdone themselves with this incredible addition to the Oroville Community & the Historic Downtown District. Information about the apartments and qualifications to be a resident is available at <http://www.pephousing.org/>

Congratulations! —



Official Feather River Recreation & Park Steward Cards have arrived! Give FRRPD a call to find out how you can become a Park Steward! 530-533-2011 We are all essentially stewards of our parks. As a Park Steward you would be an extra set of eyes and ears in our District parks. On the back of your card is a list all emergency and non-emergency phone numbers to contact in case you witness damage/vandalism or crime in our parks.



Interested in becoming a Park Steward? Its simple. Just come by the District office and ask to fill out a Volunteer Application or click on the link and print it out to bring in to the office. Once reviewed and authorized you will be issued a Park Steward Card. Next, just visit the District parks like you normally do and feel confident that you have the contacts to reach if needed. **Click here:** www.frrpd.com/



ONE OF OROVILLE'S WINTER CROPS DELICIOUS MANDARIN ORANGES

A little history about the origin of mandarins oranges—in all their forms—are probably descended from wild oranges that grew in northeast India as long as 3,000 years ago. From India, mandarins made their way to China and from China to Europe, North Africa and Australia before they traveled on to other parts of the world.

The first of these small, loose-skinned oranges were brought to England from China in 1805. From England, the mandarin made its way to Italy in the next decade, and from Italy it came into wide cultivation and spread to other Mediterranean countries including several in North Africa. From China, the mandarin was introduced into Australia in the 1820s.

The mandarin gained its nickname when it was introduced into England. Mandarin denoted the form of Chinese spoken by public officials and other educated people in China. The robes worn by public officials or mandarins in the Chinese empire of that time were deep orange and so this Chinese import was dubbed a mandarin.

Mandarins were introduced into the United States in the 1840s by the Italian consul in New Orleans. From New Orleans, the mandarin spread to Florida and California. The foothills east of the City of Oroville and the Palermo area are home to many small, independent, farms that provide some of the tastiest mandarins available! Take time and enjoy this great local fruit!



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Oroville, California 95965

Oroville — California's best opportunity for a safe and diverse quality of life!

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.

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Helpful Telephone Numbers

- Administration 538-2535
- Business Assistance 538-4307
- Assistant City Clerk 538-2535
- Code Enforcement 538-2479
- Parks & Trees 538-2415
- Planning 538-2430
- Public Works 538-2420
- Police/Non Emergency 538-2448
- Fire/Non Emergency 538-2480
- Police or Fire Emergency 911

Business & Tourism Information
Chamber of Commerce 538-2542



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



Wow! Another year has past already!! It seems that 2014 had just begun and here we are again turning the calendar over to 2015. The new year brings two new Council members and I look forward to getting to know and work with them as we move the City forward. Also, if you have not heard, all of the legal challenges to the Super Wal-Mart have been exhausted, so the new store will be under construction soon, and with it an expanded assortment of other retailers with more options for our local residents to keep our tax dollars in City coffers. Lastly, here's hoping that the SF Giants break the even year championship cycle and win in an odd year! Hoping you and yours have a happy, safe and prosperous New Year! – Randy

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...SALMON FISH HATCHERY & THE BEAUTIFUL FEATHER RIVER ...

SOMETHING FOR

EVERYONE TO ENJOY!



OROVILLE
HISTORIC DOWNTOWN & MUSEUMS, LAKE & MARINAS, THERMAL & RECREATION AREA, CANNON

BY THE NUMBERS

- 40 SQUARE MILES OF WATER
- 167 MILES OF SHORELINE
- 110 MILES OF BIKE TRAILS
- 257 CAMPSITES AND OVER
- 75 BOAT-IN CAMPSITES
- 35 SPECIES OF FISH
- 5 HISTORICAL MUSEUMS
- 3 WINERIES
- 3 GOLF COURSES
- 1 INCREDIBLE RIVER

AND MUCH MORE!

***Thanks** to departing Councilmember's Gordon Andoe & Cheri Bunker for your dedicated service to our City ... **Welcome** to new Councilmember's Art Hatley & Marlene Del Rosario who will take the oath of office on January 6, 2015.