



# City of Oroville

Quarterly Newsletter  
Spring 2017

## Visit a Museum

- Bolt's Antique Tool Museum
- Chinese Temple & Museum Complex
- C.F. Lott Home in Sank Park
- Pioneer History Museum
- Feather River Nature Center & Native Plant Park

## Take a Hike

- Brad Freeman Trail
- Across the Dam
- Out at the Forebay
- Historic Downtown

## Visit a Park

- Hewitt Park
- Bedrock Park
- Riverbend Park (see page 2)
- Rotary Park
- Nelson Sports Complex
- Playtown USA
- Centennial Plaza
- Soroptimist Park



## Walmart Super Store Update!



The all new Walmart Super Store located at Feather River Blvd. & Cal-Oaks Road plans to be open by June 7th.

182,255 square feet of

shopping space featuring groceries, household goods, a pharmacy, large garden center, deli, bakery and several specialty venues. The store is located on over twenty acres with parking for 894 vehicles. The store has been in the works for close to ten years and after multiple legal challenges was given

the approval to build. The existing store will be re-purposed into several other retail businesses. The super store will provide over 100 additional job opportunities to Oroville. The new store will also help to stop some of the retail shopping leakage to other areas and ultimately improve our local tax base.

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## Follow the Brad Freeman Trail!

Completed in 1996, the 41 mile Brad Freeman Bicycle Trail provides scenic off-road recreational riding for all-terrain bicycles. Most of the trail is flat with some slightly rolling terrain and two steep grades near Lake Oroville along each side of the dam.

All segments of this exceptional trail have their own elements of beauty. Tree dotted hillsides, meadows covered with wildflowers in the spring, creek crossings, panoramic views of the Sacramento Valley and the

Sutter Buttes, waterway scenes and many species of birds are all found along this trail. Many areas of the trail is also available for equestrian use. **Sharing the trail is an important aspect of enjoying outdoor activities.**

More information including a trail map is available on-line at:

[www.lakeorovillebicyclist.org](http://www.lakeorovillebicyclist.org)



*"Beautiful Riverbend Park suffered immense damage from the Oroville Dam Spillway incident"*

## Riverbend Park Update



Riverbend Park, the flagship park of the Feather River Recreation & Park District was inundated with cobble, in some places as deep as seven feet, from

the Oroville Dam Spillway incident. Extensive damage estimated at over \$8,000,000 occurred throughout the park which covers over 240 acres and is situated above the "bend" of the Feather River. The park has multiple pavilions, trails, soccer fields, a disc golf course, restrooms, a dog park, kids play areas, a sandy beach,

and has been host to the annual Wildflower & Nature Festival and the popular summer concert series.

Clean-up has started and repairs to the extensive damage is underway. The park district reminds all that multiple other park facilities are available for your use. Click on the following link:

[www.frrpd.com](http://www.frrpd.com)

## Checkout the Bedrock Tennis Courts



Located at 5th Street and Safford Street, Oroville, these public tennis courts are available to reserve for your next leisure game or

tournament including pickle-ball play. Call FRRPD for reservations information (530) 533-2011

The tennis courts have been recently resurfaced and restriped and provide a great spot for the tennis or pickle-ball enthusiast.

The courts are located next to Bedrock Park which has many trees with lots of



shade, covered picnic area, swimming lagoon, and an amphitheater. At Bedrock Park you can enjoy swimming, fishing, hiking, barbecues, and picnicking. Contact the City of Oroville for park reservation information (530) 538-2401.



## Safety First When Hiking & Camping!

Hiking and camping provide exercise and interest for people of any age. Just getting out and walking around is a wonderful way to see nature. Since unexpected things can happen the best way to help guarantee a good time for all is to plan ahead carefully and follow commonsense safety precautions.

If you have any medical conditions, discuss your plans with your health care provider and get approval before departing.

Review the equipment, supplies and skills that you'll need. Consider what emergencies could arise and how you would deal with those situations. What if you got lost, or were unexpectedly confronted by an animal? What if someone became ill or injured? What kind of weather might you encounter? Add to your hiking checklist the supplies you would need to deal with these potential situations.

Make sure you have the skills you need for your camping or hiking

adventure. You may need to know how to read a compass, erect a temporary shelter or give first aid. It's safest to hike or camp with at least one companion. If you'll be entering a remote area, your group should have a minimum of four people; this way, if one is hurt, another can stay with the victim while two go for help. Practice your skills in advance.

**Great information from the Red Cross at:**

<http://www.redcross.org/get-help/prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/fire/prevent-home-fire>

## Meet the Mother Orange Tree

Originally planted in Bidwell Bar near the Bidwell Bar Bridge the Mother Orange tree is a Mediterranean sweet orange citrus sinensis cultivar. The citrus rootstock was brought from Mazatlán, Mexico on a shipping vessel. The two-year old orange tree, which was a novelty in Northern California at the time, was purchased in 1856 by

Judge Joseph Lewis in the city of Sacramento and planted at the western approach to the bridge. As the years passed and the tree flourished, growing to a height of over 60 feet (18 m), it was a favorite attraction of miners. They would sample its fruit and save seeds to plant in the dooryards of their cabins. On average, it yielded about 600 pounds (273 kg) of

oranges that ripened between February and May each year.

The tree has been transplanted twice: once in 1862 to avoid flooding of the Feather River; and a second time in 1964 during the construction of the Oroville Dam when it was moved to the California State Park Headquarters in Oroville.



Visit the  
"Mother Orange Tree"  
at  
400 Glen Drive  
Oroville

## Feather River Consolidated Master Plan

The Oroville Supplemental Benefits Fund Steering Committee in coordination with Environmental Science Associates and National Park Services has been crafting the Feather River Consolidated Master Plan which when finished will be the "go-to" document for managing projects near the low-flow channel of the Feather River which starts at the Diversion Dam and

continues downstream to the Afterbay outlet. The plan in essence will bring various existing and future plans together for coordination. The plan is also intended to ensure that the natural attributes in and around the Feather River are kept within the spirit of both the Settlement Agreement for the Licensing of the Oroville Dam Facilities and the desires of the

Greater Oroville Community.



## Wildflower & Nature Festival



**Saturday April 1st**  
the Feather River Recreation & Park District is hosting the annual Wildflower & Nature Festival. The location in the past has been at Riverbend Park but due to the extensive damage to the park and grounds it will be held at the Nelson Complex near Hwy 70 and Nelson Avenue. Ample parking is available and this venue has a clear view of the beautiful Table Mountain. Starts at **10:00** and runs until **4:00 P.M.**

Lots of flower related activities and displays, food and entertainment, kids activities, special presentations by the Lake Oroville Visitors Center. There will also be a shuttle up to the wild flower fields on Table Mountain. **Back by popular demand** will be "Barks & Recreation" a fun activity for you & your dog that features a dog costume contest.

**Nelson Sports Complex**  
**2280 6th Street**  
**Thermalito**

### Free admission ...

Questions may be directed to FRRPD at 530-533-2011 or visit them online at [www.frrpd.com](http://www.frrpd.com)



*"Feather Fiesta Days Kiddie Parade is on Friday, May 12th ... starting at 4:00 P.M. on Bird Street"*

## Feather Fiesta Days Returns On May 13th

On Saturday, May 13th Feather Fiesta Days will kick into high gear with the long-standing Grand Parade down Montgomery Street ... people will line the street from 5th Avenue to Myers Street to catch a glimpse of the bands, performers, antique cars, floats and much more! The Gold Rush Car Show featuring hundreds of classic cars from not only our area, but from Nevada, Oregon, Arizona, Southern California and beyond. Stroll through the streets of the Historic District and enjoy the cars and also discover lots of tasty things to eat. Lots of fun family things to do and see...pop-up entertainment, the outstanding Firefighters Chili Cook-off & beer garden ... special sales in all of the shops, street

vendors ... skip down to Sank Park for the special one of a kind craft booths, more food and drop into St. Thomas Church parking lot for the "Spring-fest" ... **bring your neighbors, friends & family...** you won't be disappointed! Check out Oroville Feather Fiesta Days on Facebook or call the Oroville Area Chamber of Commerce at (530) 538-2542 for more information.





# Thank you!

From the desk of the Mayor ...



Putting Oroville on the “map” as in a regional, national and world-wide spotlight has always been a dream of ours, however the way it recently occurred is not what anyone might have had in mind.

In early February our community was faced with the challenges of the Oroville Spillway Dam incident and a sixty-minute mandatory evacuation order issued by Butte County Sherriff, Kory Honea, when it became apparent that the emergency spillway might collapse. For days the community had watched as Lake Oroville continued to rise quicker



than most could recall and as the California Department of Water Resources dealt with multiple issues including the shut-down of the Hyatt Power Plant Facility, an interruption of the water flow to the Forebay & Afterbay and a concrete eruption on the main flood control spillway.

The affected citizens of our community rapidly mobilized and left for higher ground, Chico, Berry Creek, the southeast foothills. Shelters were quickly opened to welcome those leaving the area and emergency resources were brought in. Not only was Oroville in the potential path of the incident, our neighbors to the south including Biggs, Gridley, Marysville, Yuba City, Plumas Lake, Live Oak, Nicholas and others were under the same evacuation order.

Social media lit up with mostly valuable information about the incident as it was the most direct method to quickly reach the largest number of people. The media, print, television and radio, descended on our area and covered and continues to cover the event. The experience for most people during the immediate crisis was one of coming together, sharing and caring. The loss of control and wanting to believe that everything would work out was on every-one’s mind as well as developing trust in the information provided by the Department of Water Resources. **All of the public agencies in the area joined together with public safety as the primary objective.** A command post was quickly set up and multiple daily briefings were presented providing information, as known at the time, about the risks and what was being done to mitigate them as well as what the public could expect over the next few days and beyond.

The incident is far from being over and efforts to return to normal will take an extended amount of time, ongoing planning and an inordinate amount of financial resources, however **to everyone in and beyond our community, those behind the scenes, the workers, contractors, the multiple State and Federal Agencies, the emergency responders, and especially our fellow citizens that stepped up, followed directions and have come together to work through this incident, please accept a very sincere “thank you”.**

The people and the culture of Oroville are strong and will be even stronger by what has happened, **again thank you** and let us look forward to the future together!

**Mayor Linda L. Dahlmeier**





# OPPORTUNITIES TO KEEP WASTE OUT OF THE LANDFILL

Some items can be diverted from the landfill through utilizing recycling and yard trimmings services or drop off locations. Other items such as hazardous, universal, and electronic waste should be diverted as they do not belong in any of your curbside containers. As a reminder, we have the following diversion opportunities available in Butte County:

**Recycling drop off locations:** Residents can drop off recycling at one of our community drop off locations. Bangor Park at Oroville Bangor Hwy, across from Bangor Elementary School; Spring Valley Elementary School at 2771 Pentz Rd., Oroville; Village Market at 1049 Bald Rock Rd., Berry Creek; and Recology at 2720 S. 5th Ave., Oroville.

**Mattress Recycling:** Residents can recycle their old mattresses and box springs at the Neal Road Recycling and Waste Facility located at 1023 Neal Rd., Paradise, CA 95969 daily (except New Years Day, Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and the 4th of July) from 7:00am-4:00pm at no charge!

**Carpet & Padding Recycling:** Recycle your old carpet, area rugs, carpet tiles, and carpet padding (separate carpet and padding and remove any debris) at Recology at 2720 S. 5th Ave., Oroville at a reduced rate per ton!

**Hazardous/Universal/Electronic Waste:** Recology at 2720 S. 5th Ave., Oroville, CA 95965: Disposal of Household Hazardous Waste and Universal Waste is free for residential customers at our HHW Facility during regular business hours: the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month 9:00am-2:00pm. Electronic Waste\* recycling is available at our Transfer Station during regular business hours Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:00pm and Saturday 8:30am-4:00pm. Batteries/Ink cartridges can be dropped off in our office during regular business hours Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm. **Butte County Regional Household Hazardous Waste Facility** at 1101 Marauder St., Chico, CA 95973 during regular business hours Friday 9:00am-1:00pm and Saturday 9:00am-4:00pm. 1-866-429-2288

\*Electronic Waste Charges: Microwaves are \$10 each, any E-waste item (non CRT or flat screen) are \$5 each.



## WEBSITE REFERRAL

Have you visited our website lately? All of this information plus much more can be found on our website! You can sign up for weekly electronic service reminders, pay your bill, view or print recycling/yard trimmings collection calendars and other educational materials, and send us a "contact us inquiry" for service related questions. If you need quick answers to which bin specific materials go in, please visit [whatbin.com](http://whatbin.com).

[www.recologybuttecolusa.com](http://www.recologybuttecolusa.com)

**REUSE**  
**REDUCE**  
**RECYCLE**



Please contact our customer service department at **(530) 533-5868** or **(530) 342-4444** for more information.



**April 1st ...Wildflower & Nature Festival @**

**Nelson Sports Complex (2280 6th Street/Thermalito)**

**May 13th ...Feather Fiesta Days in the Historic Downtown District**

**June 2nd ...Barrels, Bites & Bounty in the Historic Downtown District**

Shop local... Shop Oroville!



## How can I help?

A question that we hear often is “how can I help” especially in light of the recent Oroville Dam Spillway Incident. Volunteers are always needed for the many events in our town. Also both the City & Feather River Recreation & Park District (FRRPD) welcome volunteers. The VIP program at the Oroville Police Department continues to seek people that are especially interested in public safety.

### Here’s a few contact numbers ...

City of Oroville: 538-2401

VIP Program 538-2059

FRRPD 538-2011

Upstate Community Enhancement Foundation 520-4742

Oroville Area Chamber of Commerce 538-2542



Over 2000 business call the Greater Oroville Area “home”... WOW! That in itself provides shoppers with multiple important shopping choices ...the Historic Downtown & Riverfront Districts ... a variety of stores up & down Oro Dam Blvd. and Olive Highway ... Places to eat, get things repaired, purchase cars & RV’s .. Finding unique one-of-a-kind items ...specialty products ... the list goes on & on and the best news is that every dollar you spend locally helps our tax base and keeps people employed locally ...THANKS!

## Table Mountain Round-a-bout completed!

After numerous construction delays, caused mainly by the record setting rainy season that the Oroville area has had, the Table Mountain round-a-bout was opened in late February. A problematic intersection now allows for a smooth flow of traffic from four different entry points. The project

was fully funded by a grant that the City of Oroville received from the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality/Caltrans. The new round-a-bout provides an easy exit to Cherokee Road which transverses up the hill to the wildflower extravaganza of beautiful Table Mountain.



## About the City & the Oroville Region

CITY OF OROVILLE’S POPULATION — 18,985 & GROWING!

AREA — APPROXIMATELY 17 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, FEATHER RIVER

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





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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

### Elected Officials

**Mayor** Linda Dahlmeier

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**OROVILLE**  
HISTORIC DOWNTOWN & MUSEUMS, LAKE & MARINAS,  
THERMALITO RECREATION AREA, CASINOS

**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!**

### Helpful Telephone Numbers

- Administration 538-2535
- Business Assistance 538-4307
- Assistant City Clerk 538-2535
- Code Enforcement 538-2435
- Parks & Trees 538-2401
- Planning 538-2430
- Public Works 538-2420
- Police/Non Emergency 538-2448
- Fire/Non Emergency 538-2480
- Visitor Information 538-2542
- Chamber of Commerce 538-2542



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