



# City of Oroville

Quarterly Newsletter  
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## OROVILLE ...

### THE SMALL TOWN THAT LOVES COMPANY!

**Summer ...** is upon us and folks will be looking for things to do especially when company arrives or the kids are out of school. Oroville truly is a small town that loves company! The Spillway incident in February has made some of our treasures temporarily unavailable to share, but we have lots and lots of other treasures that can be shared and enjoyed.

Our museums are packed to the rim with treasures just waiting to be explored. Our parks provide green spaces to “kick-back”, fly a kite, have a picnic or just stroll through.

The Historic Downtown District continues to see expansion with new shops and places to eat opening. The ballroom at the Oroville Inn is now ready for special

events and the First Friday late afternoon-early evening events offer fun for all ages. The super Walmart store opened on June 7th. Just around the corner is the 4th of July and this year the celebration will be at the Oroville North Forebay. This is a free event and will have additional fun things to do for the entire family.

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### Butte County Historical Society

2335 Baldwin Avenue  
Thursday & Friday  
9—Noon

A great place to discover information about the areas earliest settlers. A research archive is also available.

### World Tour of Wildlife

Huntington's Sportsman Store  
601 Oro Dam Blvd. East  
M—F 9-6



### Military Museum

at Surplus City  
4514 Pacific Heights Road  
M—Sat 8-5



Follow the **Green Line** & also get a **Historic Walking Tour** brochures ... available at City Hall or the Oroville Chamber of Commerce

### Forebay Aquatic Center

Jumping with summer activities click here: <https://www.forebayaquaticcenter.com/>





## Small Town ... but lots to discover & explore!



Oroville traces its roots to 1808 when Gabriel Moraga, the first known visitor to this area, viewed the lush green valley with groves of oak trees, wild game, shy native Indians and an unnamed tree lined river. In 1820 Capitan Luis Arguello explored the area and named the river "Rio de las Plumas", the River of Feathers.

Oroville is situated on the banks of the Feather River where it flows out of the Sierra Nevada onto the flat floor of the California Central Valley towards the Bay Area to the Delta and beyond.

**Bolt's Antique Tool Museum**  
1650 Broderick Street  
Daily 10:00 – 3:45

Come explore a unique collection of over 20,000 tools dating back to the 1820's. As you wander through the museum, you will not only view tools, but enjoy pictures of earlier times and see the tools "in action"

**C.F. Lott Home in Sank Park**  
1067 Montgomery Street  
Fri-Sun-Mon 11:30 – 4:00

Visit a charming Victorian home, circa 1856 with a captivating history. The home and gardens encompass one square block. Costumed Docents provide a glimpse into a less complicated lifestyle and era.

**Chinese Temple & Museum Complex**  
1500 Broderick Street  
Daily 12:00 – 4:00

This enchanting museum includes three active Temples representing the major ways of life in China. The complex includes five separate buildings displaying priceless artifacts.

**Pioneer History Museum**  
2332 Montgomery Street  
Fri-Sat & Sunday  
Noon – 4:00

Enjoy a step back in time and explore over 6000 square feet of displays containing artifacts from the early pioneers who settled in Oroville and Butte County.

**Feather River Nature Center & Native Plant Park**

Montgomery Roundabout & Old Ferry Road

*(Currently closed due to road erosion from the February Spillway incident)*

Historic WPA Bath-house rescued & restored with nature displays, artifacts, minerals & native plants. Incredible views of the Diversion Dam, Fish Barrier Dam & the Feather River.

**The Ehmann Home**  
1480 Lincoln Street  
Saturdays 11 – 3  
& by appointment

Visit "the house that olives built" which begins with the story of Freda Ehmann, considered to be the mother of the olive industry. The 1911 Craftsman Bungalow style house has two floors of interesting architecture,

# Focus on "Brushstrokes" Art Studio & Gallery 1987 Montgomery Street (530) 781-3849



Proprietors  
Ted & Robin Hanson  
Debbie Peck



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

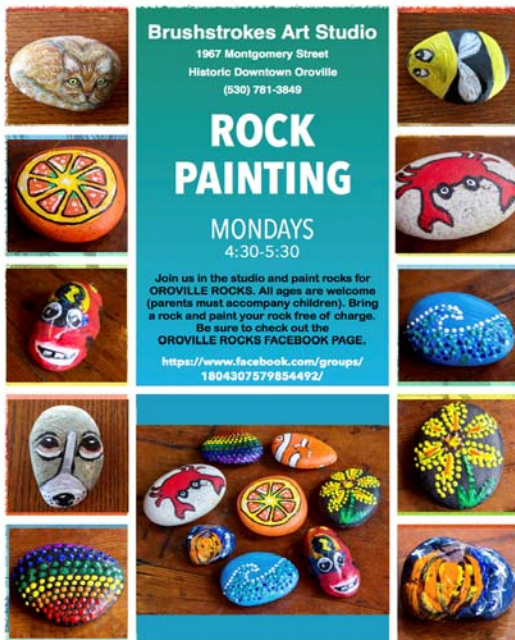


**Brushstrokes Art Studio**  
1967 Montgomery Street  
Historic Downtown Oroville  
(530) 781-3849

**ROCK  
PAINTING**

MONDAYS  
4:30-5:30

Join us in the studio and paint rocks for OROVILLE ROCKS. All ages are welcome (parents must accompany children). Bring a rock and paint your rock free of charge. Be sure to check out the OROVILLE ROCKS FACEBOOK PAGE.  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1804307579854492/>



Located in the Historic Downtown District is a fun, creative and unique art studio. Ted & Robin Hanson and Debbie Peck have joined their artistic talents together in one of the most fun-filled shops downtown. Besides the individual, group, or family painting classes where participants leave with a "work of art" for themselves there is a gallery of unique artistic gifts. The studio also features supplies for the seasoned or aspiring artist. Far from a "paint by number" adventure, Ted leads classes through the techniques of painting, the application of colors. Since opening there have been many fun days and evenings with participants creating their own individual paintings. Check it out...you won't be disappointed & watch for other new venues opening on Montgomery Street. "Shop local, Shop Oroville!"



## From the desk of the Mayor ...

On May 16, 2017 a letter from the Oroville City Council was sent to President Donald J. Trump outlining the spillway incident and how it has affected the City and the Greater Oroville Region. Events surrounding the incident continue to be captured by the local, national and global media. The good news is that the rebuilding of the spillway has begun and the independent forensic investigation will ultimately shed light on what went wrong and why.

**Summer is here!** While a lot of our usual spots to recreate are closed, pending rebuilding, we still have access to many spots including the North Forebay Recreation Area. Fishing tournaments are still happening on the lake and interestingly some very large fish are being caught!

I wish each of you a happy summer and encourage you to come to the many activities including the 4th of July Celebration which will be held at the North Forebay Recreation Area and the adjacent Nelson Sports Complex (Hwy 70 & Garden Drive)

As always, your comments are welcome and as a reminder City Council Meetings are on the first and third Tuesday of every month starting at 5:30 P.M.



Thank you for being part of Oroville!

Mayor Linda L. Dahlmeier



Oroville City Council

(L-R) Marlene Del Rosario, Mayor Linda Dahlmeier,, Vice Mayor Janet Goodson, Linda Draper, Jack Berry, Scott Thomson and Art Hatley



**Summer water-conserving tips for your garden: ... as the temperature increases to keep your grass or your garden alive and your water bill in check try a few, or all, of this tips:** (1) Don't over-water; (2) Don't waste water; (3) Make sure mulch doesn't crust over; (4) Test for moisture; (5) If you can, water in the morning; (6) Focus on your front yard; (7) Use cool water; and (8) Water at widely spaced intervals.



*Oroville Fireworks*  
*over Thermalito North Forebay*

*Independence Day*  
**TUESDAY, JULY 4TH 2017**  
FIREWORKS DISPLAY 30 MINUTES AFTER SUNDOWN

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING OUR NATION'S 241<sup>ST</sup> BIRTHDAY ON OROVILLE'S FOREBAY!  
ENJOY THE FIREWORKS AT NELSON SPORTS COMPLEX,  
NORTH FOREBAY STATE RECREATION AREA, AND FOREBAY AQUATIC CENTER!

Logos: Lake Oroville, @LakeOrovilleFireworks, KZFR 12.1 FM, Rotary, ACTION NEWS NOW, KZFR 12.1 FM, NSPR NORTH STATE PUBLIC RADIO, UPGRADED LIVING, Chico News & Review



# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT Community Celebration



Tuesday, August 1, 2017, 4:00-9:00 pm

Sank Park / The Lott Home

Montgomery Street @ 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Oroville, CA



Big Mo & The Full Moon Band

Come out for an evening of Fun, Food, Entertainment,



Activities, Prizes, Music and More!

Meet and Greet City Council Members, Law Enforcement  
and Fire Department Personnel, Public Safety Officials,  
Service Clubs, and Community Organizations and  
Merchants.

## FREE ADMISSION FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

*For booth space or more information, contact:  
The Oroville Police Department  
530-538-2452 or 530-538-2451 (Option #3)*

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT is an annual nationwide event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch as a way for neighbors to get to know each other. It is designed to strengthen relationships in neighborhoods, raise crime prevention awareness, and continue relationships with public safety: Police, Fire, Volunteers, etc.



Cool off at the North Forebay Aquatic

Center ... more than just putting your toe in the water! Click on the link for rental, classes and more information:

<https://www.forebayaquaticcenter.com/>





## 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.

### Contact numbers for volunteer information

City of Oroville: 538-2401

VIP Program 538-2059

FRRPD 533-2011

Upstate Community Enhancement Foundation  
520-4742

Oroville Area Chamber of Commerce 538-2542



- 4th of July Celebration at the North Forebay & Nelson Sports Complex
- 1st of August “National Night Out” at Sank Park
- Sunscreen when out & about!
- Conserving water during the Summer!
- Attending the First Friday events in the Historic Downtown/Riverfront District ... something for everyone
- “Oroville Strong” check it out at: <https://www.oroillestrong.org/>



## 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, THE FOREBAY ,THE AFTERBAYS, AND THE 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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Incorporated 1906**

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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

**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
- Out at the Forebay
- Historic Downtown
- Across the Dam\*

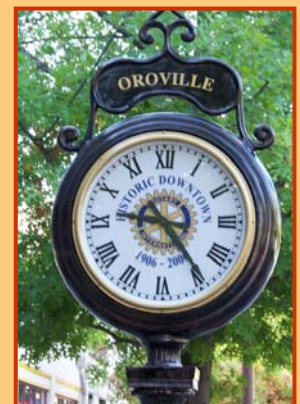
**Visit a Park**

- Hewitt Park
- Bedrock Park
- Riverbend Park\*
- Rotary Park
- Nelson Sports Complex
- Playtown USA
- Centennial Plaza
- Sorooptimist Park

\* Sorry, areas with a "\*" are temporarily closed as a result of the February Lake Oroville Spillway incident.

**Helpful Telephone Numbers**

- Administration 538-2535
- Business Assistance 538-4307
- Assistant City Clerk 538-2535
- Code Enforcement 538-2435
- Parks & Trees 538-2401
- Planning 538-2429
- Public Works 538-2420
- Police/Non Emergency 538-2448
- Fire/Non Emergency 538-2480
- Visitor Information 538-2542
- Chamber of Commerce 538-2542



**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!**

Send your comments or request to join our electronic mailing list to: [newsletter@cityoforoville.org](mailto:newsletter@cityoforoville.org)  
Also join e-NEWS by signing up at [www.cityoforoville.org](http://www.cityoforoville.org) for access to instant information and press releases. Bob Marciniak, Newsletter Editor

