



CITY OF OROVILLE

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2010

CITY SCORES GRANT FOR NEW BASKETBALL COURTS...



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The City of Oroville, through a partnership with the Private Industry Council (PIC) At-Risk Youth Program, applied for a \$61,000 grant from the Stewardship Council Youth Investment Program. The grant request was recently approved and steps are being taken to get the project underway soon.

The approved grant will be used to purchase materials and pay for the construction of 3 1/2 youth-sized, ADA accessible courts and amenities. The new basketball courts will be located in Hewitt Park* Hammon Park* and Rotary Park*. Additionally, funds will be used to refurbish the existing half basketball court at the Oroville YMCA*.

The total cost of the project, set at \$99,546, will be paid for by the grant and \$31,046 in Parks Development Impact Fees

approved by the City Council, and \$7,500 in In-Kind Labor expenses from the Private Industry Council.

The basketball courts located at the City parks will be free to the public and open from sunrise to sunset. The YMCA court will be available to youth that are enrolled in the YMCA's various programs.

Additional partnerships are planned with local agencies which will provide volunteer coaches and referees for basketball

teams. All parks are within walking distance for neighborhood youth which is an added benefit of this active sport.

Basketball traces its origins to 1891 when Dr. James Naismith, a PE coach at the YMCA, was trying to keep his gym class fit on rainy days. He used a peach basket as the first "hoop."



- * **Hewitt Park: 2101 Baldwin Avenue**
- * **Hammon Park: 105 Hammon Park Drive**
- * **Rotary Park: 1200 Safford Street**
- * **Oroville YMCA: 1684 Robinson Street**

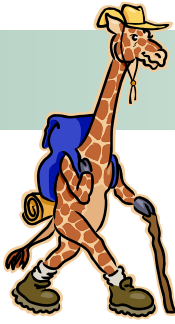


*The City is looking for **volunteers** for a variety of Community Service Areas including the Police Department and Administration. For more information please call (530) 538-2535 **thanks!***

Special points of interest:

- Historic Downtown
- Bolt's Antique Tool Museum
- Chinese Temple & Museum Complex
- C.F. Lott Home
- Pioneer History Museum
- Feather River Nature Center
- Artists of River Town Gallery
- Walking Tour & Greenline Tour ... brochures available at Oroville City Hall & the Chamber of Commerce





Focus on recreation ...

Taking a break from hectic schedules or just doing something different can put a whole new spin on your life. The Oroville area has seemingly endless possibilities...all one needs to do is look at the beautiful Feather River, go to one of the many City and FRRPD parks, stroll along the levee, drop by Centennial Plaza. Even walking through the local museums and the Historic Downtown area provide an opportunity for rest and recreation.

Disc golf (also known as Frisbee golf or “frolf”) is a disc game in which individual players throw a flying disc into a basket or at a target. According to the Professional Disc Golf Association, “The object of the game is to traverse a course from beginning to end in the fewest number of throws of the disc.” Disc golf is inexpensive and is physically accessible for all ages and athletic ranges and therefore attracts a diverse range of players. The game is played in the United States and in more than 20 other countries around the

world. Oroville has a great (free) disc golf course which is located in Riverbend Park at the west end of Montgomery Street. After your “round” enjoy a picnic or continue your recreation by walking or biking the clean paved trails that meander along the beautiful Feather River through Bedrock Park and down to the Feather River Fish Hatchery. **Have fun!**



...HIKING-WALKING-BIKING-HORSEBACK RIDING-BOATING-KAYAKING-SWIMMING-SKATING-GOLFING-DISC GOLFING-RUNNING-ARCHERY-READING-WRITING-COMPUTER & VIDEO GAMES-PLAYING CARDS-DANCING-CAMPING-FISHING-BOCCE BALL-BASKETBALL-BASEBALL-FOOTBALL-BIRD WATCHING-OROVILLE WILDLIFE AREA, AND MORE...

Water, our most precious commodity ...

Most of us take for granted that all we have to do is turn on the faucet when we need water. Water conservation is essential year-round even here in Northern California where we have rain, mountain snow pack, and large reservoirs. Some simple suggestions can help in reach-

ing the State of California mandate for a 20% reduction in water use by December 31, 2010.

“ A 20% reduction in water use by December 31st will be mandated by the State of California.”

Try the flowing tips:

- Check for leaking faucets.
- Wash only full loads in your washing machine.
- Turn the tap off when you brush your teeth.
- Shorten your shower by five minutes...this one tip can **save up to 70 gallons of water.**



Supplemental Benefits Fund News ...

The Supplemental Benefits Fund (SBF) Steering Committee recently approved the **Regional Fund Strategic Plan** a key component of managing the fund. The SBF was created as



part of the licensing negotiations for Lake Oroville and may have a long term value of \$61,270,000 once the new license is approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. As funds are made available, the public will be notified and a grant process will begin. The SBF is administered by the City of Oroville and has voting

members from the City Council and Feather River Recreation Parks District (FRRPD). The largest grant to date was to FRRPD for \$1,020,000 which is being used to build three all purpose soccer fields at Riverbend Park which are currently under construction.





City Hall Department News

BUSINESS ASSISTANCE & HOUSING

Funds are available through the City's Housing Rehabilitation Program. This is a great program for Senior Citizens and others on a fixed income to acquire funds for things like a new roof, insulation, bathroom updating, flooring, electrical, heating and air conditioning, new appliances, and other qualifying items. The home must be owner occupied and within the city limits of Oroville. Loans, up to \$60,000, at an interest rate of 3% are available. Please contact the Housing Department at (530) 538-2495 for additional details.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The City recently completed a \$2,177,255 road overlay project on several streets. The work was done by Knife River Construction Company. Funding for this long needed project came from \$1.0mm in Federal Stimulus Funds and \$1.5mm in accrued local and state road funds. The work included modifications to traffic flow and repairing physical conditions that will add 10 to 15 years of service to the roads. Also watch for improved landscaping along Highway 70.

The Wal-Mart Super Store planned for Feather River Blvd. is in the final EIR stages.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Interim Police Chief Perry Reniff plans on developing a volunteer program, similar to the Sheriff's S.T.A.R. program which will be of great assistance to our community.

The Department is also in the process of upgrading the current 911 call system to one that will provide increased response times. The upgrade is part of a regional goal which will put all 911 systems on the same program allowing an interchange of staff from City and County call-centers when needed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Once again all residents are reminded to check their smoke alarms and to replace the batteries. With the spring rains comes tall grass, residents are reminded to clear their property as required. Please contact the Fire Department at (530) 538-2480 with any questions or visit www.cityoforoville.org for fire season defensible guidelines and tips.



ADMINISTRATION

Administration is working closely with the office of Senator Aanestad on legislation that is designed to create new jobs and new business opportunities in the Oroville Enterprise Zone. Downtown Commercial Neighborhood Meetings have started which will provide a basis for information exchange and focused improvements.

CODE ENFORCEMENT (CE)

Residents are reminded that calls to Code Enforcement are confidential. Please contact CE at 538-2435 if you see an abandoned shopping cart. Code Officers will be checking construction projects for necessary permits. Not sure you need a permit? Call 538-2425 for assistance.

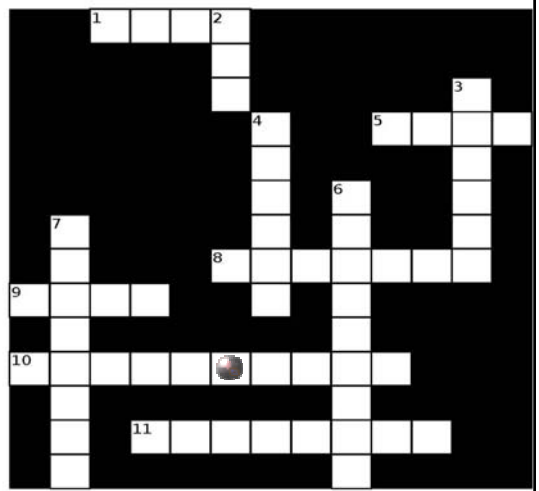
FINANCE

The Finance Department processes all Business Licenses, Bus Passes, and prepares over 700 checks per month. All financial records of the City are also maintained by this department of four.

PARKS, TREES & PUBLIC WORKS

The National Arbor Day Foundation named the City as "Tree City USA" for the 30th consecutive year. City staff maintains over 10,000 trees that are within the City limits. 330 feet of sidewalks have been replaced in the downtown area, 45 street signs installed, graffiti cleanup, street repairs and road ditches cleaned, storm drain maintenance, as well as regular street, parks, and museum maintenance.

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT OROVILLE



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| Across | Down |
| 1 Discovered here in 1848 | 2 Largest local earthen structure |
| 5 Leaf color of many local Oak Trees | 3 On many downtown buildings |
| 8 Museum volunteers | 4 Endangered local fish |
| 9 Last of the Yahi Indians | 6 Self-guided tour painted on the road |
| 10 Play this at Hewitt Park | 7 Oroville's Downtown area |
| 11 Bi-product of gold mining | |

Answers on page 4 ...



...Around the City Block...

CITY OF OROVILLE
Incorporated 1906
City Hall
1735 Montgomery St.
Oroville, CA 95965



City Council/RDA Public Meetings

1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers

Helpful Telephone Numbers

Administration 538-2405
Business Assistance 538-2534

BUSINESS & TOURISM INFORMATION
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 538-2542
WWW.OROVILLECHAMBER.NET

City Administrator
Sharon Atteberry

City Clerk 538-2535
Code Enforcement 538-2435
Community Development 538-2401
Parks & Trees 538-2415
Housing 538-2495
Police/Non Emergency 538-2448
Fire/Non Emergency 538-2480

Police & Fire Emergency 911

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, nestled in the foothills of the Sierra-Nevada, graced by the beauty of the Feather River, will be a vibrant and thriving community with strong economic, recreational and cultural opportunities.

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



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Mayor Steve Jernigan

Vice Mayor James Johansson

Council Members: Sue Corkin, Art Hatley, David Pittman, Allen "JR" Simpson and Thil Wilcox

MEET CAROL BROWN AKA "MD"

The City of Oroville has great museums that are cared for by some of the best "MD's" in town...they are the **Museum Docents**. The word *docent* has two meanings; first, a professor or university lecturer; and second, the corps of volunteer guides who staff museums and other educational institutions. Oroville has been blessed with an incredible group of volunteer guides that have faithfully staffed the City Museums for many years.

Carol Brown is the Head Docent for the City of Oroville museums. Carol has lived in Oroville since 1948 and has been a volunteer since 1999. Carol recently said, "Giving back to my home town is a must. I especially enjoy meeting new people, working with children and being a part of historic preservation." The City's Centennial Cultural Center, located at 1931 Arlin Rhine Drive, is home to the Museum Docents, the Artists of River Town and the City's Parks and Trees Department. The docents meet on a regular basis and welcome others interested in museum history to join them. Please call (530) 538-2497 for additional information about this fun and exciting volunteer group.



... C.F. Lott Home ... Chinese Temple & Museum Complex Pioneer History Museum ...
... Bolt's Antique Tool Museum ... Feather River Nature Center ...

Answers to puzzle on page 3 ... Across: (1) gold (5) blue (8) docents (9) Ishi (10) Bocce Ball (11) tailings

Down: (2) dam (3) murals (4) salmon (6) greenline (7) historic

