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Congratulations NCCLI Graduates

On Friday, June 23rd twelve County employees graduated from the Nevada County Community Leadership Institute (NCCLI). The Institute provides an intensive series of one day workshops covering a diverse set of issues and institutions that are a part of the Nevada County community. Not only are the course subjects diverse, but the presenters and class participants come from a wide spectrum of the community. This wide spectrum includes people from business, education, non-profits and local government. Participants learned about the intricacies of media relations, economic development challenges and how decisions are made in local government.

Nevada County 2016/2017 NCCLI Graduates:

- Devin Bradley - Public Health
- Sam Brown - Sheriff Operations
- Sara Connor - Eligibility
- John Gulserian - Emergency Management



- Jessica Hankins - Public Works
- Darlene King - Health and Human Services
- Benjamin Palacio - Information and General Services
- Nicholas Ready - Child Protective Services
- Sean Power - Community Development Agency
- Steve Sinclair - Probation
- Brittany Tassone - Eligibility
- Debra Wilson - Public Health

Congratulations to you all!

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Community Advisory Group (CAG) Seeking Member Replacement

On June 29, 2017, the County received a resignation from Mr. Matthew Shapero that he can no longer serve on the Community Advisory Group (CAG) as he accepted employment in Southern California and will be relocating. The County thanks Mr. Shapero for his service on the CAG and wishes him well on his future endeavors. As Mr. Shapero served the CAG as both an appointed Agricultural Interest and as a member of the Agricultural Advisory Commission, the County and MIG desires to maintain that interest on CAG.

The Board will consider a replacement for this CAG position at the July 11, 2017 Board of Supervisors meeting.

The County has posted the notice of vacancy today:

COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP:

(1 vacancy) The purpose of the CAG is to provide advice and input on the development of an updated ordinance to regulate cannabis activities in Nevada County. Members serve in an advisory capacity, gather input from the Community and provide recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding long term regulations of cannabis activities. Members are required to complete a Form 700 Statement of Economic Interest showing there is no legal conflict of interest which prevents the member from serving on the Community Advisory Group. Applicant should be available to attend meetings scheduled on Tuesday afternoons during a period covering late May 2017 to October 2017. Consistent attendance is critical. Applicant must be a Nevada County resident and represent an agricultural interest (i.e. serve on Agricultural Advisory Commission, Farm Bureau, or an active, and professional involvement in the Agricultural Industry) in the County. For further information contact Sean Powers, Community Development Agency, (530) 265-1222.

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Nevada County Board of Supervisors Oppose Assembly Bill 1250

Nevada County sent a letter to the Legislature signaling its strong opposition to Assembly Bill 1250 (Jones-Sawyer). AB 1250, at its core, seeks to stop counties from contracting with community based organizations (CBOs), nonprofits, local businesses and other private providers of quality local services that counties and their residents rely on. Counties contract with organizations and businesses that have the expertise, capacity or the ability to deliver services more efficiently. AB 1250 has passed the Assembly and will be heard in the Senate Governance and Finance Committee on July 5, 2017.

To increase community awareness on this Assembly Bill, Supervisor Chair Hank Weston has written a letter to our community expressing his opposition of AB 1250. To learn more about Nevada County's stance on this issue, read Supervisor Weston's letter [here](#).

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Better Together: Nevada County Working on Homelessness Solutions with Community



Homelessness is a complex community issue that is best solved as a team. District 1 Supervisor Heidi Hall has created a Homelessness Process Improvement Group that includes all

community stakeholders in homelessness, from law enforcement to local non-profits. In addition to

receiving input from our local agencies and organizations, Nevada County has been taking steps towards improving our current services by deciding to hire a Housing Resource Program Manager. This position will work to coordinate and streamline homelessness services in our county.

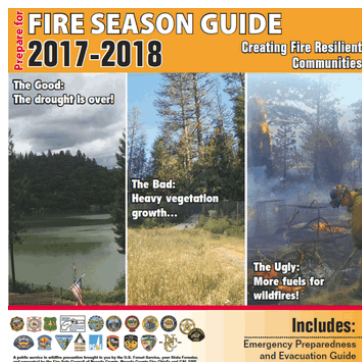
On Tuesday, June 28th, Supervisor Hall hosted her third Homelessness Process Improvement Group meeting to discuss current processes, service gaps, and possible solutions with organizations and stakeholders in homelessness in our community. Homelessness is a priority for the Board of Supervisors this year, and Nevada County's Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) Director, Michael Heggarty, has worked to formulate an actionable plan to increase services for our homeless.

The County aims to bring a 24/7 multi-services homeless services center to our community to make sure people receive the comprehensive services they need and to help them move into affordable, permanent housing. HHS is currently exploring possible locations and meeting with potential partner organizations to implement a 24/7 facility. An ideal space would include utilizing the Housing First philosophy and a holistic approach through providing services such as supportive counseling, case management, emergency shelter, daily amenities, employment services, accommodations for pets, and many others. HHS has already been working to open the Bost House, a new County facility, in September. The Bost House will provide services for those experiencing mental illness and substance abuse, and will give priority to individuals who are homeless. It will house nineteen beds and will be operated by the County's contractor, Community Recovery Resources (CoRR), to provide services. HHS has also applied and is hoping to receive a SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) Grant, which if received, will allow the County to provide 10 more outreach staff that are predicted to have the capacity to treat one hundred and fifty individuals each year.

The issues of homelessness and incarceration overlap and are interconnected. Nevada County Sheriff Captain, Shannan Moon, has been listening and addressing the community concerns surrounding inmate release times. She has enacted a new 8AM release time at Wayne Brown Correctional Facility and is working with staff to on a Release Plan to help better equip inmates for their release. The Release Plan is expected to include an assessment and wrap around services before an inmate is released. Inmates will sit one-on-one with an eligibility worker to discuss the inmate's individual needs. This will also include connecting the inmate with County services such as Medi-Cal and CalFresh before they are released. Nevada County's public safety departments are also working with other local agencies and organizations through the Stepping Up Initiative to reduce mental illness in our jails by educating each other and pooling local resources.

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Prepare for Fire Season



Fire season is upon us, and with enough rain and snowpack to lift us out of our five year drought also comes heavy vegetation growth which puts our community at a high fire risk. Prepare for fire season this year with the [Fire Season Guide](#) and [Fire Evacuation Guide](#). These two guides are a collaboration of many local agencies and organizations, including Nevada County's Office of Emergency Services, Nevada County Sheriff's Office, and Nevada County Search and Rescue.

Higher elevations, such as Truckee, are in the "below normal" category for this year's wildfire prediction due to the record breaking snowpack we've received this winter, while all lower valley elevations, including most of Western Nevada County, falls under the "above normal" category for wildfire prediction.

Human activity causes 95% of wildfires and the best way to actively prevent wildfires this season is by creating a defensible space around structures and outbuildings. Even with defensible space as a preventative measure, precaution is still necessary. It only takes one spark to start a wildfire.

With the Fourth of July holiday around the corner, we ask that all Nevada County visitors and residents remember that **all fireworks are illegal throughout Nevada County** due to the high fire hazard.

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All Nevada County Campuses Go Smoke and Tobacco Free on July 1st



Starting July 1st, all Nevada County campuses are going smoke-free and tobacco free! In a recent survey of County staff, over 75% supported stricter smoke and tobacco-free policies at work. This effort began with Nevada County's Health and Human Services Agency which started Smoke- and Tobacco-Free Policies at the Laura Wilcox Building and the Crown Point and Brighton Greens campuses in an effort to promote health and wellness. Last year, Madelyn Helling and the downtown Grass Valley libraries followed with similar policies.

In preparation for our tobacco and smoke-free campuses at Nevada County facilities, Nevada County Public Health, Human Resources, and Risk Management hosted a Wellness Fair and have been raising tobacco awareness with informational emails and documents.

Tobacco use remains the single largest preventable cause of death and disease in the United States. Cigarette smoking kills more than 480,000 Americans each year, with more than 41,000 of these deaths due to exposure to secondhand smoke. By going smoke and tobacco-free, Nevada County is hoping to provide an environment at the campuses and facilities of the County that protects the lives and promotes the health, wellness, and safety of staff, clients, contractors, volunteers, inmates, and visitors.

Nevada County's Wellness Fair kicked-off the implementation of our new July 1st Smoke- and Tobacco-Free Policy and aimed to promote overall health. The Fair was held today, June 30th, in the lobby of the Eric Rood Administrative Center. Staff and interested community members were able to visit with County Public Health nurses, found information on healthy beverages and recipes, learned about chair yoga and the library's audio books program, and talked with local organizations such as 211 Nevada County and the Nevada County Drug Free Coalition about their programs.

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Transit Services/Gold Country Stage Route Changes



Transit Services annually plans service adjustments for the beginning of the upcoming fiscal year to provide additional transportation opportunities for passengers and increase overall system efficiency using available resources. The following adjustments will take place on Gold Country Stage for FY 2017-18 effective July 10, 2017:

- Route 2, ALL THREE Hughes Road stops will be ON-DEMAND.
- Route 2 no longer serves bus stops on East Main Street or Sierra College Drive from East Main to the roundabout; Route 4 will continue to serve these stops.
- Fowler Center is no longer a Transfer Stop; other available transfer points are Tinloy Transit Center, Grass Valley City Hall, Dorsey Drive at Segworth, Nevada City Hwy at Banner Lava Cap and the Auburn Station.

For Gold Country Stage information and bus schedules please call (530) 477-0103 x0 or visit [their webpage](#).

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Truckee Vendor Day



On June 22nd the County of Nevada Building Department partnered with the Town of Truckee to have a joint vendor booth at the "Truckee Vendor Day" hosted by Edges Electrical Group. The vendor fair was hosted in Truckee and had over 30 electrical manufacturers, industry representatives and contractors. The annual vendor fair had an excellent turnout with attendees gaining knowledge about available new products, latest electrical innovations and minimum electrical code requirements. Licensed contractors, engineers, architects and homeowners were some of the many attendees that enjoyed the event. If you have any

questions about electrical installations, minimum electrical code requirements or any other construction related inquiries please do not hesitate to contact the County of Nevada Building Department at (530) 265-1222 or BuildingDept@co.nevada.ca.us.

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