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Join us for a Solarbration!



Join us on June 20th at 11:00 a.m. in the Eric Rood Administrative Center parking lot for a celebratory "turning on" of the new solar energy generation systems located at the Eric Rood Administration Center and Wayne Brown Correctional Facility. The County's Energy Conservation and Solar Generation Program, which includes five solar systems and energy efficiency measures at many County buildings, is nearing completion after three years of planning and implementation.

During the Solarbration, an award will be presented to our Facilities Management Division for the project by the Nevada County Climate Change Coalition, and Supervisor Hank Weston will preform a ceremonial "flipping of the switch." Attendees can also find information on how to embark on their own green projects with [mPOWER](#), a program that can help qualified property owners finance energy efficiency improvements, water conservation, and energy conservation systems. Light refreshments will be served.

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mPOWER April Report

The mPOWER program (Money for Property Owner Water and Energy efficiency Retrofitting) has financed \$180,000 and approved \$550,000 in projects costs since it opened in Nevada County in late November. The program has received a total of 30 applications to date, with 24 residential applications and 6 commercial applications.



Energy efficiency improvements that qualify for the mPOWER program may include a new furnace and air conditioner, energy efficient windows, or even a solar photovoltaic system. Water conservation improvements can also be financed with mPOWER and include measures like on-demand hot water heaters, smart irrigation controllers and high-efficiency toilets. mPOWER can finance up to 100% of the project costs with a fixed-interest rate and terms up to 20 years for

many improvements. For applications and more information about mPOWER and PACE financing, visit the [mPOWER webpage](#) or call (877) 396-7693.

You can find more detailed information on mPOWER in Nevada County in [mPOWER's April Report](#).

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Cannabis Conversation: What and Why the Community Advisory Group (CAG)



The objective of the newly formed Cannabis Regulation Community Advisory Group (CAG) is to provide recommendations to the Nevada County Board of Supervisors to develop a permanent, long-term cannabis ordinance by early 2018. The County and the CAG seek to ensure, and to reassure the public, that the CAG's efforts to provide recommendations to the Board of Supervisors are representative of the community at large and demonstrates, in good faith, an inclusive and participatory process with applicable stakeholders. Nevada County contracted with MIG as a consultant during this process to provide facilitation service for the CAG to ensure a fair and equitable process for advising the Board of Supervisors.

For more background and information about the cannabis regulation process thus far in Nevada County, view the full [What is and Why the CAG document](#).

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June is National Safety Month



The National Safety Council has adopted June, 2017, as National Safety Month. Nevada County will again be supporting a countywide campaign, promoting "Keep Each Other Safe". The focus this year is on raising awareness as we work, on what it takes to Keep Each Other Safe.

The month long campaign will be hosted by the Nevada County Safety Committee, which has representation from each department by an appointed safety officer. Each week is dedicated to a different topic, emphasizing education on current national safety trends.

- Week 1, June 5th - 9th will focus our attention on Stand Up to Falls.
- Week 2, June 12th - 16th we will direct our attention on Recharge to Be in Charge.
- Week 3, June 19th - 23rd we will learn about what to do in an Active Shooter Event.
- Week 4, June 26th - 30th will conclude with Don't Just Sit There!

Living safely is a choice we make. We are all empowered to make safe decisions for ourselves and others. By so doing, we create safe environments for all of us. Learn more at the [National Safety Council's website](#).

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Fire Safe Public Partner of the Year



The Fire Safe Council of Nevada County presented the Fire Safe Public Partner of the Year award for 2017 to the Nevada County Public Works Department. On May 19, 2017, during their 10th Annual Culinary Adventure event, the award was presented to Trisha Tillotson Director of Public Works and Dave Keck Road Superintendent, representing the Nevada County Roads Division. The Council thanked the County for always being responsive and willing to go the extra mile to support the mission of making Nevada County safer from wildfire. Nevada County, other fire safe projects would be more costly if it weren't for the

County's efforts.

For more information on this or other County road activity, please contact the County's Department of Public Works at (530) 265-1411 or visit our [Facebook page](#).

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Poison Hemlock near the Truckee River



Poison Hemlock (*Conium maculatum*), a common but toxic and invasive weed, has reportedly forced a closure of a trail near the Truckee River in Washoe County, Nevada. The plant is poisonous to both humans and livestock if ingested and can cause skin irritation to those who are sensitive. It is best to try avoid the plant, although cases of poisoning is rare and is usually attributed to misidentification of the plant. Poison Hemlock is widely distributed in the western United States including Nevada County.

For more information please visit the [California Invasive Plant Council website](#).

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Nevada County Probation Partners with the California State Association of Counties to Participate in the Pew-MacArthur Results First Initiative

The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) and The Pew-MacArthur Results First Initiative have created a new partnership in an effort to support county leaders as they engage in evidence-based policy making and Nevada County has been selected to participate. The goal of the CSAC-Results First partnership is to develop in-state capacity to support California county leaders who seek to invest in programs for offenders in the justice system that will produce the best outcomes and the highest rate of return on the counties' investments.

Results First staff and consultants provide intensive and tailored technical assistance at no cost to organize teams of county staff, build policymaker support, and create a sustainable process for evidence-based decision-making. Nevada County will develop the capacity to:

- Create a comprehensive inventory of currently funded programs, including an assessment of the evidence for each program's effectiveness;
- Potentially build a customized benefit-cost model and conduct analysis to compare programs' likely return on investment; and
- Use evidence to inform spending and policy decisions.

Nevada County will be the first rural county to participate in the initiative. This is a great opportunity for Nevada County to be on the forefront of applying a relatively new approach to making criminal justice policy decisions.

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Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Scheduled for June 2017

Three bridges, located on McCourtney Road at Rock Creek, and Garden Bar Road at Little Wolf Creek near Sanford Road and Rosemary Lane, are scheduled to be replaced or rehabilitated this summer. The bridges have exceeded their useful life and are considered structurally deficient. In addition, the bridges do not meet today's standards for structural components and load carrying capacity.

The County Board of Supervisors awarded a contract to Q&D Construction on May 9, 2017, for a total construction cost of approximately \$2.5 million dollars. The three bridge projects are funded through federal Highway Bridge Program grant funding awarded to the County in 2014. Project construction is expected to begin the week of June 5th, 2017 and be completed by November 24th, 2017.

Roads are expected to be open for the majority of the construction project via temporary access with some minor delays. Road closures, if any, would be of short duration, and ample notice will be given to the public to plan for the closure.

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