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Nevada County Annual Budget Message



The Nevada County 2017-2018 budget has moved through its preparatory stages, and Budget Hearings are scheduled for Tuesday, June 6th and Wednesday, June 7th. The final budget adoption is scheduled for the Board of Supervisors meeting on June 20th. The Budget Message and Executive Summary may be found [here](#) and the entire Proposed Budget may be found on the [County Executive Officer Budget Portal](#).

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May 23rd CAG Meeting and CAG Meeting Schedule

Tuesday's May 23rd Community Advisory Group (CAG) meeting was the first in a series of eight meetings. At Tuesday's meeting a full meeting schedule was released with the dates below:

- Meeting 1: May 23rd
- Meeting 2: June 13th
- Meeting 3: June 27th
- Meeting 4: July 11th
- Meeting 5: July 25th
- Meeting 6: August 8th
- Meeting 7: August 22nd
- Meeting 8: September 12th



The meeting included an introduction of CAG members and their affiliations, an overview of the interim ordinance, a discussion of key themes and impacts, and public comment. In addition to the public comments made at the meeting, residents were able to submit a comment card to the facilitator, MIG, during the meeting or via email. Comment cards and email comments submitted within 48 hours of the May 23rd CAG meeting will be included in the meeting summary, expected to be released Tuesday, May 30th. A new cannabis ordinance is hoped to be ready by March of 2018.

The meetings will take place at Foothill Events Center, 400 Idaho Maryland Road in Grass Valley, CA, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Meetings one through six are open to the public. Please find the agendas and supporting documents on the County's [Cannabis Conversation](#) site. All CAG meetings will be accessible to watch remotely, both live and archived.

The Cannabis Regulation Community Advisory Group (CAG) was formed by the Board of Supervisors to advise the Board on the development of a permanent Cannabis Ordinance for Nevada County. This inclusive process will take into account the input of all community stakeholders. Nevada County has contracted MIG as a consultant during this process. MIG will provide facilitation services for the Cannabis Regulation CAG to ensure a fair and equitable process for advising the Board of Supervisors on a new Cannabis Ordinance.

Please visit the [Cannabis Conversation website](#) for up-to-date information.

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Fall 2017 Citizen's Academy

It is my pleasure to announce that the County will be offering another session of Citizen's Academy, the goal of which is to acquaint the community with the various functions of county government. The Citizen's Academy will offer a behind the scenes look at County Government, and provide insight into the array of services that help support a healthy, safe and vibrant community.

The academy will take place on consecutive Monday evenings (excluding holidays) from August 28, 2017, to November 13, 2017. All meetings will be from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at various locations in Nevada City and Grass Valley. There is no cost to participate, and a simple meal will be provided at each session.

Class size is limited and the application deadline is June 30, 2017, so please apply soon. To apply, please fill out and return the [application](#) to the Nevada County Executive Office, or [apply online](#).

For further information, please find the [brochure here](#).

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2017 Building Fair

2nd Annual BUILDING FAIR

Concept to Creation
"Success from Start to Finish"

The 2nd Annual Building Fair is right around the corner! The fair is a FREE community event that will be held on Friday, June 2, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Rood Government Center located at 950 Maidu Avenue in Nevada City.

The Building Fair will have 48 vendors including licensed contractors in multiple fields, architects, utility companies, building material suppliers, industry representatives, construction lenders, multiple city/county agencies and much more. There will be several special presentations throughout the day including: how to find the perfect property for you, construction and finding a contractor, construction lending, micro-housing and solar basics. This is a must attend event if you are planning a construction/development project, wanting to purchase property, currently working on a construction project or other projects related to development in Nevada County.

The fair vendor layout and schedule of events can be found on the [Building Department website](#) or through calling the Nevada County Building Department at (530) 265-1222. You may also contact the Nevada County Contractors' Association (NCCA) at (530) 274-1919 for information.

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Sierra Nevada Regional Department of Child Support Services wins VITA Site of the Year Award!



The Sierra Nevada Regional Department of Child Support Services (SNRDCSS), in collaboration with the Department of Social Services and Connecting Point, has provided free tax preparation assistance through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program for the past five years. Residents of Nevada County can have their taxes prepared and filed free of charge with this valuable service. At this year's closing ceremony in Sacramento, SNRDCSS received recognition for an outstanding effort, dedication and commitment to building stronger communities through the program and were presented with an Award of Excellence from the Internal Revenue Service as the Volunteer Return Preparation Site of the Year.

SNRDCSS Site Coordinator Sharon Hicks and annual volunteer Mechelle Morgan have worked since 2012 to improve outreach and awareness of the Earned Income Tax Credit by partnering with various agencies including AARP and Connecting Point (previously Dial 211) to grow the program. In their initial year they processed a mere five returns; fast forward to 2017 and 193 returns for county residents have been prepared resulting in over \$229,000 in tax

refunds returning to the families in our community.

Congratulations and a big thank you goes to this year's VITA team members; Tony Quatela, Sharon Hicks, Kate Heuer, Jennifer Jones, Renee Quimby and Mechelle Morgan.

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Technology for Safety, Energy and Water Efficiency



This fourth week of Building Safety Month is dedicated to outreach and information regarding "Investing in Technology for Safety, Energy and Water Efficiency". Science and technology are leading the way for designing and constructing safe, efficient, and resilient homes and buildings. Up to date building safety codes and standards enable the technology to be incorporated into the buildings while ensuring safety for lives, properties and investments. So whether you're considering renovating, remodeling, or building from the ground up, look for the latest in technology and make sure it is based on the codes and standards that put safety and efficiency first.

Buying a home is the biggest investment most people will ever make. Homes represent security, a place where people will live, raise their families, and share life with others. The

building codes include research from experts that help ensure every phase of the construction process is done correctly. In addition to helping make your home safe, the building codes can also help make your home more energy efficient, use less water, and conserve resources.

If your construction project does not comply with the codes adopted by your community, the value of your investment could be reduced. Property insurers may not cover work done without permits and inspections. If you decide to sell a home or building that has had modifications without a permit, you may be required to tear down the addition, leave it unoccupied, or make costly repairs.

A property owner who can show that code requirements were strictly and consistently met, as demonstrated by a code official's carefully maintained records, has a strong ally if something happens to trigger a potentially destructive lawsuit. Your permit also allows the code official to protect the public by reducing the potential hazards of unsafe construction and ensuring public health, safety, and welfare. By following code guidelines, the completed project will meet minimum standards of safety and will be less likely to cause injury to you, your family, your friends, or future owners. You will also benefit from the best energy efficiency construction techniques that will continue to pay you back for the life of your home.

For complete information about investing in technology for your construction projects you can visit the [International Code Council's website](#) and the [Nevada County Building Department website](#) or email them at BuildingDept@co.nevada.ca.us. You may also contact the Building Department by calling (530) 265-1222.

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Child Support Services Offers TouchPay Kiosks

Sierra Nevada Regional Department of Child Support Services is excited to announce an expanded payment option for customers paying child support. TouchPay Kiosks have been installed in the Child Support/Social Services lobby of both the Eric Rood Administrative Center and the Brighton Greens Resource Center. The TouchPay Kiosks are like an ATM to pay child support. These atm-style, easy-to-use kiosks provide a convenient option for our customers.

Local residents or visitors can make payment for any child support case in California at the local TouchPay kiosk.



The TouchPay kiosks accept cash, credit card/debit card (excluding prepaid cards) and e-check payments. Payments made utilizing the kiosks are applied to customer accounts within 3-5 business days. Lobby hours are from 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Eric Rood Administrative Center and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Brighton Greens Resource Center.

Other payment options for child support include, on-line credit card payment (without any fee imposed), PayNearMe at retailers across the county (including CVS, 7-Eleven, and others), automatic withdrawal, wage garnishment, MoneyGram, EFT's, a mobile app, in person payments at a child support office or mail in options in addition to the TouchPay kiosk. Expanding the payment centers and location to meet customer needs and convenience helps families receive child support in our county.

For more information on the many payment options available contact Tex Ritter at (530) 265-7077 or visit the [Nevada County Child Support website](#) or the [California Department of Child Support Services website](#).

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Community Comes Together for Celebration of Trails 2017

Join Bear Yuba Land Trust (BYLT), outdoor recreationists and trail supporters next week for the biggest showcase of local community trails of the year!

[Celebration of Trails](#) coincides with American Hiking Society's National Trails Day first begun in 1993. In 2015, 176,000 people got outdoors on community trails and participated in 2,329 activities across the U.S.

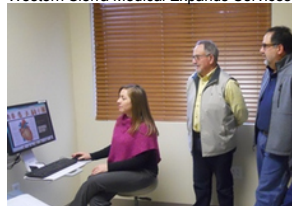
On Wednesday, May 31st from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. meet up with your friends for the annual kickoff trails fundraiser, Ales for Trails at Three Forks Bakery and Brewing Co. on Commercial Street in downtown Nevada City. Brewer Dave Cowie has created a specialty brew just for trails called "Hirschman Hefeweizen." For every pint sold, \$1 will be donated to local trails! In addition, a portion of proceeds from the evening's food and beverage sales will be donated back to the Land Trust to build and maintain local trails.

On Saturday, June 3rd, the community is invited to Celebration of Trails - the perfect day to enjoy local trails and plan your summer outdoor recreation adventures. Numerous local outdoor recreation groups will be in one place to bring the community everything they want to know about trail related topics, including a one stop resource for gear, maps, summer guided hiking and trail ride schedules, flora and fauna, and more.

The day starts with a lineup of guided morning outings on local trails such as Black Swan Trail, Deer Creek Tribute Trail and Hirschman Trail followed by a fun family-friendly trails day festival held from noon to 3:00 p.m. at Tahoe National Forest headquarters, 631 Coyote Street in Nevada City. A line-up of [hikes to choose from may be found here](#).

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Western Sierra Medical Expands Services in Penn Valley and Truckee



Less than three months after opening, Western Sierra Medical Clinic will expand operations and services at its health center in Penn Valley. Western Sierra, the largest outpatient provider in the region, is now open four days a week and will soon add pediatrics and women's health services.

The community has overwhelmingly supported the health center, prompting the addition of operations and services. The health center, located in the center of Penn Valley, opened February 21st and currently offers medical and dental services.

Western Sierra Medical Clinic will begin operating the Placer County health center in Kings Beach-Tahoe, ensuring that thousands of residents will continue receiving accessible, affordable and quality health care.

The health center will offer medical and dental care for people in the Truckee/North Lake Tahoe area from Nevada and Placer counties, and could soon expand services, including pediatrics and women's health.

The health center, 8665 Salmon Ave. in Kings Beach, will open as a Western Sierra facility on July 5th. Western Sierra, the largest outpatient provider in Nevada County, will have seven health centers with the addition of Kings Beach-Tahoe, including three in Placer County. The nonprofit opened two health centers in Auburn in late 2016.

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Repairs Set to Begin on Brunswick Road

Beginning next week, Stage 1 of emergency work will begin to repair a significant slide on the southbound lane of Brunswick Road south of East Bennett and Greenhorn Roads. Welco Engineering will be on site to drill and install a series of horizontal drains that will remove excess ground water and relieve some of the excessive hydrostatic pressure. No significant delays or lane closures are expected, as drilling and drain installation will be performed west of Brunswick Road. Work should be completed within two weeks. The costs to install the horizontal drains is expected to not exceed \$75,000.

Design work for Stage 2 of the emergency work is nearly complete. Stage 2 will remove excess road base material and reconstruct a portion

of the roadway to current road design standards. In addition, additional large subsurface drainage will be installed to direct additional ground water away from the area. Construction is tentatively scheduled for later this summer.

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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New Airport Sign



In August 2016, a number of local organizations embarked on a joint-effort to build a sign for the Nevada County Airport. The Golden Empire Flying Association, the Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 1175, the Ninety-Nines International Organization of Women Pilots, CalFire, the US Forest Service, individual pilots and airport supporters, along with the Nevada County Planning Department, Building Department and Airport staff all worked together to create this sign for the Nevada County Airport. The foundation materials and the materials for the cedar signs and emblems were paid for almost entirely by donations from the various private organizations and supporters of the airport. The labor for the foundation construction was voluntary, but it was built almost entirely by the president of the Golden Empire Flying Association, Keith Thomassen. The two cedar signs were created by the CalFire Devil's Garden Fire Camp Crew #1 in Alturas, California. Captain Troy

McKinney and members of his crew are pictured above. The final cedar sign was attached to the foundation structure on Wednesday, May 24, 2017. Some landscaping will complete the project soon, and there will be a formal ceremony to dedicate the sign sometime in the near future.

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