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Reminder that County Services will be Interrupted on Thursday, July 20 for Emergency Preparedness Exercise

On July 20th, between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. at the Eric Rood Administrative Center, Nevada County will be conducting an Emergency Preparedness Exercise as part of their Emergency Action Plan. County services at the Eric Rood Administration Center will be interrupted during the scheduled training. There will be signage at the entrances to the Eric Rood Administrative Center as well as throughout the building to alert residents of the training. **Please plan to avoid the campus until the training exercise is complete. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as Nevada County participates in this vital public safety training.**

Nevada County's Emergency Action Plan, required by the State and OSHA, ensures a well-rehearsed, quick, and coordinated response that helps to save lives and ensure the continuity of essential services in the event of an emergency.

Sheriff Captain Jeff Pettitt states, "It is important to have a proactive approach to emergency training to ensure both law enforcement and our employees are prepared and up to date with current safety techniques. Through a preparation exercise like the one we are holding on the 20th, we are able to evaluate outcomes, areas of improvement, and preform corrective actions so we can be best prepared in the event that we do have an emergency situation, whether it be at a County facility or elsewhere in Nevada County."

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Brunswick Road Repairs from Winter Storm Damage and Road Closure July 15 - August 11



Construction work will begin on July 15th, 2017 on Brunswick Road south of East Bennett Road to repair damaged portions of the roadway.

Due to the first series of atmospheric river events that hit Nevada County, a section of southbound Brunswick Road south of East Bennett Street began to settle. As these storms continued through Nevada County, this portion of road continued to settle and slip. A portion of the southbound lane was closed in early February, as this portion of road had settled by more than 14 inches. Staff believes a major contributor to the road failure was due to

excessive ground water saturating the road fill material used when the road was built more than 50 years ago.

Earlier this summer the county completed emergency stabilization and repairs to Brunswick Road that included installation of horizontal drains. These drains helped relieve some of the hydrostatic pressure on the fill to minimize the risk of continued settlement/slip and allow for the permanent repairs to begin this month.

The proposed contract will construct the permanent repairs that include the installation of a 300-foot long French drain on the east side of the roadway. The drain will be approximately 16 feet deep and will outlet to the west side of the roadway along the toe of the existing slope. The project will also remove approximately 300 feet of roadway fill approximately 8 feet in depth, rebuild the failed fill section with new fill, and repave the damaged area.

Due to the extensive road repairs and roadway stability and safety issues during construction, Brunswick Road will be closed to thru traffic from Highway 174 to Greenhorn Road / East Bennett Road. Construction is scheduled to begin on July 15th, 2017 and be completed on or before August 11th, 2017. Detour signs will be erected prior to the closure to direct thru traffic around the construction area.

Hansen Brothers will perform the repairs at an estimated cost of \$635,300. The county continues to work with Caltrans and the Federal Highways Administration to seek reimbursement for the proposed work.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Project Manager Pat Perkins at (530) 265-1712 or at patrick.perkins@co.nevada.ca.us.

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Cannabis Conversation: Agricultural Interests CAG Applicants and Written Public Comments to the CAG



On the July 11th Board of Supervisors meeting, the Board voted to fill a new vacancy on the Community Advisory Group (CAG). The application to fill the vacancy is [now available online](#), on our [Cannabis Conversation website](#). The application period opened on Wednesday, July 12th, and will close Wednesday, July 19th, at 5:00 p.m. MIG, the County's facilitator, will make a recommendation to the Board on Tuesday, July 25th, on filling the vacancy. Applications may be submitted by mail, email, or in-person per the instructions on the application.

To encourage an inclusive and participatory Cannabis Regulation Community Advisory Group (CAG) process, the CAG receives written and emailed comments from the public in addition to hearing public comment at the end of all CAG meetings. Written comments are easy to submit at the meetings or via email to cagmeetingcomments@migcom.com at any time, and are an important part of receiving input as the CAG works to recommend a new, permanent Cannabis Ordinance for Nevada County. All written comments submitted within 48 hours of each meeting are

distributed to the CAG members for review and consideration and are included in the meeting summary. Commenters are not required to identify themselves, per the Brown Act, and all published comments are redacted to remove personal identity. [Meeting materials](#), [related documents](#), [email CAG comments](#), and [CAG meeting videos](#) are available to the public on the [Cannabis Conversations website](#).

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 Community Advisory Group to ensure a fair and equitable process while advising and drafting a new Cannabis Ordinance.

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

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2017 Assessment Roll Up 6% at \$18.3 Billion

Nevada County Assessor Sue Horne is pleased to report that Nevada County's assessed values grew 6% last year, a positive reflection of property value growth. The county's locally assessed value for the 2017/18 assessment year totaled \$18.3 billion, up over \$1 billion from last year's \$17.3 billion.

The county's unincorporated area saw the largest percentage growth in assessed values with a 6.23 % increase over last year, resulting in a total net value reaching \$9.8 billion. Grass Valley experienced a 5.84% growth with its secured values totaling \$1.5 billion. Nevada City's assessable property values totaled \$535 million, reflecting a 5.98% increase over 2016. The Town of Truckee saw a 5.93% upward adjustment totaling \$6.2 billion in assessed values.

Under Proposition 8, the Assessor must annually review lien date (January 1) fair market values to determine whether a value adjustment is warranted on properties that have received a temporary reduced value in a prior year. Values to those properties may be adjusted upward to reflect an improvement in local real estate values up to the property's Proposition 13 factored base year value. The Proposition 13 factored base year value is typically based on the fair market value of your property when it was acquired, plus any subsequent assessable new construction and then adjusted for inflation by no more than 2% yearly.

Nevada County has approximately 10,000 properties remaining in reduced Proposition 8 status, down from over 16,000 properties in 2010. These Prop 8 properties represent 16% of Nevada County's parcels. Property owners whose 2016 assessed values were in Prop 8 status will likely see an increase to their 2017 assessed value reflecting the increase in fair market values this past year. For the remaining 54,000 taxable properties on Prop 13, property owners will see a 2% increase in their assessed value this year which reflects this year's state-determined inflation rate.

Please contact the Assessor's office with any assessment question you may have by emailing us at assessor@co.nevada.ca.us or calling our office at 530.265.1232.

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Robin Van Valkenburgh Announced as Nevada County's Transit Services Manager

The Department of Public Works is pleased to announce the appointment of Robin Van Valkenburgh as Transit Services Manager. Robin has 13 years of transit experience encompassing a variety of agency types and modes. He has worked in the public sector as a planning and marketing manager and transit manager for El Dorado and Butte Counties, and as an operation, general and assistant general manager for private contractors in California and Virginia. His most recent experience prior to joining Nevada County was as a project manager for Transportation Management & Design consulting in southern California. He has a Bachelor of Arts in Human Performance from Saint Mary's College. Robin is a competitive cyclist and enjoys spending time with his family hiking and traveling.



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CalFresh Farmer's Market Money Match Program is Back!



Summer is here and with the heat comes an abundance of fresh, locally-grown fruits and veggies for the picking. Farmers' market season is in full-swing, which means that the CalFresh [Market Money program](#) is back to match your CalFresh Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) dollars at four local markets and put the season's bounty on your family's table.

This year, in partnership once again with 211 Nevada County, the Department of Social Services is offering a 10 for 10 match at every market all summer long. Spend up to \$10 EBT at the market and we'll match you up to \$10 in free tokens to use for even more fresh food for you or your family, now through November 18th while funds last. This a great way to double your CalFresh money while buying the best fruits and veggies Nevada County has to offer.

Here's how it works:

1. Come out to the 211 booth at any of the farmers' markets listed below.
2. Show your EBT card and your photo ID. 211 will match your EBT market money with up to \$10 in tokens.
3. Use your tokens to buy fruits and veggies at participating farm stands.
4. Do it all over again next week!

And while you're at the 211 booth pick up free recipes, kids activity books, and a market bag to hold all of your goodies.

If you have questions about the Market Money program or would like to see if you qualify for CalFresh benefits, dial 2-1-1 (or 877-847-0499) and a local call agent will answer your questions or even sign you up for the program.

Participating Markets:

Nevada County Certified Growers' Market

Western Gateway Park, Penn Valley
Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Now through November 16th

Grass Valley Thursday Night Market

Downtown Grass Valley
Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
June 29th through August 3rd

Nevada County Certified Growers' Market

North Star House, Auburn Road, Grass Valley
Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Now through November 18th

Nevada City Farmers' Market

Union Street, Nevada City
Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Now through November 18th

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Nevada City, Grass Valley, and Truckee Designated as California Cultural Districts

Grass Valley-Nevada City and Truckee have been named two of California's fourteen inaugural state-designated cultural districts. The cultural districts were awarded by the California Arts Council (CAC) for its pilot year of the new California Cultural Districts Program. Cultural districts were awarded to geographic areas with a high concentration of cultural resources and activities. The program encourages designated cultural districts continue to develop their art and cultural attractions, and also aims to assist with marketing for the arts, cultural organizations, local businesses, and expanded cultural tourism.

The effort to get Grass Valley-Nevada City and Truckee designated as California Cultural Districts was a collaboration between many local organizations and agencies, including support from Nevada County's Board of Supervisors. The California Arts Council describes [Grass Valley-Nevada City Cultural District](#) as "twin cities rich in cultural history, the arts, and innovation, deep within Gold Country," and [Truckee Cultural District](#) as "world-class scenery in a rugged high alpine setting that catalyzes and inspires art and culture," on the California Cultural Districts' website.

"It's fitting that news of our designation, which applies to all three townships within Nevada County – from the Gold Country to the High Sierra – coincides with our 21st Annual California WorldFest, one of the most important, innovative and celebrated festivals in California," says Eliza Tudor, Executive Director at Nevada County Arts Council (NCArts) "Being formally recognized as California Cultural Districts can be seen as a natural 'coming of age' for us. It is the start of a really exciting holistic collaboration between our Cities, our Chambers and our collective arts communities."

The California Arts Council formally announced the Cultural Districts on Thursday, July 13th. To learn more about the California Cultural Districts Program and the California Arts Council, visit their website at <https://www.caculturaldistricts.org/announcement/>.

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Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week July 16-22, 2017

During the week of July 16th through the 22nd, 2017, people across the United States and Canada will join together to recognize the work that probation, parole, and community supervision professionals do for our public safety. This year, the theme is "Clients, Employees, and Communities – Power through Partnerships". Working together makes for stronger bonds between colleagues, community partners, and with those under supervision.

Today in America, there are over 5 million adults on community supervision and most of these individuals are monitored by pretrial, probation, and parole officers. Monitoring may take the form of home contacts, drug testing, making sure the offender attends counseling sessions and helping offenders to find suitable housing and employment. Many officers also supervise offenders using electronic monitoring equipment which requires expert knowledge of newer technologies.

Many in the field would agree that Probation work requires a multi-pronged holistic approach. The "triangle of success" is formed by study, theory, and practice; in comparison, the "triangle of success in community corrections/supervision" is formed by clients, communities, and employees. The synergy of the three elements equates to positive outcomes for those under supervision and society as a whole. To have the best chance of success means that each component must be a present, and active participant in strategies for goal-oriented, positive outcomes.

During PPP Week we salute and celebrate the success of the amazing Probation Officers and employees. These individuals are the community corrections/supervision professionals who make our country safer – performing work that is emotionally demanding and sometimes dangerous; yet, necessary. These professionals are on duty each and every day to assist juvenile and adult offenders in becoming better citizens with productive lives.

Members of our community are encouraged to join together during Pretrial, Probation, Parole Supervision Week to honor those who work to make our communities a safer place to live. For additional information about Pretrial, Probation, and Parole Supervision Week, please contact the Nevada County Probation Office at (530) 265-6280 or visit our [website](#).

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Nevada County Road Update

Nevada County road crews have been able to make good progress addressing January and February storm damage; however, there are still several locations throughout the County still requiring repair. Locations have been prioritized focusing on slide and washout locations first such as Brunswick Road, Pleasant Valley Road and Donner Pass Road. Repairs will continue through the fall months as staff continues to work with Caltrans and FEMA for reimbursement and approval to proceed with the repairs.

Meanwhile, many regular maintenance activities have been delayed as crews focus efforts on storm damage repairs. Dust suppression, ditch cleaning and other maintenance activities will occur but likely later in the year than usual. We appreciate your understanding this year as we continue to feel the effects of the atmospheric rain events from earlier in the year and the decrease in Gas Tax funding that has not allowed us to hire our usual temporary summer help.

On the brighter side, Nevada County roads fared much better than most counties in California and funding projections for the next 10 years are looking up for our roads with the recent passing of the Roads Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA).

In addition, other funding sources have allowed the County to have a record number of projects under construction this summer including the Penn Valley Pipeline Project, Retrac Way Bridge Replacement Project, Striping Projects, High Friction Surface Treatment Project, Emergency Vehicle Preemption Project, MicroSurface Project, Nevada City Highway Sidewalk Extension Project, Western Nevada County Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Project and smaller projects as well. For more information on this or other County road activities, please contact the County's Department of Public Works at (530)265-1411 or visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/nevcopwsocial

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Send Your Children Back to School Protected from Serious Diseases

Back-to-school season is here. It's time for parents to gather school supplies and back packs. It's also the perfect time to make sure your children are up to date on their vaccines.

To celebrate the importance of immunizations for people of all ages – and make sure children are protected with all the vaccines they need as they go back to school – the Nevada County Public Health Department is recognizing August as National Immunization Awareness Month.

Vaccines protect against a number of serious and potentially life-threatening diseases. When children are not vaccinated, they are at increased risk for diseases and can also spread diseases to others in their classrooms and community – including babies who are too young to be fully vaccinated and people with weakened immune systems due to cancer or other health conditions. Talk to your child's doctor to find out which vaccines are recommended for them before going back to school. Information regarding vaccine requirements for school entry can be found at www.shotsforschool.org.

The Nevada County Public Health Department is holding a "Vaccines for Children (VFC)" Back to School immunization Clinic on Tuesday, August 15th, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Grass Valley Veteran's Hall multipurpose room, 255 South Auburn Street, Grass Valley. The VFC Program is for children 18 and younger, who are uninsured, or have Medi-Cal or Medi-Cal Managed Care, or whose insurance does not cover vaccines, or is Native American or Alaskan Native. Your child's shot record and, if applicable, Medi-Cal card will be required for vaccine administration. Nevada County will also be holding extended regular clinic hours on 7/27/17 and 8/10/17. For more information on this, please check mynevadacounty.com or call (530)265-7265.

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Cindy Fake Appointed Nevada County Farm Advisor and Director of UC Cooperative Extension



Cindy Fake has been appointed as the Director of UC Cooperative Extension in Nevada and Placer Counties. Cindy continues to serve as the Horticulture and Small Farms Advisor for Nevada and Placer Counties in addition to her new title. Cindy's programs focus on improving the economic viability and productivity of small scale foothill farms. Her crop responsibilities include fruit and vegetable production.

UC Cooperative Extension (UCCE) was established in Placer and Nevada Counties in 1917. Their mission is to help all segments of the community benefit from the scientific advances in our nation's land grant universities. Cindy's intent is to continue the strong administration and programmatic efforts of UC Cooperative Extension in Nevada County. Cooperative Extension programs in the county include 4-H, Master Gardeners, nutrition education. Information on those programs can be found at http://ucanr.edu/sites/UCCE_Placer_Nevada/.

UCCE agricultural programs provide training and technical assistance to commercial producers of livestock and horticultural crops. More information on agricultural programs may be found at the Foothill Farming website <http://ucanr.edu/sites/placernevadasmallfarms/>.

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