



CodeRed in Nevada

The CodeRED Notification System was initiated for the first time on February 13 at approximately 3:00 p.m. to notify the community of our Snow Emergency going into effect. The CodeRED system gives city officials the ability to deliver pre-recorded emergency telephone notification/information messages to targeted areas or the entire city at a rate of up to 60,000 calls per hour. The initial database was constructed by taking the white pages for Nevada. If you received the message on the February 13, you can be confident that that phone number is on the list; however, you can add a cell phone number to the call list for the same address. All businesses should register, as well as all individuals who have unlisted phone numbers, who have changed their phone number or address within the last year, or who use a cellular phone as their primary home phone. Register by logging on to the City of Nevada's website and follow the link to the CodeRED page. Those without Internet access may go to the library to use the internet or may call City Hall at 382-5466, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and give their information over the phone.



The CodeRED phone number that will be calling is 1-866-419-5000 so if you have caller id and you see that number; the City is attempting to notify you of a very important message. You could also key that number into your address book and save it as CodeRED so that you will know that Code Red is calling you. If you accidentally hang up, you can call the number back and get the latest message.

Library News

The library will be open our regular hours during Spring Break from March 16 through the 20. There will be no after school story times at the library during Spring Break. Toddler and infant story times will be starting again the first week of March.



Friends of the Nevada Public Library held a book sale on January 31. They raised a lot of money for the library during the sale and also from the sale of book bags. The blue book bags are sturdy bags with handles to carry the books you check out at the library or the groceries you buy. The bags are \$3.00 each and are available at the library. We would like to thank all the Friends who worked before and during the sale to make this one the best sale we've had. We also want to thank everyone who came and bought books.

Friends of the Library will be having their membership drive during the month of March. Please consider becoming a Friend of the Library. Our Friends are advocates for the library and help the library in many ways. They manage the quarterly book sales. The money raised helps to buy prizes for the Summer Reading Program. They also pay for the books for the Reading Group that meets once a month at the library. Equipment, movies on DVD, books in Spanish or in large print are some of the other items that the Friends fund. They also volunteer their time throughout the year, as we need help.

You may also support the library by donating books for the book sale. The library will accept gently used, clean books, DVD's, or videocassettes any time we are open, year-round. We will not accept any magazines, textbooks, or encyclopedias. Any books or movies, especially those that your children have outgrown, are welcome as long as they are in good condition.

The library offers Basic Computer Classes which are held at the library when we have enough people interested. They are held before the library opens in the morning or in the evening after the library has closed. The classes cover basic computer usage and an introduction to email and the Internet.

The Reading Group will meet on March 26 at 1:30 p.m. Everyone in the group reads the same book, copies of which are available for check out at the library. Everyone is welcome.

For more information on the above topics, please call the library at 382-2628.

Dates to Remember

Open Burning of Landscape Waste does not start until April 1 and is scheduled through May 15 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Spring Clean Up Day will be on April 25, look for more information in the next newsletter or on our website.

The Nevada Jaycees are having the NABR ride on May 2, 2009. Look for more information on the next newsletter.

Meeting Schedule

- **Council: Mar. 9 and 23, City Hall Council Chambers 5:30 p.m.**
- **Planning and Zoning: Mar. 2, City Hall Council Chambers 6:15 p.m.**
- **Library: Mar. 16, Library Meeting Room 4:30 p.m.**
- **Parks and Rec. Board: Mar. 18, Gates Hall 5:15 p.m.**
- **Cemetery: Mar. 5, 9:00 a.m., Sexton's Office**

Nuisance Abatement

By: Sgt. Ricardo Martinez

With spring just around the corner, people may have in mind "Spring Cleaning." This includes those chores that have been put off or unaccomplished because of the winter weather.

The City of Nevada has a Nuisance Abatement Ordinance that is aimed at addressing areas in the community that need to be cleaned up. Any person causing or maintaining a nuisance who fails to remove the nuisance within a reasonable time specified in the city ordinance shall be in violation of the City of Nevada code of ordinances. This includes business and residential areas in the City of Nevada, including but not limited to front yards, back yards, by the garage, etc.

A nuisance may consist of any or all of the following: refuse, garbage, rubbish, ashes, scrap lumber, building materials, abandoned or unattended refrigerators, inoperative appliances, other substances offensive to sight, smell, or detrimental to the health, welfare and best interests of the community.

Another area of concern are those "projects" that need to be taken care of, but have not been taken care of, like the old jalopy, or tractor, which just needs a little "tinkering." Any junk motor vehicle, junk machinery, or any unlicensed motor vehicle may fall into this category. This includes any vehicle with any broken or loose fenders, bumpers, trunks, roofs, hood ornaments, door handles, doors, window handles, running boards, tailpipes, steering wheels, trunk handles, and radio aerials, or any other decorative pieces. Additionally, any vehicle or machine which has become or threatens to become the habitat of rats, mice, snakes, vermin, insects or other wild or domestic animals. Also, any vehicle or machine which contains gasoline, diesel oil, or other flammable fuel, in a container other than a factory installed fuel tank, or any vehicle or machine which is rendered inoperative for more than 15 days because it lacks one or more wheels (excluding the spare), has no engine, no transmission, no differential, no drive shaft, no axel, or any component is missing which renders the vehicle inoperative under its own power, or any vehicle or machine which, because of its defective or obsolete condition, constitutes a threat to the public health and safety.

So, clean up your yard and avoid any legal problems that would cost you time and money. If you have questions about this topic please contact the Nevada Police Department at (515) 382-4593.

50 Days to Fit Health Fair/Luncheon

Get Fit Nevada is hosting a Health Fair/Luncheon on Wednesday, March 4 from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Gates Memorial Hall. The goal of this Health Fair is to provide health information in a fun and interactive environment. All community members are invited to the fair. Please RSVP by calling 382-4352. Free will donations are requested for the lunch. Lunch will include a salad and wrap bar. This is a come and go event.

Baseball/Softball Registrations Due!

A reminder that Baseball and Softball registrations are due in early March. Programs are available for 4 year olds - 6th grade. For more information please contact Parks and Recreation at 382-4352.

Cardio Kicks

Cardio Kicks will improve your cardiovascular fitness, burn fat, tone and shape your muscles, AND improve flexibility. You'll be breaking a serious sweat while having fun. High intensity music keeps participants punching and kicking to the beat. Participants will workout out on bags for strength training which will help shape and tone muscles. You can get both aspects of exercise, fat burning and muscle resistance, all in one workout! A new 12 week session of Cardio Kicks begins April 13. Classes are available on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 5:15-6:15 p.m. and Tuesday, Thursday from 5:15-6:15 a.m. If you are interested in taking Cardio Kicks please contact Parks and Recreation at 382-4352.

FY2009-2010 Budget Highlights

The budget hearing for the FY 09/10 budget is set for March 9 during the Council Meeting at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. The proposed detailed budget is at City Hall or the library for the public to look at. The following are projects that are proposed.

Water/Sewer/Street/Planning and Zoning:

- Water valve replacement Project.
- Planning for Street Maintenance Projects.
- Manhole Rehabilitation Project for the Wastewater Department.
- Geographical Information Systems Program.
- Design planning for K Avenue Street Reconstruction Project
- Design for UPRR North Track Improvements.
- Resurfacing S-14 Project.
- Design for Trickling Filter Rehabilitation for the Wastewater Treatment Plant
- 17th Street Storm Water Repairs.
- Sidewalk Project.

Police/Fire/EMS:

- CodeRed Emergency Notification Program.

Economic Development/Quality of Life:

- Construction of final Indian Creek Trail Extension.
- Construction for Indian Creek Improvements due to 2008 Floods.
- Redevelopment Incentive Fund to encourage physical improvements throughout the Lincoln Highway and 6th Street TIF districts.

Building Permits

Spring has arrived and it is the season to begin planning improvements to your property. The Planning and Zoning Department is here to help, please go to the City's web site to see if a permit is needed or see if there are any other requirements or call 382-5466 and ask for Shawn.

Sump Pumps

The Planning and Zoning Department wishes to remind everyone that sump pumps are not allowed to pump into the street until April 1 and can do so until November 1. A 3 year permit needs to be filled out, they are available at City Hall or the City's web site, and there is no cost.

The following table shows how much water can go through a meter depending on the size of leak.

Leak Size	Gallons per Day	Gallons per Month
A dripping leak consumes:	15 Gallons	450 Gallons
A 1/32 inch leak consumes:	264 Gallons	7,920 Gallons
A 1/16 inch leak consumes:	943 Gallons	28,300 Gallons
A 1/8 inch leak consumes:	3,806 Gallons	114,200 Gallons
A 1/4 inch leak consumes:	15,226 Gallons	456,800 Gallons
A 1/2 inch leak consumes:	60,900 Gallons	1,827,000 Gallons