



## Stay Fire Smart! Don't Get Burned

Testing the water before putting a child in the bath may sound like common sense. Wearing short or close-fitting sleeves when cooking on the stovetop may show foresight. This and other simple actions may be all it takes to prevent devastating burns. Each year roughly 3,000 people die as a result of home fires and burns, and more than 200,000 individuals are seen in the nation's emergency rooms for burn injuries.

National Fire Prevention Week 2009 is October 4 - 10 and focuses on burn awareness and prevention, as well as keeping homes safe from the leading causes of home fires.

The Nevada Fire Department is having an open house on October 10 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

### Open Burning of Landscape Waste

Open burning of landscape (yard waste) is scheduled from October 1 through November 20 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily (fire must be extinguished by 5 p.m.). A competent adult shall constantly attend all open fires until the fire is fully extinguished. A method of extinguishing the fire must be readily available (water hose or fire extinguisher). Garbage may not be added to lawn waste. All fires must be located at least 40 feet from any structure, including wooden fences and utility poles, and may not be ignited in public easements including alleys. The City periodically burns storm debris that is collected during the year. When the area is full we must either burn the debris or stop picking up debris. The fire department is notified and must grant permission prior to the fire being started.

### Nevada Uncorked – October 10 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Join the Chamber at the SCORE Pavilion for a wonderful fall afternoon, shopping local artists and sipping on native Iowa wine and beer! Add in live music and food in a beautiful park-like setting, and you have a combination that cannot be beat! Admission fee of \$15.00 includes: wine & beer samples, sampling glass, art viewing, and live music. Must be 21 to enter event.



### Meeting Schedule

- **Council: October 12 and 26, City Hall Council Chambers 5:30 p.m.**
- **Planning and Zoning: October 5, City Hall Council Chambers 6:15 p.m.**
- **Cemetery Board: October 1, Cemetery Sexton's Office 9:00 a.m.**
- **Library: October 19, Library Meeting Room 4:30 p.m.**
- **Parks and Rec. Board: October 21, Gates Hall 5:15 p.m.**

### Cemetery Board Space

The City is currently seeking two people to serve on the Cemetery Board. If you are interested in serving you may pick up an application form at City Hall or you can obtain the form from the City's web site and click on Boards and Commissions Application on the left side of the screen. Please return your completed forms to the Mayor at Nevada City Hall.

### Downtown Trick or Treat

*Thursday, October 29 - 5:00-7:00 p.m.*

Are you ready for some Halloween fun? Join us as the Nevada Chamber of Commerce and the City of Nevada host Trick or Treat Downtown Nevada on Thursday, October 29, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Downtown businesses will be eager to see your costumes and pass out treats!

Enjoy carnival games, inflatable's, and spin art that will be located in the Nevada City Hall Parking Lot!

- Who:** ALL Children
- When:** Thursday, October 29
- Where:** Downtown Nevada & City Hall Parking Lot
- Time:** 5:00-7:00 p.m. (Come and go as you please)

**Community wide Trick or Treat night will be held on Friday, October 30 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.**



## Hydrant Flushing — October 1-30

During the month of October you might notice Water Department crews working at fire hydrants and see water running down the street. Your first thought may be that we are ignoring our own philosophy of conserving water. Normally in the spring and fall, we flush water lines through the use of fire hydrants, which is an important preventative maintenance activity. Although it may appear to waste water, the process is part of a routine maintenance program necessary to maintain the integrity of the water system allowing us to continue to deliver the highest quality water possible to our customers. This also is an important effort toward ensuring hydrant effectiveness for fire control purposes.



As a result of the line flushing process, residents in the immediate vicinity of the work may experience temporary discoloration of their water or lower water pressure. This discoloration consists primarily of harmless silt and air and does not affect the safety of the water. If you experience discoloration in your water after crews have been flushing in your neighborhood, clear the pipes in your home by running all water faucets for a few minutes. The same philosophy of water line preventative maintenance is one that you should use in your own home to ensure the quality of water inside your home. Your home's water heater should be drained and flushed on a regular basis, according to manufacturers' recommendations, to keep it working effectively and efficiently. If you have any questions, please contact us at 382-2074 and we will be glad to answer any of your questions.

## Park and Recreation Activities

### Junior Theatre

Nevada Parks and Recreation is once again holding a Jr. Theatre program for participants in K-6th grade. Students will have the opportunity to perform an age appropriate play during the Festival of Trees held December 12 and 13. The program will be held on Monday's and Thursday's after school. Registration fee is \$40.00/participant. For more information please contact Nevada Parks and Recreation at 382-4352.

### Howl at the Moon 5K Fun Run/Walk

Nevada Parks and Recreation is holding its first annual Howl at the Moon 5K Fun Run/Walk on Sunday, November 1 at 5:09 p.m. Run participants must be 12 years of age and older. The walk may be completed by any age participant, however, no strollers, bikes, rollerblades, etc. will be allowed on the course at anytime. Participants will know times when they cross the finish line and no awards will be given for place finishers. However, an award will be given for the most creative body lighting. The course will be run on Nevada's Indian Creek Greenbelt Trail. A course map will be available at a later date. Entry Fee is \$15.00/person.

All pre-registered participants will receive a **long sleeve** Full Moon logo t-shirt. All participants who complete the Run/Walk will be put in to a prize drawing. For those wishing not to be creative, a glow bracelet or necklace will be provided. For more information please contact Nevada Parks and Recreation at 382-4352. Pre-registration deadline is October 23.

### Cemetery Fall Clean Up – October 19-23

The Nevada Municipal Cemetery cleanup will be held the third week of October. If you wish to keep any decorations, stands, etc., please remove them from the cemetery by October 18. On October 24 you may return items to the cemetery. Any item not removed from the cemetery may be disposed of. Any questions, please feel free to call Gene Fritz at 382-6240.

### Weed Spraying in the Parks

The Parks Department will be spraying for weeds in the parks and the cemetery during the month of October.

### October Angel Food Ministries Menu

Check out the website at [www.angelfoodministries.com](http://www.angelfoodministries.com) for October's menu of good food. The deadline for orders is October 10 and the pick up day is October 17. You do not need to order a standard box in order to buy a special box now. The Thanksgiving Holiday box can be pre-ordered now also.

## Library News

### Story Times

Story times have started and will continue through December 11. If you have not registered your child for a story time, call the Library at 382-2628. As always, if the school dismisses early or is cancelled due to bad weather, after school story times at the library will also be cancelled.

### Reading Group

The reading group will be meeting on October 29 and will be reading The Reader by Bernhard Schlink. Call the library for more information at 382-2628.



### Patrons who are Homebound



If you, or someone you know, does not like to get out of the house especially during the winter months, the Nevada Public Library can deliver books to you. The library regularly delivers to homebound patrons in their homes once a month. We also deliver to the Meadows and Regency every two weeks. Items available for delivery include books in regular print or large print and recorded books on compact disc. Other items are available upon request. The Library will work with the patron to ensure that the items delivered are what the patron wants to read. The Library has a form that can be filled out with the patron's address and phone number, and the types of items the patron wants delivered. The Library has non-fiction (books about different subjects, like music, sports, or history) and fiction (books with stories including westerns, romances, or inspirational) in both regular print and large print or on compact disc. Call the library for more information at 382-2628.