



2008 Fall Fire Hydrant Flushing Program

The fire hydrant flushing program is scheduled to begin Tuesday, September 2. Our hydrant flushing program is very important to our water system. Although it may appear as a waste of water, it is an integral part of our efforts to deliver the safest and highest quality water possible. A clean water distribution system also reduces tastes and odor problems and results in better appearing water. Hydrant flushing also improves fire protection by testing water valves and hydrants. The flushing work will be carried out by the Water Department, who will systematically open and close water hydrants on one section of a main at a time, letting the water run at high velocity until sediment is carried out and the water is clear.

We schedule our flushing program during the wetter and cooler months when water supplies are at the greatest levels. We flush from larger mains first, and then move to the smaller mains. The flushing route is carefully planned, and valves are opened and closed to control the direction of water. Completion of the program is expected to be near the end of September. Changes to this timetable may be required, if other maintenance issues should arise such as leaks or water quality concerns.

Flushing will take place between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. We ask all residents to use caution while traveling around the hydrant flushing crews and while entering areas of water accumulation during this program.

As a result of the flushing procedure, residents in the immediate vicinity of the work may experience temporary discoloration of their water. This discoloration consists primarily of harmless silt and precipitates and does not affect the safety of the water. If you notice your water is discolored in your own home, run several cold-water faucets at the same time until the water runs clear. Avoid using hot water if water is discolored as doing so will cause this discolored water to enter your hot water heater. Avoid doing laundry until you're sure the water is clear.

Your understanding and cooperation are greatly appreciated during this operation. If you wish additional information or would like to discuss this program with Water Department staff, please contact the water plant from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at 382-2074.

Library News

Labor Day closure

The Nevada Public Library will be closed on September 1 in celebration of Labor Day. The library staff hopes everyone has a safe and happy holiday.

Fall Story Times

Sign your child up for story times at the Nevada Public Library. Story times start again the week of September 29 through October 3. Children 3 years old and under will require an adult attendant. Sessions will include Infants through 2 years old on Thursdays or Fridays at 10:00 to 10:15 a.m. Three year olds through 5 year olds will meet on either Thursdays or Fridays at 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. After School programs will meet at 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Tuesdays for the Kindergarten to 2nd graders and on Thursdays for the 3rd to 5th graders. As always if school is cancelled or dismissed early due to bad weather, after school story times will also be cancelled. You may sign up your child at the library or call 382-2628.

Get Trained to Use the Nevada Public Library Telescope!

Have you ever wanted to see the stars close up? Doug Anderson will be training patrons to use the library's telescope. Training sessions will be limited to 8 people so sign up today. There will be a session on Tuesday, September 9 at 7:30 p.m., rain or shine. Sign up at the library or call 382-2628. You must be 18 and have attended the training class to check out the telescope.

Reading Group

The reading group this month will meet on a day and time to be announced. Check at the library or call 515-382-2628 for the day and time and the title of the book.

September is Library Card Signup Month

September is National Library Card Sign-up Month and is a time to remind parents and children that a library card is the most important school supply of all. Library Card Sign-up Month was launched in 1987. Since then, thousands of public and school libraries join each fall in a national effort to ensure every child does just that. Children in the Nevada Elementary School visit the Nevada Public Library every month. These children have the opportunity to check out books. The library makes sure that every new student has a card so that when they come to the library, they can take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to expand their reading horizon. Adults wanting to sign up for a card need to bring identification that has their current address.

Meeting Schedule

- **Council: Sept. 8 and 22, City Hall Council Chambers 5:30 p.m.**
- **Planning and Zoning: Sept. 2, Gates Hall North Room 6:15 p.m., Sept. 15, City Hall 6:15 p.m.**
- **Library: Sept. 15, Library Meeting Room 4:30 p.m.**
- **Board of Adjustment: Sept. 9 City Hall 10:00 a.m.**
- **Parks and Rec Board: Sept. 17, Gates Hall 5:15 p.m.**
- **Cemetery: Sept. 4, Sextons Office 9:00 a.m.**

City Offices are Closed Labor Day, September 1

The city will be spraying for weed control in the Cemetery and all parks during the month of September.



The Union Pacific Railroad

will be repairing the tracks along S-14 just North of Highway 30. This area will be closed to traffic on September 2 and will be closed for approximately two weeks.

School is back in session. Please watch for kids walking and riding bikes to school.

Property Taxes

You should have received your property tax statement from Story County. Story County collects the property taxes for the Nevada Community School District, DMACC, Story County, and the City. For those living in Nevada the combine tax rate is \$38.80062. This is down from the previous year by \$1.053 from \$39.85362. A \$100,000 residence in FY 07/08 would have been taxed on \$45,996 of its value due to the roll back and on \$44,080 of its value due to the roll back in FY 08/09.

Taxing District	FY 07/08			FY 08/09		
	\$45,996			\$44,080		
	Levy	Amount	Percent	Levy	Amount	Percent
Nevada Community School District	17.75500	816.66	44.55%	16.43213	724.33	42.35%
City of Nevada	14.87874	684.36	37.33%	15.12870	666.87	38.99%
DMACC	.60276	27.72	1.51%	.56386	24.85	1.45%
Story County	6.61712	304.36	16.60%	6.67593	294.27	17.21%
TOTALS	39.85362	\$1,833.11	100.00%	38.80062	\$1,710.33	100.00%

Parks & Rec Programs:

YOUTH VOLLEYBALL

Parks and Recreation Youth Volleyball registration forms are due on Wednesday, September 3. The program will be held on Monday's, September 8 – October 13 at the Middle School Gym. 3rd and 4th Graders will practice from 6:30-7:15 p.m. and 5th and 6th Graders will practice from 7:15-8:00 p.m. Registration fee is \$25.00/participant. For more information please contact Nevada Parks and Recreation at 382-4352.

STAR EXTREME TUMBLING AND GYMNASTICS

Nevada Parks and Recreation in cooperation with Star Extreme will be offering a recreation and competition tumbling/gymnastics program for participant's ages 2-18 years. Classes will be held on Tuesday evenings beginning September 2 and continuing throughout the year. Participants will be instructed by certified coaches. All classes will take place at Gates Memorial Hall. For more information on this new and exciting program please contact Nevada Parks and Recreation at 382-4352.

NEVADA'S AMAZING RACE

On Sunday, September 21 at 2:00 p.m. Get Fit Nevada will be offering a race throughout Nevada. Prizes will be awarded to the first team (in each division) finishing the race with all puzzle pieces and successfully arriving at the final destination. The competition will be divided into two categories: Adult and Family. All teams must have at least 2 participants. **The race is open to anyone and participation is FREE for those who pre-register by September 12.** To pre-register please call Story County Extension at 382-6551 or Nevada Parks and Recreation at 382-4352.

YOU'RE INVITED!

The Nevada Community Historical Society invites one and all to join us for "**Brauts at Briggs**" on September 7, 2008, from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. Come join us for free food, free tours of the property, and free family fun as we kick off our 2009 membership campaign. Brauts, hot dogs, chips, desserts and drinks will be served. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the beautiful setting and learn about life during the early days of Nevada. Freewill donations will be accepted.

Library Survey

We have more information from our spring survey concerning how people feel the Nevada Public Library is serving the public. In the section on Library Visits over forty-one percent of people surveyed say they visit the library on a weekly basis and another 30 percent visit the library once a month. This accounts for many of 87,000 visits last year to the library. Borrowing or returning materials is the most popular reason for visiting the library (92%) followed by making photocopies (39%) or using the library's computers/internet (34%). Eighty-four percent of those surveyed ask the staff for assistance, indicating an ongoing need for a trained and knowledgeable staff. There were several positive comments on the "friendly, efficient" staff. A parent told how much her child enjoyed the children's programs. One concern of the respondents is the need for more space for the collections and programs. Other comments along the same lines brought up the need for a quiet place to study or read. Noise levels can be a problem when school is not in session. The library's staff and the board thank everyone who participated in the survey and are addressing your concerns.



Nevada Senior Community Center is Back in Action.

The Nevada City Council has voted to purchase the Creative Printing building currently north of the old city hall. If all goes well the building will be demolished the week of September 2nd and a 70 ft x 25 ft building of residential character will be built to fit into the townscape of the area. This building will be financed totally by private donations and private/public grants.

A core committee of seniors has been meeting with Nevada City, Heartland Senior Services and RSVP staff since a community meeting was held in April. The building will accommodate 80 – 100 individuals and will also be available for public rental. Heartland Senior Services plan to move their congregate meals program into the new facility and RSVP looks forward to having a place to reconnect with current volunteers and recruit new ones.

As a community service, the Nevada American Legion has opened their building as a temporary location until the new Nevada Senior Community Center is built.

A community meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m., September 4th in the south room of Gates Hall for all interested seniors in the Nevada area. More information and fund-raising capital campaign information will be available at that time.

For questions please contact Glen Samson 382-6469 or Kathy Highland 382-2664.