



GRASS VALLEY POST



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JANUARY 2023

FROM YOUR CITY COUNCIL:



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MAYOR

I am confident the new year will find us starting fresh and welcoming new vitality to our town. Weather and the economy have always posed challenges to our community, but we have learned from several experiences since the Substation Fire. There is growing interest in the benefits of living and working in a rural setting such as Grass Valley. Your City Council and administration will work hard to preserve that, while coordinating with local and regional agencies so as to take full advantage of opportunities available to us in the coming year and beyond.

*Wishing everyone a safe and joyful holiday season.
Meinrad Kuettel*

ENERGY & UTILITY BILL ASSISTANCE

There are multiple resources available for possible assistance to our residents. MCCAC is offering appointments to discuss in person or you may visit their website to apply at www.mccac.com. FindEnergy is also offering assistance and programs for help.

Check eligibility here:

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WILDLIFE IN CITY LIMITS

As a reminder, feeding the deer or any other wildlife that may reside or pass-through Grass Valley is against the law. There have been multiple reports of deer with health and soundness issues and it has been determined that the most likely cause of this is the excess amounts of “unnatural” feeds they are consuming.

EVERBRIDGE

All residents of Sherman County are encouraged to sign up for Everbridge, Sherman County’s Frontier Regional Alert System. This system provides all evacuation and emergency notices for all of Sherman County. You can find the link on our website under the [Announcements Page](#) to sign up!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

» [South Sherman Fire District Special Meeting](#) – Sunday, January 29th, 2023 – Grass Valley Pavilion – 3:00 PM

» [City Council Meeting](#) – Next Meeting: Monday, February 6th, 2023 – **[Grass Valley Market Annex](#)** – 7:00 PM

» [South Sherman Fire District Board Meeting](#) – Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 8th, 2023 – Grass Valley Pavilion – 6:30 PM

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UPCOMING EVENTS

» [Grass Valley City Council Special Meeting](#) – Thursday, February 23rd, 2023 – Grass Valley Market Annex – 7:00 PM – *Potential funding for proposed Wastewater System is the topic of discussion for this meeting. It will not replace the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting.*

» [Grass Valley City Council Meeting](#) – Next Meeting: Monday, March 6th, 2023 – [Grass Valley Market Annex](#) – 7:00 PM

» [South Sherman Fire District Board Meeting](#) – Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 8th, 2023 – [Grass Valley City Hall](#) – 6:30 PM

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MARCH 2023

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GRASS VALLEY ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, APRIL 1
 (ONE WEEK BEFORE EASTER WEEKEND)
10:00 AM
GRASS VALLEY PARK & PAVILION
 ~ AGES 0-12 YRS OLD for EGG HUNT~

~ ALL AGES WELCOME~
 FOR
AWARD WINNING MAGICIAN
ALEXANDER MASTER OF MARVELS!
 (APPROX. 10:20 AM)
FOLLOWED BY~ SKATE PARTY
 (APPROX. 11:40 AM)
 (SKATES ARE AVAILABLE IN PAVILION)

PLEASE BRING A SACK LUNCH!
 ACTIVITIES END BETWEEN 1 PM - 2 PM

QUESTIONS? CALL
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 SHERI SHARP ~ 541-333-2223

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UPCOMING EVENTS

» Grass Valley Easter Egg Hunt -Saturday, April 1st, 2023 – Grass Valley Park & Pavilion – 10:00 AM

» Grass Valley City Council Meeting – Next Meeting: Monday, April 3rd, 2023 – Grass Valley Market Annex – 7:00 PM

» South Sherman Fire District Board Meeting – Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 12th, 2023 – Grass Valley City Hall – 6:30 PM

**** MORE INFORMATION ON BACK ****

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ADDITIONAL MCCAC PROGRAMS

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MAY 2023

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ANNUAL CCR REPORT

Our Annual Quality Water Report is available for viewing in City Hall as well as being listed on our website (along with all past years' reports) for anyone who would like to view. You will find the report under the Announcement & Forms tab of our website: www.grassvalleyoregon.com

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UPCOMING EVENTS

» SHERMAN COUNTY BURN BAN BEGINS JUNE 1ST!

» Grass Valley City Council Meeting – Next Meeting: Monday, June 5th, 2023 – Grass Valley Market Annex – 7:00 PM with Budget Hearing to begin at 6:45 PM

» South Sherman Fire District Board Meeting – Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 14th, 2023 – Grass Valley City Hall – 6:30 PM with Budget Hearing to follow at 7:30 PM

» Grass Valley Farmers Market – Second Saturday of every month! Next Market: Saturday, June 10th, 2023 – Grass Valley Park – 10 AM to 1 PM

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JUNE 2023

FROM YOUR CITY COUNCIL:



OVERGROWTH/PROPERTY CLEANUP LETTER

Recently, all property owners and renters in town should have received a letter in regards to property clean-up. There have been many inquiries about this and to make things clear, this letter was sent out to EVERYONE for informative purposes only. Violation letters will be sent to individuals who have not brought their property into compliance and actions will be taken from that point forward.

FEMA FLOOD MAPPING

As many of you may have heard, the FEMA Flood Maps have recently been updated. For more information, please plan on attending the August City Council Meeting for a presentation and information from FEMA. That meeting will be held on Monday, August 7th.

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» **SHERMAN COUNTY BURN BAN IN EFFECT!**

» Grass Valley City Council Meeting – Next Meeting: Monday, July 10th, 2023 – Grass Valley Market Annex – 7:00 PM

» South Sherman Fire District Board Meeting – Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 9th, 2023 – Grass Valley City Hall – 6:30 PM

» Grass Valley Farmers Market – Second Saturday of every month! Next Market: Saturday, July 8th, 2023 – Grass Valley Park – 10 AM to 1 PM

» Sherman County Harvest Fest – Sunday, July 23rd – Dewey Street, Moro, Oregon – 2 PM – 7 PM

» Sherman County Fair – August 23-26, 2023 – “Hold On To Your Hat”

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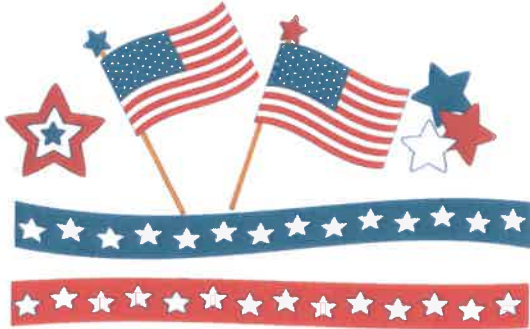
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CITY ADMINISTRATOR VACANCY

The City of Grass Valley is looking to fill the position of City Administrator. For a full Job Description, contact City Hall, City Council Members, or Mayor Meinrad Kuettel.

Interested applicants are asked to submit a Letter of Interest and Resume to City Hall or Mayor Kuettel by July 31st. They may be mailed or submitted by email as well.

This position will be open until filled.

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September 2023

FROM YOUR CITY COUNCIL:



AS SUMMER DRAWS TO A CLOSE we are diligently working on city improvement projects. Walter has done extensive work on the city water system taking advantage of the time Brown Construction had our sidewalks torn apart, to repair and replace some of your aging water pipes. He was also able to identify and repair a major leak we had at the North end of town. I know we are all very grateful for his efforts in keeping our water system safe and functioning properly.

MOVING FORWARD ON PAVING PROJECT

We will be chip sealing all the currently paved streets. Please note the date when posted, because all cars parked on or along city right-of-way will need to be removed to avoid being coated in oil and rock. The exact date will be posted on our website and at the post office as soon as it is confirmed, probably the 2nd or 3rd week of September.

THE CITY OF GRASS VALLEY IS PARTNERING WITH MCEDD AND OTHER CITIES OF SHERMAN COUNTY to review and restructure our ordinances to be more inline where commonalities exist. The goal is to overcome the obstacles all the cities have experienced in lack of ordinance enforcement. Rest assured, I strongly believe each of our cities is its own unique entity and one solution will not fit for everyone. However, we do share many similarities and can draw on each other's strengths in those areas. The initial meeting on this topic is Sep. 28 at 2pm in Rufus City Hall. I encourage anyone interested to attend. We are open to ideas and discussion on this issue. I hope this will be the

beginning of a closer working relationship enabling the sharing of ideas and resources so we can all enjoy the shared benefits to our community.

I CONTINUE TO EXPERIENCE FOR MYSELF AND HEAR COMPLAINTS FROM RESIDENTS

about dogs not on a leash or escaping their yards, as well as loud music. I'd like to remind everyone the city requires dogs to be on a leash at all times when not in their fenced yard. If you let your dogs out, be sure your fence will contain them, or you may find yourself held liable. There is also an ordinance limiting the volume of music/voices/noise to within 5 feet of your property line. Please be considerate of your neighbors when having a party or simply listening to your music.

I'D LIKE TO WELCOME OUR NEW CITY

ADMINISTRATOR Samantha Allen, and sadly bid farewell to Whitney Nogle who has done a fantastic job serving our community.

Most of you probably know Sam, she brings with her a broad background in administrative as well as financial experience. I know she will be an excellent addition to our City Staff and look forward to working with her.

» SHERMAN COUNTY BURN BAN STILL IN EFFECT! UPCOMING EVENTS

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» Grass Valley Farmers Market – Second Saturday of every month! Next Market: Saturday, Sept 9, 2023 – Grass Valley Park – 10 AM to 1 PM

» Free Food Preservation Classes Sat 9/30, 10/14 at the GV Pavilion at 10am

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October 2023

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» **SHERMAN COUNTY BURN BAN LIFTED**

-but please burn responsibly -

Use a burn barrel

Have water and shovel on hand

Do not leave fire unattended, OR smoldering.

Do not burning after dark.

Do not burn the following:

*Asbestos

*Asphalt or industrial waste

*Automotive parts (including frames)

*Dead animals

*Plastic and rubber products

*Tires

*Waste oil, petroleum treated and related materials

*Wet garbage and food waste



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CITY CLEAN-UP DAY

The City of Grass Valley is once again offering a City-Wide Clean-Up Day!! It is scheduled for *Saturday, October 21st, from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM,*

for \$5 per load. This will take place at the City Burn Pile. This is a wonderful opportunity for Citizens to dispose of excess garbage! A big **THANK YOU** to The Dalles Disposal for donation of the dumpsters and the City Council for volunteering their time to make sure it all runs smoothly!

***Reminder: No hazardous materials, no paint, no human garbage or food garbage, no electronics, batteries, or tires. ***

UPCOMING EVENTS

» City Council Meeting – Begins at 7:00 PM (Next Meeting: October 2nd, 2023 – in the **Grass Valley Market Annex**)

» [Grass Valley Farmers Market](#) –Saturday, October 14, 2023 – Grass Valley Park – 10 AM to 1 PM (Last one of 2023)

» [Free Food Preservation Classes](#) 10/14 at the GV Pavilion at 10am

» [12th Annual Max Nogle Dinner Dance](#) – Saturday, November 4th, 2023 – Grass Valley Pavilion – Social hour at 5pm. Tri-tip dinner at 6, dance 8-12am. Tickets are \$25 at the door.

» Grass Valley Christmas Bazaar – Saturday, December 2nd, 2022 – in the Grass Valley Pavilion More details coming soon!

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November 2023

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UPCOMING EVENTS

12th Annual Max Nogle Dinner Dance –
 Saturday, November 4th, 2023 – Grass Valley Pavilion – see below for details....

City Council Meeting – Begins at 7:00 PM --
 Next Meeting: November 6th, 2023 – in the
 (Grass Valley Market Annex)

Grass Valley Christmas Bazaar – Saturday,
 December 2nd, 2022 – in the Grass Valley Pavilion
 see details below...

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December 2023

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City Council Meeting – Begins at 7:00 PM --
 Next Meeting: **December 4, 2023** – in the
 (Grass Valley Market Annex)

City Water System Community Meeting
 -The City of Grass Valley will hold a community meeting on **Monday, December 11, 2023 at 7pm** to discuss "Cross Connection" and the need for "Back-flow Prevention Devices" on certain water customers service lines.
 -The discussion will center around education of what Cross Connection and Back-flow Prevention entails, as well as the cities requirement to implement a program to ensure compliance with state standards. To be held at: **(Grass Valley Market Annex).**

PARKING ON CITY STREETS

As winter weather arrives, please remember to park as far off the City streets as possible. This allows for snow plows and other snow clearing machinery/vehicles to clear our streets safely and efficiently, and help keep our residents as safe as possible.

Grass Valley Christmas Bazaar – Saturday, December 2nd, 2022 – in the Grass Valley Pavilion see details below...

COUNTRY CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
Grass Valley Pavilion
DECEMBER 2, 2023
10:00-2:00
25 vendors featuring handmade gifts for everyone on your list!
Coffee, hot cocoa, pasteries & soups!
SANTA FLIES IN AT 12:00 DEPARTS AT 1:30

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