

Council Update

Council meetings are regularly held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m., Planning Commission meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Grass Valley City Hall at 125 East Main. If you can't attend a meeting, you can watch it "live" or see a rebroadcast at 7 p.m. on Comcast channel 14 on the Friday and Sunday evenings following the meetings. For additional information, check the City's website:

www.cityofgrassvalley.com

Wolf Creek Parkway

The process to define a preferred alignment for the Wolf Creek Parkway continues to progress. The Wolf Creek Parkway will be a multi-use trail that may someday allow residents and visitors to walk, jog or pedal their way from McCourtney Rd. to Sutton Way through downtown Grass Valley. For more information contact Dan at 274-4333 or Sandy at 477-6483.



Dan Chance, Associate Planner

Fireworks 2005

The 4th of July will be here soon and will you and your family be safe and within the law when using fireworks? The City has new restrictions on fireworks usage and fireworks are not to be used in the unincorporated areas of Nevada County. When purchasing fireworks, read the handouts you receive for clarification on what is allowed. Fireworks can only be used on July 4th

between the hours of 6 p.m. and 12 midnight. Informational handouts are available at City Hall and at all City fire stations.



SUMMER FUN

The Memorial Park Pool opens on Monday June 13th. Open swim is offered Monday to Saturday from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. Family Fun nights are every Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Call 477-4650 for details. Also, swim lessons are held Monday to Friday from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. For more information call Jill at 268-4567.

Thanks to the Superintendent of Schools there will be a supervised Summer Recreation Program at Memorial Park. The program will involve games, songs, sports and arts and crafts from June 20th to August 5th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Tennis Anyone?

Tennis lessons are offered to both youth and adults at Memorial Park. The next Session begins on July 7th and the cost is \$50 per person. For more information contact Sandy at 477-6483.

The 15th annual Bob Watson Memorial Over the Line Tournament will be held on Saturday and Sunday September 24th and 25th. Entries will be taken in advance at City Hall or on Friday, September 23rd from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Les Eva Field in Memorial Park.

It's not too late to sign up for soccer. Gold Country Youth Soccer is still accepting players for the season that begins on August 27th. Call 272-5357 for details or go to:

www.gcyslsoccer.org.



Wayne Frantzen and Ashley St. Germain,
Pool Managers.



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Cannon Rededication at Dow Alexander Park

A ceremony was held last October rededicating the Columbiad Cannon at Dow Alexander Park. The local chapter of E Clampus Vitus helped sponsor this event along with the City.



Volunteers Needed

Thanks to the efforts of the Nevada County Land Trust, progress has been made on the Empire/Memorial Trail. This trail will soon connect the trail system in the Empire Mine Park to Memorial Park. Work days are from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on most Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Call the Land Trust at 272-5994.



Bill and Joyce Haire,
Nevada County Land Trust.

Traffic Around the Post Office

The Grass Valley Post Office on E. Main St. will likely continue to be a magnet for traffic congestion. The City is exploring short and long term mitigations to address the issue. In the meantime, why not consider alternatives for your postal needs:

- Visit the Post Office at times that are normally not as busy.
- Park at any spot available instead of holding up traffic by waiting for a "prime" spot.
- Services are available at Post Offices in Cedar Ridge, Nevada City, SPD Markets, and at a variety of private mail service businesses.
- Most supermarkets sell stamps and have mail drop boxes.

Buy stamps online at www.usps.com



Keith Sauers, Interim City Engineer.

Budget Briefs

On June 14th Council adopted the budget for the City for fiscal year 2005/2006. Copies are available for review at City Hall and the Grass Valley Library. The budget strives to achieve many of Council's prioritized goals and objectives. Questions? Contact Carol at 274-4300

Development Code Update

The City is moving forward with its first comprehensive update of the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances since 1965 and 1975. The goal of the update is to modernize the code and create development standards that will help reflect, enhance, and preserve the character of Grass Valley. There will be a series of workshops to review current and proposed development standards. For information contact Tom at 274-4330.

Citizen Police Academy

The Citizen Academy is a 13 week course designed to educate citizens on the operations of The Police Department. Areas covered include community oriented policing, patrol function, communications, 9-1-1, investigations, laws of arrest, criminal justice system, traffic issues, youth issues, defensive tactics, identity theft and volunteer programs.

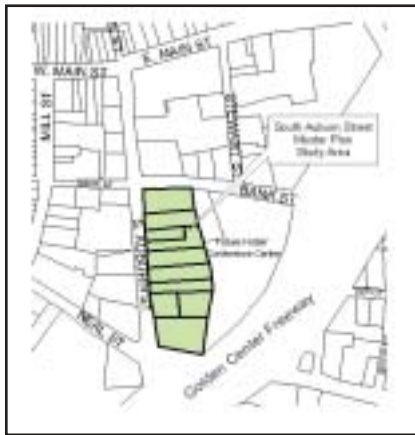
The 1st graduation ceremony was held at the April 26th City Council meeting to honor the following graduates:

Lowell G. Banks	Kimberly Katis
Cindy Gilmore	William E. Lewis
Debra M. Gippner	Albert S. Martinez
Scot Hutchison	Stan Meckler
Sunya Hutchison	Susan A. Patton
Bruce Johnson	Lianne T. Werner
Jon A. Katis	

The Citizen Academy has proven to be an outstanding tool for the community and the Police Department to get to know one another. Another Academy will be held in 2006. Should you have an interest, contact Detective Hren at 477-4600.



So. Auburn St. Master Plan Update



The South Auburn Street Master Plan, which includes the buildings on the eastside of South Auburn St. from Colfax/Neal Sts. to Bank St. will evaluate development options and guide future improvements in that area. Two public workshops were held which evaluated ideas for the future of the area. A third workshop was held this month to unveil redevelopment opportunities. For information, contact Leslie at 274-4714.

Colfax Avenue Infill Study Update



The Colfax Avenue Infill Study, which includes the buildings fronting Colfax Ave. easterly of Highway 49/20 to Park St. will evaluate development options to stimulate the

economic vitality of the neighborhood. Two public workshops have been held to identify development opportunities. A third workshop was held this month to discuss the preferred redevelopment alternatives. For more information, contact Leslie at 274-4714.

Something New at "Ralph's" Grocery Store

OPENING SOON -The Community Policing Neighborhood Resource Center office will open this summer at Ralph's Grocery Store on Sutton Way. This office will



create a place for Police Officers and volunteers to meet with citizens during specific designated daily hours. Also, this office will be utilized by the Officer assigned to the area to conduct follow up investigations and complete reports. Telephone access to the Grass Valley Police Department is available for citizens from this location when an officer is not present at the office. It was through community donations that this office became a reality and the City is very grateful for the support.

Fire Alarm Pull Boxes to be Decommissioned

A Grass Valley tradition which has been in place for 70 years has succumbed to technology and old age. High maintenance and upgrade costs plus non use have brought an end to the fire alarm pull boxes in the City. Once the alarm system is completely decommissioned, individuals will be able to purchase the alarm boxes for \$175 with the proceeds designated to refurbish the old fire station on Race Street into a fire museum, as well as help restore the 1927 Seagraves. Contact Jean at 274-4370 to reserve an alarm box.



Hank Weston, Fire Chief

Does Your Home Need Rehabilitation

Low interest housing rehabilitation loans are available for income eligible households. Work may include roofing, plumbing, electrical, mechanical, siding, windows, doors, insulation, foundation, painting, etc. Grant funds are also available for woodstove replacement and emergency repairs.

For more information, contact Beth at 274-4344.

Work Program for Downtown Strategic Plan

Grass Valley's Downtown Strategic Plan was created to guide future development and improvements in the downtown area. A three-year implementation program was adopted on April 12th to implement the recommendations in the Plan. Work tasks include street scape, parking, circulation and management/promotional improvements in the downtown. For more information, contact Leslie at 274-4714.

First Time Homebuyer Program

Thinking about buying a home? The City of Grass Valley continues to offer 0% deferred loans to income qualified first time home buyers. You may qualify for up to \$50,000 to be used for closing costs and/or down payment. Some requirements are:

- Must be pre-approved for a first mortgage
- Must meet household income guidelines
- Have not owned a home in the past 3 years
- Property must be inside the City limits and pass a health and safety inspection

For information, contact Beth at 274-4344.

Green Waste Program & Recycling Efforts

Green waste (yard waste) pick up is now available to all City residents! For a few dollars each month, you can request either a 64 or 96 gallon bin from Waste Management who picks up the containers on the opposite week from the recycling pick up. To sign up call 274-3090.

Did you know that there are household hazardous waste items that are accepted at the McCourtney Road Recycling Center ANYTIME? Items allowed are used oil, oil filters and related products, anti-freeze, batteries, paints and solvents. You are limited to 15 gallons or 125 pounds per load.

Also, there is no longer a charge to recycle computer monitors or televisions at the McCourtney Transfer Station. Questions? Call the Recycling Hotline at 265.1768. The transfer station and recycling center are open 7 days a week from 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Contact Waste Management at 274-3090, or the County Department of Transportation and Sanitation Hotline at 265-1768 to learn about other available programs.



“The Highlands Project”

The City is accepting applications for the 8 affordable housing units in the “Highlands Project” located at Catalpa Lane and East Main Street. The project consists of 39 one-story single family residential units and 8 will be available for purchase by low income individuals or families. Eligibility criteria includes being a first time home buyer, live and work locally and fall within certain income limits.

For more information and an application package contact Leslie at 274-4714 or visit the City's website.



Beth Owens, Housing Technician/Administrative Clerk and Leslie Woodman, Housing/Economic Development Specialist at “The Highlands.”

Dorsey Drive Interchange is Needed

To speed up the construction of a freeway interchange at Dorsey Drive, the Council urges area residents to write letters to the governor and other elected officials. The State needs to relinquish nearly \$10 million within the next year to keep the project on schedule. It is currently projected to open around 2011. Contacts are:

• Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, State Capitol, Sacramento, Ca 95814

• Senator Sam Aanestad, State Capitol, Room 2054, Sacramento, CA 95814

• Assemblyman Rick Keene, State Capitol, Room 6027, P. O. Box 942849, Sacramento, Ca 94249-003

• Senator Tom Torlakson, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Housing and Transportation, State Capitol, Room 4032, Sacramento, CA 95814

• Assemblywoman Jenny Oropeza, Chair of Committee on Transportation, State Capitol, P. O. Box 942849, Sacramento, CA 94249-0055



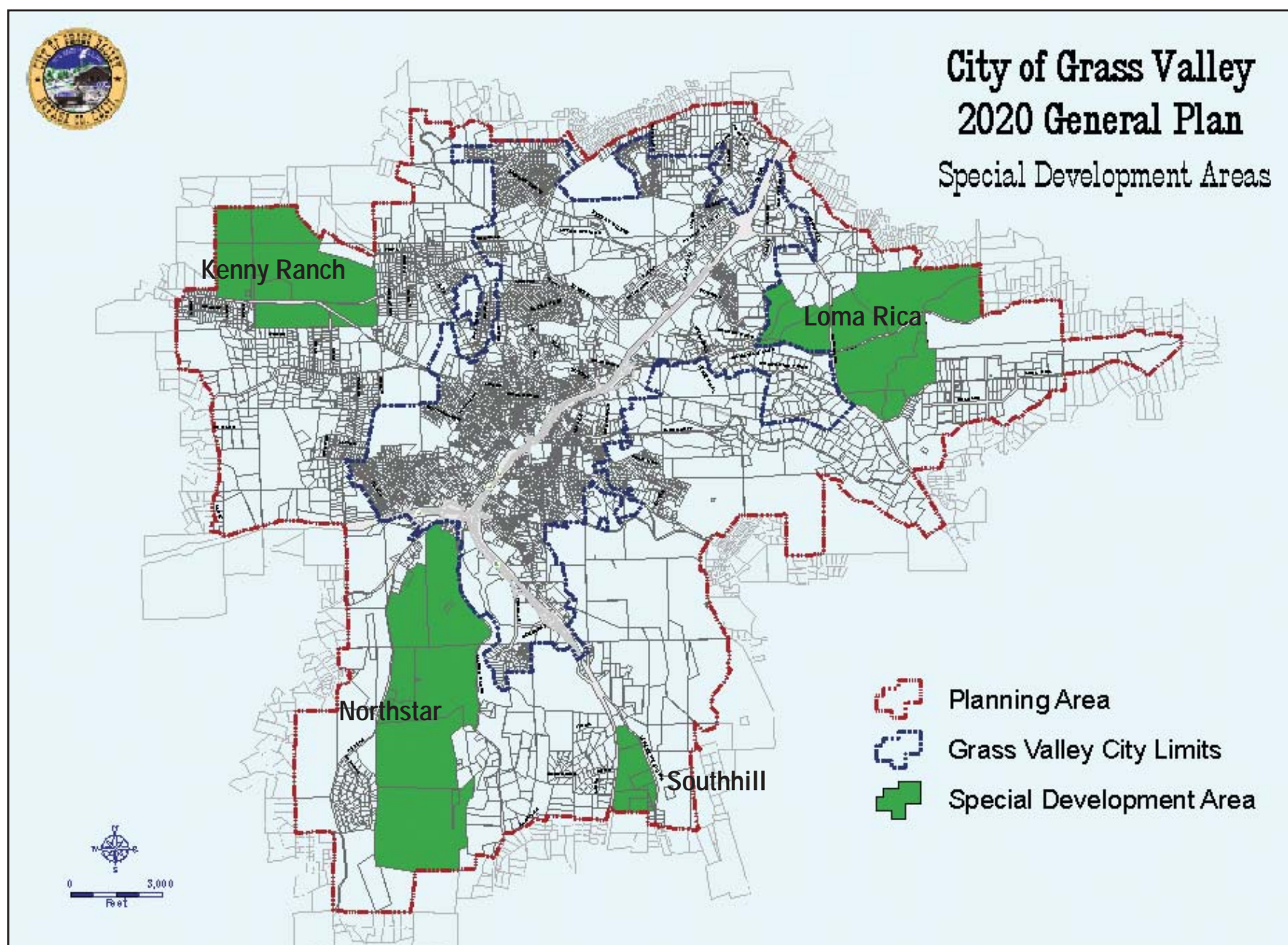
Status Of Special Development Areas (SDAs)

A study that evaluates the market/fiscal/job-housing conditions for the City and Western Nevada County is anticipated to be presented to the City Council in the summer of 2005. This study will assist Council in examining the future growth and land use mix of the community.

Council has directed that any applications filed for these SDAs be deferred until the study is accepted as complete. Also, the SDA Study will need to be completed and the preference for initiating any General Plan amendments resolved by Council prior to any of the SDA applications being formally considered. A brief status report on these applications is provided below:

<u>Application/SDA</u>	<u>Status</u>
Southhill Village	Application filed. EIR under preparation.
Northstar	Application filed. Further Evaluation Pending.
Loma Rica	Application filed. Further Evaluation Pending.
Kenny Ranch	Preliminary Proposal Filed.

Information on this study is available on the City's website. For more information contact the Community Development Department at 274-4330.



Useful Telephone Numbers (area code 530)

- City Administrator/City Clerk • 274-4310
- Finance Department • 274-4300
- Community Development • 274-4330
- Public Works/Parks • 274-4350
- Engineering • 274-4373

- Fire Department • 274-4370
- Police Department • 477-4600
- Animal Shelter & Control • 477-4630
- Human Resources • 274-4311
- City Information Line • 274-4319
- City email: info@cityofgrassvalley.com

New Larger Friday Night Market

Grass Valley Friday Night Market begins Friday, July 1st and continues through Friday, September 2nd from 6:00 to 9:30 p.m. This family event takes



place in the vibrant downtown historical districts of Mill and Main Sts. This year the market will be extended on E. Main St. to Stewart St., in front of City Hall where the entertainment stage will be placed. There will be a specific youth area on S. Auburn St. at Main St. with special booths for the young and young at heart. Farm fresh produce at the Certified Growers Market will continue to be on Mill St.

with other booths displaying art, crafts, health related items, and more.

The Friday Night Market offers festive, tasty food, tantalizing treats and restaurant dining. Entertainment is always a hit and the downtown businesses bring you the finest in shopping. Bring your family and friends and remember there is always something happening downtown.



Sandy Jacobson, Recreation & Facilities Manager,
at the new park office at Memorial Park.

Information on Lead-Based Paint & Asbestos

The presence of lead based paint and asbestos in our homes provides the potential for health hazards. Lead-based paint can be present on the painted surfaces of pre-1978 structures and asbestos found in the walls and roofing materials of pre-1985 structures. Disturbing surfaces and materials containing lead based paint can expose persons to hazards that could lead to serious physical and mental conditions. For more information on lead-based paint, contact: www.dhs.ca.gov/childlead or 1/800/596-LEAD (5323).

For asbestos, contact www.lungusa.org or 1/800/LUNG-USA (5864-872). Informational handouts are also available at the Building Department at Grass Valley City Hall.

A Big Welcome to our New Employees

In 2004 Council separated the Engineering Division from the Public Works Department in order to direct more attention to issues of traffic, community development, capital improvement projects and other functions.

Additions to the “Engineering Dream Team”

Tim Kiser, City Engineer
Diana Langley, Senior Engineer
Larry Chapman, Engineering Technician

Also, a leader for the Public Works Department

Jeffrey Jewett, Director of Public Works

And new Police Officers James Amaral and Wes Collins

Also, a big thank you to Keith Sauers for assisting the City as the Interim City Engineer for the past 6 months.



James Amaral



Wes Collins



**Jeff Jewett, Diana Langley
and Larry Chapman**



**Keith Sauers, Interim City Engineer,
welcoming the City's new Engineer,
Tim Kiser.**



**Jim Marquis, the City's new Fire Chief, being welcomed
by Hank Weston, retiring Fire Chief.**



Larry Chapman, Engineering Technician, at Minnie Park

2005-2006 Capital Improvement Program

Grass Valley's 2005-2006 FY Capital Improvement Program includes the following projects:

- E. Main St. between Hughes Rd. and Dorsey Dr. is scheduled to receive an asphalt overlay.
- Linden Ave. from west of Finnie St. to N. School St. will be reconstructed.
- Construction of water, sewer and drainage improvements on Doris Dr.
- New playground equipment at Minnie Park.
- Construction of Phase 2 of Mautino Park.
- Installation of pedestrian improvements in the vicinity of Hughes Rd. and Ridge Rd.
- Widening E. Main St. in front of Maria's Restaurant

Questions? Contact the Engineering Department at 274-4355.

Pre-Design Improvements at the Wastewater Treatment Plant

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board has issued the City its Waste Discharge Permit for the wastewater treatment plant. This permit governs the discharge of effluent from the treatment plant to Wolf Creek in accordance with the Clean Water Act.

To comply with the new, more stringent, effluent limitations, the City must construct modifications to the treatment plant. These modifications include improvement to the denitrification process and conversion of the chlorine disinfection process to an ultraviolet (UV) disinfection process. These changes will lower the discharge of some constituents to acceptable levels.

Once the needed improvements have been identified, the City will pursue the detailed design of these improvements and when completed the project will be advertised for construction. Construction should occur during 2007 at an estimated cost of \$10 million.

Vegetation Hazard Abatement

Spring has brought us beauty and an abundance of vegetation that will quickly turn brown and become a potential for fire. The City has adopted ordinances for abatement of properties causing nuisances and fire hazards. Don't be a hazard to your neighbors!

REMEMBER that vegetation drop off will be conducted at Condon Park, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Friday July 8th, Saturday, July 16th, Sunday July 24th and Monday, August 1st.

Storm Water Pollution Prevention

One of the leading causes of pollution in creeks, rivers, and lakes is storm water runoff from developed areas. Identifying sources of storm water pollution and keeping pollutants from storm drains and ditches is the most economical way to keep storm water clean. Consider these steps to prevent storm water pollution:

- Don't dump anything down storm drains.
- Dispose of litter properly.
- Keep storm drains clear of debris, dirt, sand, silt and wastes.
- Prevent dripping and spilling of automotive fluids.
- Wash cars at a car wash.
- Reduce or eliminate use of chemical pesticides and fertilizers for landscaping.
- Recycle leaves, grass clippings and other yard waste.
- Plant or pave areas that are prone to erosion.
- Keep construction debris away from the street, gutter and storm drains.



Richard FitzHugh
Public Works Superintendent

We can prevent storm water pollution, if we all do our part.

2005 Heritage Home Awards

The Grass Valley Historical Commission held the 8th annual Heritage Home Awards ceremony on May 20th. This program recognizes homes that have been determined to have historical and architectural significance. The City annually presents the owners of five homes within the original 1872 Township with a bronze-cast historic plaque. The plaque is awarded in recognition and appreciation for their efforts to maintain or restore their historic home. The 2005 award winners are:

- 203 Pleasant St., Paul and Sandy Varacalli
- 153 Race St., Gerald and Judith Neumann
- 128 High St., Curtis Romander and Cheryl Wicks
- 257 S. Auburn St., Edward Kiernan
- 104 Walsh St., Gregory and Dolores Bulanti

Any questions about the Heritage Home Awards can be directed to Barb at 274-4330.



**153 Race Street
Gerald & Judith Neumann**

Thank you for commenting on this newsletter, as input that you provide assists us in improving the services offered to you. The next edition will be mailed in December.

Student Volunteers

This spring students from local schools contributed numerous hours of their time assisting with projects that have benefited the City's Parks. 3R School spent a total of 3 days planting Daffodil bulbs, pruning fruit trees, and building a trail at the future site of Mautino Park. Grass Valley Charter School students came out to Glenn Jones Park on 5 separate occasions to remove blackberries along Wolf Creek and replant the area with native plants. Their efforts and wide variety of skills are greatly appreciated.



3R
Students
at
Mautino
Park



Grass Valley Charter School at Glenn Jones Park

City Offices Will Be Closed As Follows:

Monday, July 4th - Independence Day

Monday, September 5th - Labor Day

Monday, October 10th - Columbus Day

Monday, November 11th - Veterans Day

Thursday & Friday, November 24th & 25th - Thanksgiving

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