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Better Together: County Renews Contract with Hospitality House and Shares Future Plans on the Issue of Homelessness

At Tuesdays July 25th Board of Supervisor's meeting, the Board voted to approve a contract renewal with the local nonprofit community shelter, Hospitality House. At the meeting Nevada County's Behavioral Health Director, Rebecca Slade, also presented on outreach services provided to Nevada County's homeless community through Nevada County employees and partnerships with local nonprofits such as Hospitality House, Turning Point Providence Center, Project MANA, and the SPIRIT Peer Empowerment Center.

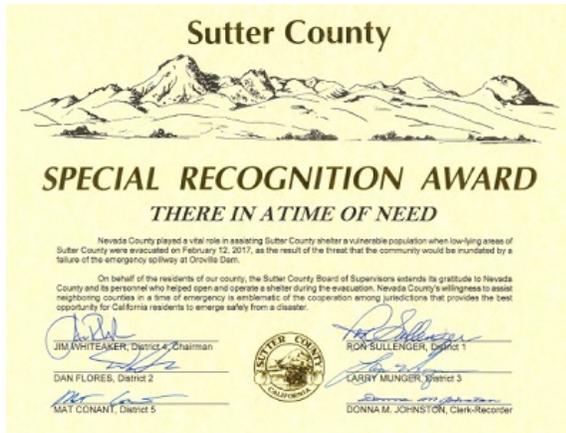
Brendan Phillips, Nevada County's new Housing Resource Manager starting July 31st, will serve as the main point of contact with all organizations and nonprofits who are providing services to those experiencing homelessness in Nevada County and will collaborate with Nevada County's Department Heads on contract development. In addition to providing services to those who are currently homeless, Nevada County Public Health also provides preventative outreach to community members who are HIV/AIDS positive and assists with short-term needs such as rent, mortgages, and utility payments.



Nevada County: Housing First

Looking forward, Nevada County Behavioral Health is planning to bring a contract before the Board for two additional Case Managers to be out-stationed at Hospitality House. They will be able to provide additional outreach and link clients to services and housing, and will be funded by a Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) and Substance Abuse Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA) block grant. Behavioral Health has also applied for an additional SAMHSA grant that, if awarded, will be used to create a five-member team for homeless outreach and provide housing for 30-40 individuals annually.

Nevada County Receives Special Recognition Award from Sutter County



On February 12, 2017, Sutter County evacuated residents in the low-lying areas of the county due to the threat of Orville Dam's emergency spillway failing. Sutter County evacuated over 180,000 residents located below the dam. Nevada County sheltered about 860 Sutter County evacuees during the emergency evacuations at three shelters in Nevada County: the Nevada County Fairgrounds, the First Baptist Church, and Calvary Bible Church.

On Tuesday, July 25th, Nevada County was presented with a Special Recognition Award from Sutter County for assisting

Sutter County in providing shelter to their residents that had to evacuate. The award states, "On behalf of the residents of our county, the Sutter County Board of Supervisors extends its gratitude to Nevada County and its personnel who helped open and operate a shelter during the evacuation. Nevada County's willingness to assist neighboring counties in a time of emergency is emblematic of the cooperation among jurisdictions that provides the best opportunity for California residents to emerge safely from a disaster."

Nevada County would like to thank all the partners and community members who came together to help open, run, and provide services at the Nevada County shelters during this emergency event.

Cannabis Conversation: New Agricultural Interest Member Appointed to the Cannabis Regulation CAG



At their July 25th Meeting the Nevada County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to appoint James Drew as a member of the Cannabis Regulation Community Advisory Group (CAG). Mr. Drew replaces Mathew Shapero, who resigned due to relocation, as a member representing agricultural interests. James Drew holds over thirty-six years of experience in teaching Agriculture, including 34 years teaching Agriculture locally at Nevada Union High School (NUHS). During his time at NUHS he taught subjects such as Animal Science, Plant Science, Forestry and Natural Resources, Horticulture, and Agricultural Mechanics. He has served on many different associations, most notably as President of the California Agriculture Teachers Association and as Treasurer for the Nevada County Livestock Producers. Many

Nevada County residents spoke to Drew's extensive agricultural experience, knowledge, and ability to work with others at public comment during Tuesday's Board meeting. Matthew Wentz, another applicant for the agricultural interests slot on the CAG, also recommended Drew as highly qualified candidate.

The [meeting schedule](#) for the CAG was revised at the July 25th meeting. The seventh meeting on August 22nd has been rescheduled for September 12th. The eighth CAG meeting date will be announced at the next meeting on August 8th.

The CAG was formed by the Board of Supervisors to advise the Board on the development of a permanent Cannabis Ordinance for Nevada County. This inclusive process will take into account the input of all community stakeholders. Nevada County has contracted [MIG](#) as a consultant during this

process. MIG provides facilitation services for the CAG to ensure a fair and equitable process while advising and drafting a new Cannabis Ordinance.

Please visit our [Cannabis Conversation website](#) for up-to-date information.

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August is Child Support Awareness Month



The Nevada County Board of Supervisors recognized the valuable services provided by the Sierra Nevada Regional Department of Child Support Services (SNRDCSS) by proclaiming August as Child Support Awareness Month in Nevada County at their July 25th meeting. "Give them something great to imitate" is the theme of this year's campaign. The staff of SNRDCSS recognizes those parents dedicated to being exceptional role models in the lives of their children.

Did you know that Child Support Agencies provide free services to parents? These services include: finding missing parents, establishing parentage so that children can benefit and inherit from their parent, assistance in crafting a child support or health insurance order that will be recognized in all 50 states, 4 U.S. territories and over 80 countries world-wide, genetic testing for parentage, accounting and collection and distribution of child support and modifying or changing the child support order. The services are provided by trained professionals, including attorneys and para-professional legal caseworkers.

During the month of August, Nevada County Child Support will be conducting various outreach events to educate the community on the services they provide. All families in Nevada and Sierra counties can benefit from the free services available regardless of income level. Your local Child Support Agency, SNRDCSS, is here to assist you.

If you would like to learn more about what the staff at SNRDCSS can do for you, please take the opportunity to attend one of the upcoming outreach events:

- **August 1, 2017:** Preschool Storytime at the Madelyn Helling Library 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. SNRDCSS staff will be available to answer questions about our program.
- **August 3, 2017:** Grass Valley Thursday Night Market 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.. Stop by our booth for information and to take part in our cakewalk for a chance to win tasty treats.
- **August 4, 2017:** First Friday Art Walk 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Come see us in the Kidzone where your children can make themselves a bracelet while you chat with our friendly staff.
- **August 4, 2017:** Tune in to KNCO's "On The Town" interview at 12:30 p.m. with SNRDCSS employees Sue Piscatella and Renee Quimby.
- **August 3 – 31, 2017:** Staff on site at Family Law Facilitator's Office Monday's 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and Thursday's 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for questions and assistance in completing child support paperwork.

For more events and information visit our [Facebook page](#).

Your local Child Support staff is dedicated to meeting the needs of both parents. Working with parents to reach fair and equitable child support orders is the primary focus of our staff. Whether you are the parent paying or receiving support, if you have questions about the child support process our friendly staff is here to help. If you are unable to attend one of these great community events you may stop in at one of our two locations, 950 Maidu Avenue, Nevada City or 988 McCourtney Road, Grass Valley or call (530) 265-7097 to speak with a child support representative, no appointment is necessary.

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Brunswick Road Open to Through Traffic



With road repairs complete on Brunswick Road south of East Bennett Road, the County opened Brunswick Road to thru traffic on Thursday, July 27th, 2017.

Since July 15, Hansen Bros. Enterprises has expedited emergency repairs to Brunswick Road that included the installation of additional subsurface drains and removed and replaced approximately 4,000 cubic yards of roadway fill. With drainage and roadway fill work complete, the contractor was able to pave and restripe the road earlier this week.

Over Tuesday and Wednesday Hansen Bros. Enterprises completed the road paving and striping ahead of schedule and finalized site cleanup and equipment removal. By expediting the final paving and striping work, the County safely reopened the road to all traffic beginning Thursday morning.

The work has been completed more than two weeks ahead of schedule.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Project Manager Pat Perkins at (530) 265-7012 or at patrick.perkins@co.nevada.ca.us.

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Empty or Old Butane Canisters? We Can Help!

Nevada County Environmental Health Department receives citizen reports of illegally dumped butane canisters upon private or public lands. The most frequent question: Can Environmental Health come out and remove the canisters?

Discarded butane canisters, usually 6 oz. (300ml) each, are assumed to be generated from clandestine



Honey Oil Labs in which the butane is used to extract and concentrate tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), the active ingredient from marijuana. After the extraction, the THC is concentrated as an oil by vaporizing the butane off from the extraction solution.

The used butane canisters are eventually discarded, usually in large numbers. Unless punctured during the extraction process, used canisters should not be considered empty. Intact canisters are assumed to contain residual butane under pressure. Some butane canister producers use a proprietary combination of butane and propane. All of these pressurized gas canisters

are considered hazardous as they contain flammable gas. Butane is heavier than air, so it will linger at ground level. This enhances the hazard should the gas concentrate near an ignition source or open flame.

The Environmental Health Department encourages our citizens to utilize our on-line complaint portal to report illegally dumped butane canisters. Complaints should contain as much information as possible such as: address, cross-streets, dumpsite features that may inhibit access to the dumpsite location, is the property vacant, private land or public and any other information that would be useful to our investigation.

The Environmental Health Department works closely with the State of California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) which has a program focused on cleaning up butane canister dumpsites.

To file a complaint regarding butane canisters, please visit our on-line reporting portal and select "[report an environmental health problem](#)" under Services.

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Emergency Vehicle Preemption Installation Scheduled Along Highway 49

In the coming weeks, the Nevada County Department of Public Works will install Emergency Vehicle Preemption devices at three signalized intersections along Highway 49.

In an effort to improve traffic safety and decrease emergency response times along the Highway 49 corridor, the County received state funding for the installation of preemption devices on Highway 49 at Alta Sierra Drive, Lime Kiln Road, and Combie Road / Wolf Road. Preemption devices allow traffic signals to provide priority access to emergency vehicles, halting conflicting traffic and allowing the emergency vehicle to travel through congested intersections more quickly and under safer conditions.

Work is scheduled to occur between 8:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. in August and will be performed by Pacific Excavation at a cost of \$63,900. Little to no impacts to traffic are expected as the equipment is being installed.

For more information on this or other County road activity, please contact the County's Department of Public Works at (530) 265-1411 or visit our [Facebook page](#).

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Road Resurfacing Project Scheduled to Begin July 31st

In the coming weeks, the Nevada County Department of Public Works will be resurfacing various roads in Nevada County. A microsurface will be applied to approximately 18.3 miles of roads maintained in public road maintenance districts like County Service Areas and Permanent Road Divisions.

A microsurface, similar to a more traditional slurry seal, is a thin layer of asphaltic material that will fill in ruts and seal the roadway to help prevent water damage and prolong pavement life. Microsurfacing includes chemical additives, which allow the surface to harden without relying on the sun or heat. Microsurfacing hardens more quickly than slurry seals and works well on roads with lots of shade and/or traffic.

The project is proposed to begin on July 31, 2017 and will be completed around August 25, 2017. During construction, the contractor will post notices 72 hours in advance of any work, with specific dates and times that may impede access. One-lane traffic control will be in effect during construction, and delays are expected. Residents affected by the microsurface project have been notified in advance of the project. No major arterial or collector roads are affected by this proposed work.

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Annual Friends of the Truckee Library Book Sale

The Friends of the Truckee Library will hold their Annual Book and Media Sale on Saturday, August 5, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the School District Office at 11603 Donner Pass Road in Truckee. Hundreds of non-fiction, fiction, children's books, CDs, audio books, and movies will be offered for sale, with proceeds helping the Friends to support programs at the Truckee Library.

Members of the Friends of the Truckee Library are invited to a members-only pre-sale event from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. For more information on the book sale or membership, contact the Friends of the Truckee Library at truckeefol@gmail.com.

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Upcoming Events in the Library

Final Summer Reading Events: The Library's Summer Reading Program will culminate in a series of parties and performances during the first week of August.

- Wednesday, August 2nd, at 4:00 p.m., come to the Bear River Station to celebrate with checkers and tic-tac-toe super bowl games, prizes, free books, and refreshments. The event will be repeated at the Penn Valley Station on Thursday, August 3rd, at 3:00 pm.
- Friday, August 4th, at 11:00 a.m., Musical Robot will perform at the Amphitheater next to the Madelyn Helling Library. Musical Robot is a ukulele and drum combo that combines songs, storytelling, puppetry, and dance moves into a dynamic concert.

Summer Reading Program participants can turn in their STEAM Sheets on or before the Musical Robot concert to receive a free book and be entered into a drawing for lots of great prizes, including an iPad Mini. Winners will be drawn at the concert; you do not need to be present to win.

Solar Eclipse: Come to the Madelyn Helling Library on Tuesday, August 1st, to learn about the solar eclipse that will occur later in the month. David Buchla from the Nevada County Astronomers will discuss what to look for in the partial phase, viewable from Nevada County on August 21st, as well as more about the total eclipse for those who are travelling to see it. Buchla has been to fourteen total eclipses and has had eclipse photographs published in Astronomy magazine. The Library has a limited number of eclipse viewing glasses and will be giving some away at this event, one per person, while supplies last. For more information about the program, contact Mellisa Hannum at (530) 265-7050.

Blended Metal Saxophones: The final concert of the popular *Musical Mondays at Madelyn's* series will feature Blended Metal Saxophones. All ages are welcome at the free performance, which will be held in the Marian E. Gallaher, M.D. Amphitheater next to the Madelyn Helling Library from 11:00 a.m. to Noon on Monday, July 31st. A collaboration between the Nevada County Community Library and InConcert Sierra, Musical Mondays is a time to enjoy local musicians and the Library's beautiful new amphitheater. Feel free to bring a lawn chair and a bag lunch, if you wish. For more information, call the Library at (530) 265-1407.

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