

# Friday Memo for 6/9/2017

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## 2017 Citizen's Academy Accepting Applications



The County of Nevada is now accepting applications for our Citizen's Academy, which offers a behind the scenes look at County Government. Citizen's Academy provides insight into the array of services that help support a healthy, safe and vibrant community. Participants will have a chance to learn about the wide variety of services, tour various county facilities, and meet the dedicated employees who provide the services.

### Where

Citizen's Academy will take place at various locations in Grass Valley and Nevada City. Some classes will take place at the Eric Rood Administrative Center in Nevada City, but participants will also have the opportunity to tour other County Facilities such as the Jail, the Airport, and the new Brighton Greens Resource

Center.

### When

Citizen's Academy takes place on consecutive Monday evenings (excluding holidays) between September 11<sup>th</sup> and November 20<sup>th</sup>.

September 11 <sup>th</sup>	Introduction to County Government
September 18 <sup>th</sup>	Information and General Services, & Emergency Services
September 25 <sup>th</sup>	County Finance
October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Community Development Agency, & Public Works
October 16 <sup>th</sup>	Public Safety
October 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Information and General Services, & Library
October 30 <sup>th</sup>	Behavioral & Public Health
November 6 <sup>th</sup>	Health & Human Services
November 13 <sup>th</sup>	Probation, Public Defender, & District Attorney
November 20 <sup>th</sup>	Board of Supervisors, & Graduation

## Why

The goal of Citizen's Academy is to increase civic engagement and acquaint community leaders with the various functions of County Government. This is the fourth offering of this academy, and past participants have found the experience useful in improving their effectiveness in the community. Comments received from previous participants include:

"I gained a valuable understanding of the scope of county services, as well as insight into the complex budgeting process. I came away with a tremendous respect for the expertise of our county employees and officials." - Susan Meagher, Citizen's Academy Graduate.

"I met various capable employees and department heads behind the County's operations and was impressed by the collaboration I saw between the many County departments." - Tom Cross, Citizen's Academy Graduate.

Applications are due June 30<sup>th</sup>. Find an [application here](#).

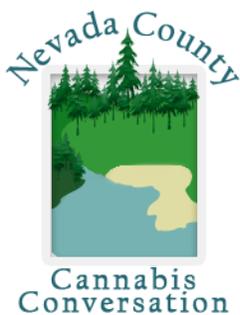
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## June 13th CAG Meeting Agenda

The Cannabis Regulation Community Advisory Group's (CAG) second meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, from 2 to 5PM at the Foothill Events Center at 400 Idaho Maryland Road in Grass Valley.

The public is welcome to attend and the meeting will be accessible to watch live on [NCTV](#) or archived on the [County website](#).



The meeting objectives for this meeting include: review of State-related cannabis activities, review of how other counties are approaching cannabis, and review and discussion of potential cannabis-related activities for Nevada County. Residents will be able to submit a [comment card](#) to the facilitator, MIG, during the meeting or via email at [cagmeetingcomments@migcom.com](mailto:cagmeetingcomments@migcom.com). Access the full [agenda](#) for the upcoming June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting is posted on our [Cannabis Conversation](#) site along with all agendas and supporting documents from meetings thus far.

The Cannabis Regulation Community Advisory Group (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 with [MIG](#) as a consultant during this process. MIG is providing facilitation services for the Cannabis Regulation CAG to ensure a fair and equitable process while advising and drafting a new Cannabis Ordinance.

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

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## Nevada County Facilities to Become Smoke and Tobacco Free



In an effort to provide an environment that protects lives and promotes the health, wellness and safety of staff, clients, contractors, volunteers and visitors, the Nevada County Health and Human Services Agency made the Laura Wilcox Building and the campuses located on Crown Point Circle and at Brighton Greens smoke-free and tobacco-free. Last year the Grass Valley and Nevada City Libraries passed a similar policy making those facilities smoke-free and tobacco-free as well. Now, as of July 1, 2017, all of the Nevada County campuses and facilities will be smoke-free and tobacco-free. This shift appears to be supported by County staff who were recently surveyed. Over 75% of respondents said they would support a more restrictive smoking policy at their place of work, approximately 56% said they

are currently negatively affected by secondhand smoke, and 27% said that clients or staff complain about tobacco use at their campus or facility.

This new policy not only aligns with our employees, but it also complements similar policies that make the downtown areas of both Grass Valley and Nevada City and our local parks smoke-free, protecting residents and visitors from exposure to secondhand smoke.

Dr. Ken Cutler, Nevada County Health Officer, will host two community forums to discuss the rationale for smoke-free policies. The first will be held on June 12<sup>th</sup>, noon-1:00 p.m., at the Joseph Center in Truckee and the second will be held on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., at the Rood Center in the Providence B Room. In addition, there will be a Health and Wellness Fair in the lobby of the Rood Center on June 30<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. to promote overall health and to kick-off the policy implementation. Please join us for one of these upcoming events!

If you have any questions about the forums or the fair, contact Liz Matson, Health and Wellness Program Manager, at (530) 265-1717 or at [liz.matson@co.nevada.ca.us](mailto:liz.matson@co.nevada.ca.us).

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## Building Fair Success



On June 2<sup>nd</sup> the Nevada County Community Development Agency (CDA) partnered with the Nevada County Association of Realtors (NCAOR) and the Nevada County Contractors' Association (NCCA) to host the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Building Fair. The fair had 50 vendors including licensed contractors in multiple fields, architects, utility companies, building material suppliers, industry representatives, construction lenders and multiple city/county agencies. There were several special presentations throughout the day regarding how to find a perfect property for you, sustainable building practices, micro housing, finding a contractor, construction lending and solar basics.

The weather was beautiful and the fair had attendees from out of the area as well as right down the street from the County offices.

Some of the multiple testimonials from customers included a family from Sacramento that stated, "We got a lot of good info as to our project we are starting later this year and everyone was very courteous and helpful." If you have any questions about the past fair or development permitting please do not hesitate to contact the Nevada County Community Development Agency at (530) 265-1222 or [ComDevAgency@co.nevada.ca.us](mailto:ComDevAgency@co.nevada.ca.us).

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## Gold Country Stage Free Fare Event June 15-17, 2017



Ride the Gold Country Stage bus on all routes to celebrate "National Dump the Pump Day, Ride Transit Day" on Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup> to commute to and from work, school, shopping errands, social activities and all regular travel pursuits. Riding public transit helps to save money on gas, lessens wear and tear on cars, helps in reducing traffic congestion and provides

the opportunity to hop on the bus and travel hands free!

Routes will be operating their normal schedules, days, and times from 5:50 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and from 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Saturday, with free fares for all.

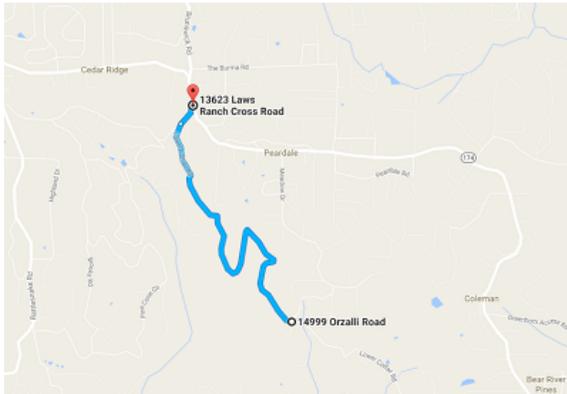
Additionally, for folks attending the “Bluegrass Music Festival,” the Route 3 fairgrounds bus stop on Brighton Street and McCartney Road (near Gate 8) provides access for travel to and from the event on an hourly basis. Dump the pump, ride the bus!

Bus schedules are available in the Gold Country Stage Rider’s Guide, on the [Transit website](#) or call the office (530) 477-01013 x 0 for travel planning information.

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## Lower Colfax Road Closure on Thursday June 15th



On Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, Lower Colfax Road between Laws Ranch Cross Road and Orzalli Road will be closed to through traffic from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. so that PG&E and Nevada County can remove dead trees affecting overhead utility lines. Please observe all construction signs and the instructions of onsite personnel. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your patience.

For more information, please contact the Nevada County Public Works Department at (530) 265-1411.

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## Supervisor Hall Recognizes David Soto for His 43 Years of Service to Area 4 Agency on Aging



District 1 Supervisor, Heidi Hall, presented a Nevada County Proclamation to David Soto recognizing his forty-three years of service to [Area 4 Agency on Aging](#). David Soto was amongst the first employees at Area 4 Agency on Aging, starting as a Program Evaluator in 1974 and becoming a Senior Program Manager in 1994. He has been a mentor to new program staff, has provided significant oversight, and served in a lead role in the development of the Request for Proposals process.

Nevada County and our Board of Supervisors expresses its deep appreciation to David Soto for his years of dedicated service to the Area 4 Agency on Aging.

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