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## County Releases Community Advisory Group Application for the Community Process on Cannabis



During the April 11<sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisor's meeting, the County received many inquiries on how to participate in the Community Advisory Group (CAG) to gather community input and provide recommendation for the Nevada County Cannabis Ordinance. The application to participate in the stakeholder process is [now available online](#).

The application period will close Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. MIG, the County's facilitator, is playing a key role in the selection process.

More information on the CAG selection process will be presented to the Board on the April 25<sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisors meeting.

The County is maintaining a [website on the Cannabis Conversation](#).

For more information please contact Sean Powers, Community Development Agency Director at (530) 265-1576.

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## Beverage Container Recycling Grant

Nevada County recently received a grant to fund projects that will enhance beverage container recycling within the County. The grant, funded by the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery's (CalRecycle) Beverage Container Recycling City/County Payment Program (CCPP), aims to reduce the amount of beverage container litter in waste streams.

The County is currently taking [proposals for beverage container recycling projects](#) that will help us meet our diversion goal of 75% by 2020. To help meet this goal, the proposals are required to have a major emphasis on beverage container recycling and litter abatement. Eligible projects include:

- Beverage Container Collection Programs
- Litter Clean-up

- Advertising/Promotion
- Recycling Education

With Earth Day around the corner, Nevada County is focusing on services that help make our community a little greener. Find ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle below:

**Recycling Facilities Map:** Use our Recycling Facilities Map to find different recycling facilities across Nevada County, from beverage containers to buy back centers.

**Recycle your mattress:** Instead of throwing away your old mattress and box spring, bring it to Grass Valley Scrap Iron and Metal in Grass Valley and recycle it for free.

**ReFuel Your Fun:** Dispose and refill your propane cylinders at Grass Valley Mobil in Grass Valley.

**2017 Nevada County Tire Amnesty:** Recycling your tires and reduce illegal dumping by disposing of your tires from May 22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> for free.

**Earth Day Free Fare Day:** Ride Gold Country Stage for free this Friday and Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

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## Library's Teen-in-Residence Program Accepting Applications

Do you know a Teen Scientist, Techie, Engineer, Artist, or Mathematician? Eighth to twelfth graders can apply now to be a Teen-in-Residence this summer. They will work with the Youth Librarian to develop a one hour program for kids or teens to teach what they know or create a display about their favorite subject between July 3<sup>rd</sup> and August 5<sup>th</sup>.

Teens-in-Residence will get \$50 to spend on supplies, and volunteer credit.

Schedule of theme weeks:

- Science week July 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>
- Technology week July 10<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>
- Engineering week July 17<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Arts week July 24<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>
- Math week July 31<sup>th</sup> - August 5<sup>th</sup>

Programs can be held at any time during your specialty week.

The application can be found at the library, and is due **May 1<sup>st</sup>** to any branch of the library, or email it to [lisa.nowlain@co.nevada.ca.us](mailto:lisa.nowlain@co.nevada.ca.us)

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## Tax Season is Over!

Sierra Nevada Regional Department of Child Support Services wrapped up its 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of offering free Volunteer Income Tax Assistance. The Child Support Department serving Nevada and Sierra counties, located at the Rood Administration Building in Nevada City, offered free tax preparation services for Nevada County residents. The Child Support Department, in collaboration with Nevada County 211, the Department of Social Services, and the local AARP Foundation offered this free service in an effort to bring awareness of the Federal and California State Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) to our community. EITC is an income tax credit for workers who do not earn a high income and who meet certain eligibility requirements; the Federal EITC credit ranges from \$2 to \$6,143 and the CA EITC credit ranges from \$2 to \$2,653.

Sierra Nevada Regional Department of Child Support Services assisted 193 customers in completing tax returns for the 2016 tax year and was able to assist several customers in filing amended or past years returns. The total dollar amount of state refunds was \$31,128 and federal refunds \$312,372! Sharon Hicks, Mechelle Morgan, Renee Quimby, Tony Quatela, Jennifer Jones and Kate Heuer were the tax preparers who were trained by tax professionals, passed an audit by the IRS and provided excellent

customer service to local residents who needed help in the daunting task of preparing and filing their tax returns. Mechelle and Sharon completed advanced preparer training and reviewed and approved the tax returns before submission to the IRS and FTB. The preparers took the residents information, asked follow-up questions to ensure the best possible return, and filed the returns for the local residents and provided them with a copy for their records. All for free!

Sierra Nevada Regional Department of Child Support Services looks forward to the 2017 tax year and hopes to serve many more community members.

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