

### Town of Yountville

# Newsletter

February 2015

### Introducing SpeakUp Yountville

Let your voice be heard!



Are you a present or past resident of Yountville?
Do you have a special connection to Yountville? We want to hear from you! Join SpeakUp Yountville to share your stories!

### How can we improve Yountville?

Enter your idea here...

Submit

We are pleased to announce SpeakUp Yountville! This is a new place where you can share your ideas with the Town, propose an idea, join a discussion and show support for ideas posted by others. This website is moderated by Town Staff, who are eager to hear from the people who make Yountville great-YOU! You can follow upcoming Town projects including sharing your Yountville story, as part of the 50th Anniversary. Visit www.speakupyountville.com to join the conversation!

Can't make it to Town Council Meetings? We are excited to introduce eComment, a new feature launching for the February 3rd Council Meeting. It's easy to use--just visit our Agendas and Minutes page on the Town's website (www.townofyountville.com) and click on eComment next to the 'Future Meeting Agenda'.

## Parking Enforcement Update

A friendly reminder from The Napa Sherriff's Office...

The Napa Sheriff's Office Yountville Station would like to remind everyone to obey parking laws. Some may feel that these violations are minor compared to more serious crimes but they play a major role in maintaining the efficient flow of traffic and safe lanes of travel for pedestrians and bicycles. We have all seen the congestion and hazards that can be created if a vehicle parks in an inappropriate location. Our office receives parking related complaints from town residents every week. The Town has parking controls in place to avoid these situations like; red painted curbs, parking control signs, established bike lanes, bus loading zones, etc. There are also state laws prohibiting parking in certain locations, like blocking any portion of the roadway, blocking a driveway, parking on a bridge, etc. In response to th many citizen complaints, the Town has designated a volunteer to conduct parking enforcement several days per week. You may see him patrolling Yountville in a white shirt with Yountville arm patches. Avoid a citation by knowing the state parking rules and obeying parking control devices. Together we can all keep our streets safe!

The **FREE** Yountville Trolley is the perfect way to travel to our festivities! Call (707) 312-1509 to request door to door trolley service 7 days a week.

### What's Happening!

#### Winter Movie Series:

Join us for our FREE indoor movie series! Bring your blankets and comfortable camping chairs and snuggle up inside the Community Center for a fun community get-together. On February 6th, we'll be showing 101 Dalmations.

Want to learn more about your family? Join us on Saturday, February 28 from 11am-11:45am in the Yountville Community Center for a FREE workshop presented by the Napa County Genealogical Society.

### **Employee** Spotlight





Briefly describe what you do for the Town: I work with mapping town features in both GIS (geographical informational systems) and AutoCAD to help with planning, construction projects, records management, Town events, public information, and visitor information. I work with compiling and updating the CIP (Capital Improvement Program) binder to help prepare to fund future projects and track what has already been done. I also work with the encroachment permits so that contractors follow the rules that we have set for Yountville.

What is the best thing about working for Yountville? get to try to make the place that I grew up better from the obvious projects like repairing streets to the hidden projects like updating underground work to prevent flooding, leaks, or contaminations in the future.

If there is one thing you want people to know about Yountville, it would be: It's a beautiful place where even if you are lost you can just walk around to find out where you need to go.

## A Note About... Water Conservation

### Together We Can Make a Difference!

Even with the rain we received in December, California is still in a drought. We are encouraging residents to decrease their water consumption by 10%.

Here are some helpful tips:

- Only wash cars, other vehicles, and other hard surfaces from buckets, with a quick rinse from a hose equipped with a shutoff nozzle.
- Install water saving devices in your plumbing and appliances.
- Participate in our water conservation rebate program including:

#### \$\$Cash for Grass\$\$

The Town of Yountville offers cash rebates to water customers who replace thirsty turfgrass with drip-irrigated low-water-use plants, permeable hardscape, or polyethylene/nylon artificial turf products. This program is open



to all properties that are served by a Town of Yountville water account.

Don't forget! The Town of Yountville has many informative resources online at www.townofyountville.com/water

## Scheduled Park Improvements

Yountville Community and Forrester Parks are Getting a Facelift!

The playgrounds at Yountville Community Park and Forrester Park will be closed in upcoming weeks for accessibility and safety improvements. The playgrounds will be closed to the public the following days, subject to weather conditions:

- Yountville Community Park: January 26, 2015 February 13, 2015
- Forrester Park: February 9, 2015 February 20, 2015

The work includes removal of the wood fiber chips that currently provide the surface of the play areas. The chips will be replaced with a rubber play surface that will make the playgrounds more accessible and safer.

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