



Town of Yountville Newsletter

July 2014

Madison & Yount Project

Project Nears Completion!



Construction and remodeling can be dusty, dirty and disruptive, but the benefits will last for years. Rebuilding Madison Street from Washington Street to Yount Street and Yount Street from Hopper Creek to the Cemetery creates a strong and smooth road and increases property values. Many people are enjoying the new sidewalk on the east side of Yount Street from Adam's Street to Yountville Cross Road.



There were more sewer pipeline repairs needed than expected, but the work prevented at least one potential sink hole from opening up under the streets. The sewer pipelines under the streets should not need to be repaired for another 60 years. The Town Council adopted an ordinance to prevent anyone from excavating in the new streets for five years except in the case of an emergency, so it was important to repair the sewers before the paving.

Rebuilding the roads will significantly increase the Town's average pavement condition index (PCI), which is an indicator of how well Town streets are maintained. It is five times less expensive to maintain a street than let it deteriorate to the point where it needs to be rebuilt. All of the Town's streets are being rated this year and the maintenance schedules in the Pavement Management Program will be updated. The PCI rating will move Yountville's #1 ranking for best streets further ahead of Napa County and all the cities in Napa County. Thank you for hanging in there through what we know was a difficult few weeks! We hope you are pleased with the outcome!

Get Involved

Consider running for Town Council

The Town of Yountville is preparing for the Consolidated Statewide General Municipal Election coming up Tuesday, November 4, 2014. The Town will be seeking Nomination Papers for Mayor and two (2) Council Member positions, starting July 14, 2014.

Those interested in running for office must be 18 years of age and a resident and registered voter in the Town of Yountville. In addition, the Town will be placing Measure Q (Increase of Appropriation Limit – Gann Limit) on the ballot. For more information, visit the Town's website at www.townofyountville.com.



Short Term Rentals

Not permitted in residential neighborhoods

Especially during the busy tourism seasons, it's important to remember that the weekend renting of a residence - whether the entire house or only a bedroom - is not permitted. The reason for the restriction is to protect the residential neighborhood from business activities that are better suited for the Town's commercial zoning districts in registered hotels.

Short-term lodging is only permitted in registered hotels and inns within the Town's commercial districts. Residents are affected by noise, traffic, or a loss of community if such business occurred in their neighborhood. Furthermore, residences are not constructed as commercial occupancies and may not meet the safety requirements that the hotels are required to meet. Town residents requested this protection, which Town staff enforces.

Part of the charm of Yountville is the clear distinction between its commercial zones and its neighborhoods. Because the neighborhoods have a special charm that residents may want to share with loved ones, there is nothing wrong with hosting friends and family free of charge.

Thank you for respecting your neighbors by abiding to this important section of our Town Code during this beautiful time of year.



Monthly Utility Billing Begins July 1st!

At the beginning of this year, the Town of Yountville implemented Phase 1 Water Emergency Regulations, and approved a Water Use Efficiency Plan due to the state's drought conditions. These regulations require that the Town switch from bi-monthly to monthly utility billing to allow for easier tracking of water usage for our customers. Monthly billing will be in effect as of July 1st, 2014. We expect this change will lead to more timely information and better customer service by:

- Making it easier for customers, especially those on a fixed income, to manage monthly household finances and budget more efficiently.
- Providing more frequent and timely information about your consumption data to help make adjustments to your water usage.
- Helping to identify unusual water usage, such as property, plumbing, or irrigation leaks, allowing for prompt repairs and adjustments.

YOU MAY BE WONDERING.....

Q: How will this affect my bill?

A: On the monthly bills, the flat fees will be charged at half of the bi-monthly amount. The water consumption rates remain the same, but the water usage tiers have been cut in half.

Q: What is the new billing schedule?

A: The last bi-monthly bill for the May – June billing period will be mailed on July 1st with a due date of July 20th. Payment is easily made online at www.townofyountville.com and you can also enroll in Auto Pay now, to ensure that your bill is paid on time and that no late fees are assessed.

Q: When will payment for my first monthly bill be due?

A: The first monthly billing period will be for the month of July. The bill will be mailed on August 1st and due within 20 days, or on August 20th.

Q: I'm enrolled in Automatic Bill Pay with the Town of Yountville, how will this affect me?

A: If you are signed up for Auto Pay, you will continue to have your account charged on the due date shown on the bill. This is the best way to ensure your bill is paid on time and to avoid any late fees. To sign up for Automatic Bill Pay, go to www.townofyountville.com and click the link on the home page to go to our Online Bill Pay website and register your account.

Q: Who do I contact if I have questions about monthly bills or payment?

A: Please email accountinfo@yville.com or call the Utility Billing Department at 944-8851.

What's Happening!

July 1	Town Council Meeting CANCELLED
July 4	4th of July Festivities and Fireworks 6 p.m. Veterans Home. Town Offices Closed
July 7	Yountville Arts Commission Meeting 5:30 p.m. Community Center
July 8	ZDRB Meeting 6 p.m. (Zoning & Design Review Board)
July 9	Free Music Show for Kids 2 p.m. Community Center
July 15	Town Council Meeting 6 p.m.
July 17	Trip to de Young Museum*
July 17	PRAC 6 p.m. (Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission)
July 18	Free Movie in the Park E.T. Dusk Yountville Park
July 23	Free Circus Show for Kids 2 p.m. Community Center
July 29	Free Concert in the Park West Coast Blues Revue 3 p.m. Veterans Park
July 29	Trip to the Monterey Bay Aquarium *

* Please register for these items by contacting the Parks and Recreation Department

Community Pool Hours

Rec Swim: Tuesday-Sunday Noon - 4 p.m.

Adult Lap Swim: Tues-Fri & Sun 10 a.m. - Noon
(Seniors & Veterans Free)

Free Resident Swim: Saturdays 4 - 6:30p.m.

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Town Clerk, Michelle Dahme ~ mdahme@yville.com

Main Offices:

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Parks & Recreation	6516 Washington Street Yountville, Ca 94599	707.944.8712
Corporation Yard	7501 Solano Ave. Yountville, Ca 94599	707.944.2655

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