



## The Yountville Connection

### Town of Yountville | December 2015 Newsletter

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#### Town Festivities During December!



**Mark your Calendars!** Join the Town as we celebrate the holidays with festivities for everyone. All activities are located at the Yountville Community Center 6516 Washington Street. For a complete list of events, please visit [www.townofyountville.com/parksandrecreation](http://www.townofyountville.com/parksandrecreation)

**Town Tree Lighting, Chamber Mixer & Artist Reception** ~ Thursday, December 10 at 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Join us for this FREE locals event! Help us light the tree with the help of the Dunbar family and Mr. Claus. After the lighting, enjoy special holiday performances, an elves workshop for the kids and goodies for both adults and children. The Town Tree lighting ceremony is at 5:45 p.m. This will also be the opening night of our new Gallery at Community Center show featuring artist Michael J. Schaer.

**Santa's Morning Workshop** ~ Sunday, December 6 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The young and the young at heart are invited to attend this festive workshop where you can enjoy treats and crafts like making an ornament! Parents, bring a camera because the big guy in red will be joining us at 9 a.m. \$6 per child with proceeds to benefit the Youth Subsidy Fund!



**Pet Photos With Santa** ~ Saturday, December 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We are thrilled to be hosting Jameson Animal Rescue Ranch! Your donation will assist JARR to continue to provide transitional and permanent shelter, adoption and rescue services for animals.

Take Note: The Boy Scouts Troop will not be picking up trees this year. Residents will need to use their green waste bins.

#### A Note About...Driving in the Rain!

Rainy weather is blamed for hundreds of crashes, but in reality it is more a failure of the driver to adjust for wet conditions.

- Slow down in wet conditions.
- Turn your headlights on whenever there's bad weather.
- Brake earlier, and leave extra following distance.
- If you cannot see out of your windshield, stop and delay your trip until it is safe to drive.
- If you see standing water, never drive through it! You never know how deep the water is, and you may get stuck!

*This information came from Nixle. Sign up for free text alerts at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com)*

#### Did You Remember?

After it rains, don't forget to reset your sprinklers-there is no irrigation 48 hours after measurable rainfall. Measurable is defined as causing any runoff.

E-News is a great way to stay in touch with the Town! Sign up at [www.townofyountville.com](http://www.townofyountville.com)

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O llámenos al (707) 944-885

## Town Ramps Up Enforcement Against Short Term Vacation Rentals

On October 20, 2015 the Town Council approved the issuance of legislative subpoenas for online booking sites such as VRBO, AirBnB, and HomeAway. The subpoenas will require the booking sites to produce records of all rentals within the Town limits. The Town's goal is to determine if any homeowners are renting their homes for stays of less than 30 days.

The short term rental of a residence – less than 30 days – is not permitted. Residential neighborhoods are intended for the use and enjoyment of long term residents. The Town's prohibition on short term rentals protects these neighborhoods from business activity that is better suited to registered hotels in the Town's commercial zoning districts. The Town Council has heard from residents who have voiced concerns with the noise, traffic, and loss of community that results from short term rentals. The subpoena process affirms the Town Council's commitment to protecting residents from these impacts.

Homeowners are reminded to refrain from renting their homes for stays of less than 30 days and to direct guests who wish to do so to the Town's registered hotels. With everyone's help we can retain the charm of Yountville and the clear distinction between its commercial zones and residential neighborhoods.

### Employee Spotlight: Juan Castillo, Facilities Maintenance Worker of 3 years!

**What do you do for the Town?** I take care of all the Town's buildings, so if there is an emergency I'm usually called first to fix it. I also take care of the pool and the playgrounds-I make sure they are safe (In fact I am certified in playground safety and as a pool operator). One of the biggest jobs I do is preventative maintenance on our HVAC systems.

#### Why do you like working for the Town?

There is always something interesting going on, and I enjoy learning new things! I take pride in keeping our facilities well maintained. When I am not working, you can find me in my garage taking care of my family's cars.



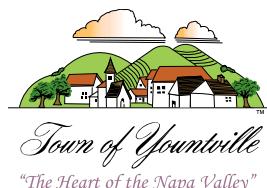
The Town of Yountville will be closed on Thursday, December 24 and Friday, December 25th. We will also be closed on Friday, January 1, 2016. On behalf of the Town, we wish you a safe and happy holiday season!

Have You Noticed?

The Town recently unveiled a new and improved website! This is an easy way to stay in touch with us, pay your utility bill and get agendas and minutes! [www.townofyountville.com](http://www.townofyountville.com)

#### TOWN COUNCIL

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Samantha Holland, Parks and Recreation Director  
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