

# Yountville Newsletter



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## Expand your Horizons with Our New Parks and Recreation Activities



In recent years, the Yountville Parks and Recreation Department has successfully provided youth summer programs, aquatic programs, family excursions, senior socials, special interest classes, special events and after school programs. New program offerings have been developed to provide important benefits to our residents such as strengthening the mind – Brain Gym and Scrabble Club, increasing agility – Fencing and Zumba, relieving stress – Meditation, building self-esteem and teamwork – youth basketball programs, developing your creative potential – teen art, mixed media art and brush strokes for all folks, and getting in shape – low impact strength & balance, tap dancing and Tango. Our department is committed to supporting healthy minds and bodies in our community and reversing the obesity epidemic.

More classes will be forming in the near future and we have designed a survey to learn what programs you desire. We will use the results to guide our future program offerings. So please take a moment to fill out the Parks and Recreation survey which was mailed out to all residents with the February Recreation & Leisure Guide. Additional surveys are also available on our website at [www.townofyountville.com](http://www.townofyountville.com) where you can also see more about all of our program offerings.



**YOUNTVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE NO AVAILABLE ON-LINE**

The Town of Yountville is excited to announce the Town's Municipal Code is now available on the Town's website at [www.townofyountville.com](http://www.townofyountville.com) by clicking on the Town Council Tab and selecting the Municipal Code link. Once the Code on line has been accessed, individuals will find an easy-to-use Table of Contents, Search Feature for keywords, printable format and Code Alert for recently passed ordinances not yet codified into the Code. The Municipal Code now includes Chapters for the Subdivision, Zoning and Design Review Ordinances.

Town Manager Rogers stated "Making the Town's Municipal Code available on line is part of the Council's continued commitment to support technology improvements throughout the organization and enhance communication with the public. Now our residents and those doing business with us will have easy access to research information about the Town's codes at their personal convenience 24-hours a day."

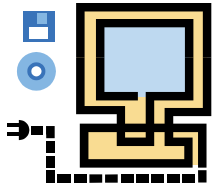
## "FOG" in the Sewers



It sounds like a bad horror movie, but it is a common problem that can cause untreated sewage to flow out of sanitary sewer pipes into your yard, Town streets or someone's back yard. What could cause such a smelly mess? Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG).

If you pour these liquids down the drain, they solidify when they cool and stick to the sides of pipes like clogged arteries. It is much better to pour FOG into a can, jar or carton, let it solidify, and throw it into the trash. To help prevent FOG clogs, the Town requires restaurants to have grease interceptors to help prevent FOG from reaching the sanitary sewers.

## Town Implements New Integrated Software



Seeing a need to update the financial software that the Town had been using since 1992, staff requested, and the Town Council approved, a \$175,000 budget in 2008-09 for new comprehensive software to meet the Town's needs now and into the future. After conducting a detailed RFP process it was determined that Springbrook software offered the integrated solution the Town was looking for, including the following modules: Finance, Purchase Orders, Payroll, Human Resources, Project Accounting, Fixed Assets, Miscellaneous Accounts Receivable, Cash Management, Utility Billing with Web-based Payments & Inquiry, Work Order Management, Licenses & Permits, and Building Permits & Inspections. The software is windows based, provides real-time online lookup for account and budget information, offers a various selection of reporting tools in each module, and will allow automation of some processes that are currently being done manually. In addition to the full suite of software, the Town's agreement with Springbrook includes project management, assistance with conversion and multiple training sessions for each module. Stay tuned for future updates on our implementation progress.

### **How Do They Make Those Wooden Park Signs?**


Have you ever wondered how the wooden signs with the name of Town parks are made? Town staff has been constructing park name signs for each park and Street signs with a piece of equipment that every high school wood shop would be happy to have. It is called a Carve Wright Woodworking System machine.

Crews first program the park or street name with computer software and upload to a memory card. Next, a piece of redwood is cut to length, both sides are run through a planer, and then the edges are run through a jointer. This squares up the board, which is then placed into the Carve Wright machine with the memory card. The machine runs on its own similar to a router for approximately four hours per board.

The boards are then cut to fit, assembled, and coated with two coats of weather stain. Now you have a very nice sign ready to be placed at its new home. This machine has paid for itself many times over with the savings that it would take to hand routing the signs as was done in the past.




## **TOWN YARD SALE & CLEAN-UP DAY**

 It is Spring time, and we all know what that means. It is time to spruce up things around the old homestead. Open up the windows, pull back the drapes and let the sunshine and fresh air in. Take an inventory of all the things around the house; sort the useful from the "it's nice" but seldom used. Oh but what do I do with all that perfectly seldom used stuff?


Well we have a solution to help you tidy up and at the same time put some extra cash in your pocket. It sounds too good to be true, well it's not. The Town of Yountville's 10th Annual Spring Community Yard Sale and Community Clean-Up Day is near, so mark your calendars for the following dates:

### **Saturday, May 8th - Yard Sale**

 By participating in the event you not only get rid of things that keep your car from being parked in the garage you also help the environment by recycling through the sale of unwanted items, thus lowering the amount of materials that may end up in the landfill.

To participate in the yard sale you can call the Community Service Department at 944-8712 and give your name, address and times of sale or you can e-mail the information directly to the Yountville Sun: [news@yountvillesun.com](mailto:news@yountvillesun.com) and the week before the garage sale your information will be advertised in the Yountville Sun.

### **Saturday, May 15th - Clean-Up Day**

 One week later a special curbside pick-up provided by the Town via a contract with Upper Valley Disposal will be conducted. Residents may place bagged and boxed trash, bundled green waste, furniture, and other household items curbside. Most items will be picked up free of charge.

### **Please note the following when setting out items for pick-up:**

- No hazardous waste materials may be included in this pick-up. They will not pick up car parts, and electrical items.
- Boxes and bags are limited to 35 pounds each in weight.
- Recyclable items (including cardboard) WILL NOT be picked up and should be disposed of during regular curbside pick up.

Arrangements for pick-up of large items such as tires and appliances should be made in advance through Upper Valley Disposal at 963-7988. There is a fee for pick-up of these items.