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Date: January 9, 2014 CITY MANAGER

To: Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers

CC: All Employees

From: Steve Kroeger, City Manager

Re: **City Manager's Report – January 9, 2014**

Yuba City News

The City of Yuba City is excited to announce a major business expansion, as Kingsbury Inc. readies to construct a state-of-the-art 33,000-square-foot commercial facility in Yuba City.

"We often talk about attracting new business but economic vitality is also about retaining the businesses we have," said Yuba City Mayor Kash Gill. "A company of this magnitude that wants to expand in Yuba City - a company that realized this is a great place to live, work and to do business - speaks volumes about our services and location."

Kingsbury is a family-owned, Philadelphia-headquartered business that celebrated its centennial in 2012. In 2006, it selected Yuba City as the site for its Western North American service center because of the proximity to hydroelectric plants in Northern California and numerous steam and gas plants to the south. After six successful years in a leased building, Kingsbury has decided the Yuba-Sutter region is key to continue leading its Western operations.



A Job Well Done!

Mike Brawley, Vice President of Kingsbury's Repair & Service Division, approached Economic Development Manager Darin Gale in early November 2013 regarding expanding their current location on Burns Avenue. Economic Development, Community Development, Fire Department and Public Works all worked together to expedite the project and Kingsbury was able to hold their groundbreaking in early January – less the 45 days after contacting the City.

Please join me in congratulating the City's Department Review Team in their efforts to expedite this important project. The Team provided the very best in quality service in advancing the approval process for this Kingsbury's expansion.

Members of the City's Team include:

- Mike Campos, Plans Examiner
- Tammie Rickard, Community Development Technician
- Terry Kopp, Community Development Technician
- Aaron Busch, Community Development Director
- Jim Mathews, Fire Marshall
- Darin Gale, Economic Development Manager
- Kevin Bradford, Senior Engineer
- Ben Moody, Senior Engineer
- Sharon Lydon, GIS/Engineering Technician
- Diana Langley, Public Works Director

You have brought positive recognition to the City of Yuba City within the development community. Thank you!

2013 Police Department Employee Awards

Officer of the Year:

Michael Bullard, Investigator

Mike began his career in law enforcement with the Yuba City Police Department in June of 2006. Since becoming a police officer, Mike quickly distinguished himself as someone with a strong work ethic and desire to make Yuba City a better community. In addition to being selected as a gang investigator, Mike currently holds additional ancillary assignments as a SWAT Team Operator and Range Master. He is also a POA Board Member. In all of the roles Mike fills, he continually shows a drive to make both himself and others better police officers. He is able to draw on his strong tactical background and share that knowledge with others as both a trainer and peer.



Operations Support Employee of the Year:

Deidra Geddis, Public Safety Dispatcher II

Deidra has demonstrated unparalleled effectiveness and diligence in upholding the Department's mission and values. Providing the benchmark for all employees, she is looked to as the standard for assisting both citizens and fellow workers. Her respectful and compassionate demeanor fosters the highest level of confidence for citizens seeking assistance from the Police Department.

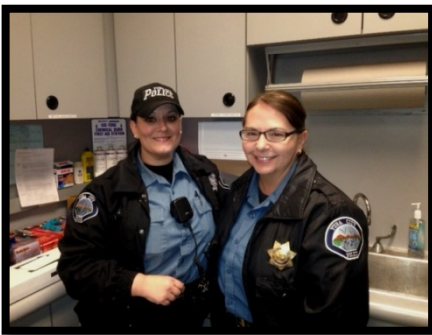
2013 was a year in which her experience and strong work ethic set her apart from her peers. The recipient of numerous accolades from grateful citizens and peers, she was acknowledged by this year's award committee as: reliable, high performer, positive, a team player, thorough, proactive, personable, professional and a role model whose number one goal is achieving the mission of the Yuba City Police Department.



Unit of the Year:

Community Service Officers

Lucy Merrill and Lucy Lane



Eric Ball and Dan Shuffield



Volunteer of the Year:

Bill Linsenmayer



Sharp Shooter:

Nick Whitney



Chief's Spirit Award:

Katelin Snider, Public Safety Dispatcher II

In general, the Chief's Spirit Award goes to someone who selflessly works to bring good to the department and encourages others to do the same. Usually, this award winner is no surprise to anyone!

Katelin's commitment to the department is evidenced through her positive relationships with all units. Her primary mission is the success of the department as a whole, capitalizing on the team first in all venues. She does not seek personal credit; rather she secures success for all. She is admired by all for her positive attitude and contagious enthusiasm.



★ Special thank you to Toni Darwazeh for providing all the pictures and information for the 2013 Police Department Award winners!

Bicycle Buffer Zones

Public Works has recently completed construction of a Class II Bike Lane project on portions of Butte House Road and Pease Road.

The City has been working to help achieve better infrastructure for bicyclists through grants, new construction designs, and by adding signage and markings throughout the City.

Senior Engineer **Ben Moody** went above and beyond, researching innovative options for bicycle buffer zones, the first of this kind in Northern California.



Work included widening the road shoulder to accommodate large Class II Bike Lanes, with the addition of a "Bicycle Buffer Zone". The pavement striping delineating the "Buffer Zones" is a new striping design that is just beginning to be utilized in bicycle friendly communities around the country.

Staff looks to continue to implement new strategies to improve the traveling experience for both motorists and bicyclist throughout the City. Innovation at work!

Other Bike Lane projects in the works:

Construction of bike lanes on Lincoln Rd. and extending the bike lanes on Butte House Road, from Madison to Royo Ranchero.

Current Job Openings/ Recruitments/ Promotions

Congratulations!



Anthony Heddlesten
Promoted to
Public Works Maintenance Worker III



Greg Garvin
Promoted to
Water Treatment Plant Operator Trainee
D-3 certified



Jeremy Garcia
Promoted to
Assistant Police Chief

Retirements

Brad Howell retired from the City of Yuba City with 31 years of dedicated service.

Brad received a proclamation from the Mayor and City Council at their meeting on Tuesday, January 7th.

Brad's knowledge in maintenance activities has always proved to be invaluable and he could be counted upon to share that knowledge with his colleagues along with new employees. Brad has always been a conscientious, dedicated and loyal employee of the City of Yuba City Public Works Department and has earned the respect of his fellow employees and citizens alike.



Meet Amber Darrach
Human Resources

First, I love my job! I get to work with all of you, my Yuba City Family Members (employees) and potential new City Family Members. I feel like every day things are continuously changing and challenging! I have to be creative and challenge myself to keep up by thinking outside of the box and working with all my resources and valued peers.

The Human Resources Analyst is responsible for recruiting new employees to the City of Yuba City and assisting with all Personal Risk Management functions. I also support current employees with benefits, payroll and any other questions they may have related to employment.

My family is a blessing! My husband and I have been married going on 17 years. We did not think kids were in the cards but now have two young children, Brooklynne (7) and Isaac (5). They are very busy kids with soccer, basketball, tennis, gymnastics, church groups, and girl scouts. Keeps mom going for sure! However, we make sure we have our family meal together each night and the homework is a group effort between dad, mom, and grandma.

For fun I spend time with my family and extended family. We have a large family garden in Nicolaus (where my husband's family is from). Every Saturday this is where you will find us. We plant everything and we love to pickle, can, and jar whatever we can. We dry fruits too. If we are not in the garden we are having our weekly family dinner with over 20 family members. When I am not with my husband's family I am with mine. My grandparents are avid hunters and fishers. So you will always find me eating fresh fish from Alaska or deer and elk from Idaho.

I love to be outside, I don't care if it is riding a bike, on a run, a walk, or just sitting in a chair. I like when the seasons change and watch the different moons in the sky. I listen to all sorts of music but hate country... Sorry, but true!

For those of you that have worked with me, you know I am an open book and move at a very quick pace. For those of you that have not had the opportunity, don't be scared when you first meet me. I grow on you. I am a people person and want to serve those around me while doing my job to the best of my ability.



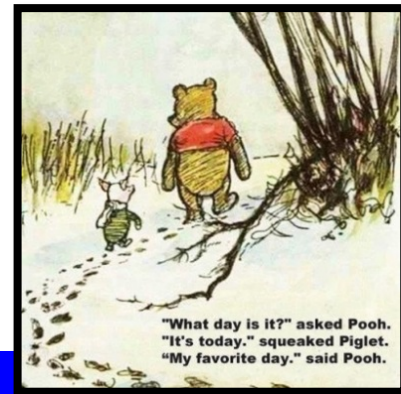
City Calendar

Events this weekend:

Friday, January 10th

- 5:30 Annual Chamber of Commerce Gala – Colusa Casino

Next Week:



January							
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
8:00					9:00 a.m. SACOG 1415 L Street Sacramento		
9:00					7:30 am - 5:00p.m. 2014 Northstate Economic Forecast Conference Oroville CA		
10:00							
11:00							
12:00							
1:00		1:00 p.m. Sutter Animal Services Auhtority Council Chambers		1:30 p.m. SBFCA Council Chambers			
2:00							
3:00					4:00 p.m. Yuba Sutter Transit Authority		
4:00				4:00 p.m. Sutter Co. Airport Committee			
5:00					4:30 p.m. Regional Waste Management Authority		
6:00							
7:00				7:00 p.m. Youth Commission Meeting Sutter Room			

Save the Dates!

- Monday, January 20th Martin Luther King Junior Day – City Hall Closed
- Tuesday, January 28th 6:00 p.m. Presentation by CalPERs to City Council
- Friday, January 31st 7:30 a.m. Chamber Business Connection Breakfast “Chamber 2014”
- Saturday, February 22nd 5:30 p.m. Yuba Sutter Police Officer of the Year Awards Banquet