



MEMO

Date: January 27, 2014 CITY MANAGER
To: Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers
CC: All Employees
From: Steve Kroeger, City Manager
Re: **City Manager's Report – January 27, 2014**

Yuba City News

Making a Difference in the Community

School Resource Officer **Bill Williams** works at River Valley High School and has gotten to know many of the students there. One particular student, Chris, loves police officers and police cars. Chris makes it a point to visit Bill on a regular basis. They talk police cars and movies. Chris loves to play the saxophone because his father taught him how to play prior to his father's death.

Chris showed Bill one of the department's baseball cards he obtained. The card was of Officer **Kevin Cooper**. Chris asked Bill if Officer Cooper could sign his card. When Officer Cooper was called, he did not hesitate and asked "When do you want me there?" Kevin came to RVHS, met Chris, and signed his baseball card and even gave him one of the new cards as well. Bill had never seen Chris' smile bigger or brighter than that day. Kevin's one small act of kindness made an autistic young man very happy. As Officer Williams says "This agency is blessed with a wonderful group of individuals"



River Valley High School Student Chris with Officer Kevin Cooper

Yuba Sutter Chamber of Commerce



Do you know a student looking for a unique opportunity to connect with the business community? The Chamber of Commerce has developed a Youth Ambassador Mentorship Program for any student 16 years of age and older. This program will allow students to participate in a business environment while creating partnerships and connections not available to most students. They will develop their public speaking, presentation and networking skills by attending chamber and ambassador events and by learning from their Chamber Ambassador Mentor.

The deadline to apply has been extended to **Feb. 3, 2014**. The application and more information is available here: [Yuba Sutter Chamber of Commerce Jr. Ambassadors](#). Questions? Contact: Education Committee Chairperson, Miriam Root at mroot@yccd.edu

2013 Homeland Security Grant:

The Fire Department has received \$23,167 through the Homeland Security Grant Program to purchase 72 new facemasks and a small inventory of repair parts as well as air tanks for the Department's mobile air cart due to the existing air tanks reaching the end of their 15-year service life.

Yuba City Sister City Toride, Japan - June 12-19, 2014

There is an opportunity for students in seventh through twelfth grades to visit Toride, Japan, as student representatives of Yuba City. Toride is the Sister City to our City of Yuba City. The trip will be from June 12-19, 2014. The cost is estimated to be \$1,675 (depending upon airfare costs at the time of ticketing.)

The trip includes round trip airfare between San Francisco and Tokyo, Japan, and home stay lodging while in Toride. The Yuba City Sister City Association will provide a teacher/chaperone for the trip. There will be up to 18 student representatives. Home stay housing will be with a Japanese family who has a child enrolled in a Toride school. Two Yuba City exchange students will be assigned to each hosting Japanese family.



Adult delegation members will also accompany the students. This is the twenty fifth anniversary of the delegation exchange between Toride, Japan, and Yuba City, California. Many special activities are planned including attending school in Japan.

Students new to the Sister City student exchange program will be selected based upon an interview, application, report card and letter of reference. Past student participants will have an abbreviated application process. Students who are selected will be representatives of Yuba City, California, and of the United States.



This is a rare opportunity for a short home stay in Japan at a very reasonable cost. The students who have visited Toride in the past have had very positive experiences. We encourage you to apply to attend as a student representative from Yuba City. For more information and how to apply, contact Linda Cohee, Vice-President and retired principal of Yuba City Unified School District at (530) 639-1719 or email to: lcohee@ycusd.k12.ca.us or lindaranch@yahoo.com.

5th St Bridge Update:

The Environmental Team continues to work with two key federal regulatory agencies in an effort to wrap up the NEPA and CEQA document. The National Park Service has oversight of construction impacts to River Front Park in Marysville because federal funds were used years ago for minor improvements to the park. The National Marine Fisheries Service has federal jurisdiction over potential impacts to endangered fish species. Once the NEPA and CEQA document is complete, final design and right of way acquisition will begin in earnest.

Request for Proposals for Development of Old Fire Station No. 4

The City of Yuba City is seeking proposals for the development of City owned property of the former Fire Station 4 and adjacent properties. The City's goal for the site is a project that is compatible to the surrounding residential uses and will enhance and benefit the neighborhood and community. The property will be sold to the selected Developer at appraised fair market value and credit will be given based upon any off or on-site public improvements. Contact Darin Gale at 530-822-4762 or dgale@yubacity.net for more information.



Current Job Openings

Contact Human Resources at 822-4610 or on the website:
[Job Opportunities](#)

- **Lifeguard**
Closing Date: March 4, 2014 5:00 p.m.
- **Water Safety / Swim Instructor**
Closing Date: March 4, 2014 5:00 p.m.
- **Police Officer (Lateral)**
Closing Date: Open until filled.

Retirements

Congratulations to Police Officer **Brent Novak**, on his retirement after 25 years with the Yuba City Police Department.

Brent served as a Field Training Officer, a position that is instrumental in the selection and training of patrol officers and has been recognized with numerous awards and commendations for his exemplary performance, including: A Police Commendation Medal; Two Police Achievement ribbons; The POST Advanced Certificate, the highest certificate for an Officer in California; and the Department's Life Saving Medal.



Office Novak received a proclamation from the Mayor and City Council at their meeting on Tuesday, January 21st

October 2013 Customer Service Statistics:

- 1,436 calls were received by Finance Customer Service Staff
- 78 cases received and 85 cases closed through the City's Mobil and On-line Website APP:



Meet Ty Whitcomb
Parks & Recreation Department

I'm Ty Whitcomb, Supervisor of Park Maintenance in the Parks and Recreation Department. I also manage the City's urban forest as an ISA Certified Arborist. Yuba City has earned the Tree City USA designation for the last 15 years in a row.

I live in Loma Rica with my family, we raise Limousin and Angus cattle and the highbred cross between the two called Lim-Flex. Here with my wife Candy with our daughter Eileen, we are in front of the five bulls we took to the 2013 California State Fair, where we had Reserve Champion Limousin. We also show at the Oregon State Fair, the Western Limousin Exposition in Klamath Falls and the Cow Palace. Other recent success with our bulls include Champion Limousin in 2011 and 2013 and high seller in 2012 at the Red Bluff Bull Sale, and our bull Patrick (born on St. Patrick's day) was the overall Champion at the 2012 World of Bulls sale. This was the first Limousin bull to win in their 45 year history. We followed that up with Champion and Reserve All Other Breeds with the two bulls we took in 2013. We'll be heading back to Red Bluff with three bulls for the sale in 2014. The majority of our calves are sold to 4-H and FFA members to be shown at their county fairs. We've had our cattle in fairs from Anderson to Fresno. This year two of the steers will be at the Yuba Sutter Fair in July.

Whether managing large turf areas for the public to enjoy, or pastures for cattle to graze, the fundamentals are the same, irrigation, fertilization growth and weed control. Like everyone involved in agriculture we're just hoping for some rain!

Calendar

Upcoming Public Meetings

[View Online Calendar](#)

City Council Special CalPERS Information Meeting

January 28, 6:00 p.m.

Feather River Air Quality Management District

February 3, 4:00 p.m.

City Council Meeting

February 4, 6:00 p.m.

Senior Commission

February 5, 9:00 a.m.

Consolidated Area Housing Authority

February 5, 12:15 p.m..

Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency

February 12, 1:30 p.m.

Gilsizer Drainage District

February 12, 4:00 p.m.

Planning Commission

February 12, 7:00 p.m.

Sutter-Yuba Mosquito Vector Control District

February 13, 4 p.m.

Youth Commission

February 19, 7:00 p.m.

Sacramento Area Council of Governments

February 20, 9:00 a.m.

Yuba-Sutter Transit Authority

February 20, 4:00 p.m..

Regional Waste Management Authority

February 20, 4:30 p.m.

Community Events this Week:

- ★ **Monday 1:00 p.m.** Sierra Central Credit Union Groundbreaking.
- ★ **Friday 7:30 a.m.** Chamber of Commerce Business Connection Breakfast "Chamber 2014" Marcello's Restaurant 1235 Bridge Street Yuba City
- ★ **Friday 2:00 -4:00 p.m.** Free Child Safety Seat Check-Up Roundtable Pizza Parking Lot 828 Gray Avenue, Yuba City

Save the Dates:

- ★ **February 5, 5:30 p.m.** Chamber Ribbon Cutting:
Bistro 885 - 885 Richland Rd, Yuba City
- ★ **February 11, 4:00 p.m.** Chamber Ribbon Cutting:
Kenzo Sushi Japanese Restaurant - 1655 Colusa Hwy, Yuba City
- ★ **February 13, 5:30 p.m.** Chamber Ribbon Cutting:
Grace Christian Preschool, 1980 S Walton, Yuba City
- ★ **February 18, 5:30 p.m.** Chamber Ribbon Cutting:
Sutter Co. Children & Families Commission – 1531 Butte House Rd, Yuba City
- ★ **February 20, 5:30 p.m.** Chamber Business After Hours:
Appeal Democrat – 1530 Ellis Lake, Marysville
- ★ **February 22, 5:30 p.m.** Yuba Sutter Police Officer of the Year Awards Banquet

It's Called Work for a Reason!

By Larry Winget

I have discovered there are only a handful of good ideas in the whole world. You already know them. You have heard them your entire life. Here are some of the main keys to being more successful:

- ✓ Take personal responsibility.
- ✓ Things change, so be flexible.
- ✓ Work smart and work hard.
- ✓ Serve others well.
- ✓ Be nice to others.
- ✓ Be optimistic.
- ✓ Have goals; want something big for yourself.
- ✓ Stay focused.
- ✓ Keep learning.
- ✓ Become excellent at what you do.
- ✓ Trust your gut.
- ✓ When in doubt, take action.
- ✓ Earn all you can. Save all you can. Give all you can.
- ✓ Enjoy all you got.
- ✓ Above all, keep it simple.

