



## MEMO

Date: October 31 2013  
To: Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers  
CC: All Employees  
From: Steven Jepsen, City Manager  
Re: **City Manager's Report – October 31, 2013**



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### Yuba City News

City Hall has the Pink October Spirit!



Back row (l-r): Darin Gale, Brad McIntire, Rick Righero, Sheila Munsee, Spencer Morrison

Front row: Amber Darrach, Nicole Moe, Samantha Trujillo, Tammie Rikard, Maggie Santos, Erika Brunson, Katrina Woods, Becky Hudson

### **Daylight Savings Time Starts this weekend**

*Spring Forward – Fall back.* Daylight savings time is now implemented in over seventy countries worldwide and affects over a billion people each year. DST in the United States starts on the second Sunday in March and ends on the first Sunday in November. **Set your clocks back Sunday!**

# Welcome!



**Police Officer  
Kenneth Sowles**

Officer Sowles first day with Yuba City was October 26<sup>th</sup>. He comes to us from the Yuba County Sheriff's Department

## **Yuba City Families Host Japanese Students**

The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Toride City Yuba City Sister City welcoming ceremonies were held Wednesday afternoon in front of City Hall. Mayor Buckland welcomed Mayor Fujii of Toride City along with his delegation to Yuba City. The Japanese students will be attending local schools and experience the family life of their host families.



**Sharon & Lexi Lydon with Norika and Saki**



**Robyn & Kirrin Sanchez with Anzu & Kana**

## Meet Toni Darwazeh from PD



I'm the administrative assistant to Chief Landon at the Police Department. I started with the city in January 2006. My duties include administrative support to Chief Landon as well as the command staff. A significant part of my day is spent on personnel administrative duties along with payroll. I assist with Spanish translation whenever needed. My days are full, my hats are many and never boring.

My husband is Kevin, we have two daughters and two sons: Nowell, Kevin, Natalie and Brian, and two grandsons: Aidan and Sam.

I was born in Oklahoma, living there only a year and have lived in Sutter Co area most of my life.

My very favorite thing is spending time with my family; my husband, children and grandsons. I have also been blessed with brothers and sisters, whose company I enjoy and an amazing circle of friends. I truly enjoy being outdoors whether it's working in the garden, going for a run, hiking, camping, and collecting seashells.

I love road trips to explore places unknown, even if I get lost. Rainy day entertainment is the old classic movies...think Gary Cooper, Cary Grant and both Hepburns. I enjoy all kinds of food, and am a pretty good cook.



## City Calendar

### Events this weekend:

**Friday November 1:** Sikh Festival Fireworks 9:00 p.m.

### Saturday November 2:

- Hmong Festival – Yuba Sutter Fairgrounds
- Sikh Festival - Sikh Temple, Terra Buena

### Next Week:

November								
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	
8:00			7:30 Chamber Gov't Affairs Committee				<b>Swan Festival</b>  <b>Contact</b> sbritt@calw aterfowl.org	
9:00								
10:00								
11:00	<b>SIKH PARADE</b>	11:00 Ground Breaking In Shape Health Club		12:15 Regional Housing Authority Meeting				
12:00								
1:00								
2:00								
3:00								
4:00						4:00 Oversight Board		4:30 Art & Wine Swan Festival Kick Off Mixer ♫
5:00								
6:00			6:00 City Council Meeting		5:30 Holiday Preview – Twilight Thursday – Plumas Street			
7:00								

### Save the Dates!

- **Swan Festival** Sunday November 10
- **Downtown Christmas Stroll** Saturday December 14, 2:00 p.m. **Christmas Tree Lighting** – 6:30 p.m.

### Twilight Thursdays – Plumas Street 🎵

Come Down to Beautiful Downtown Yuba City and enjoy the evening. Merchants have committed to stay open till at least 7PM. Many Merchants will have nightly specials as well as different promotions. Our restaurants will be open and ready to serve you a nice dinner. We will have street musicians in different spots on the street. So come down to Plumas Street on the First Thursday of every month for Twilight Thursdays.





## Excerpts from: Halloween 2013: Top Costumes, History, Myths, More

By Brian Handwerk, National Geographic

Published October 29, 2013 ([Article](#))

### Pagan Progenitor

Halloween's origins date back more than 2,000 years. On what we consider November 1, Europe's Celtic peoples celebrated their New Year's Day, called Samhain (SAH-win).

On Samhain eve—what we know as Halloween—spirits were thought to walk the Earth as they traveled to the afterlife. Fairies, demons, and other creatures were also said to be abroad. (See pictures of crypts and catacombs.)

### Celtic Costumes

In addition to sacrificing animals to the gods and gathering around bonfires, Celts often wore costumes—probably animal skins—to confuse spirits, perhaps to avoid being possessed, according to the American Folklife Center at the U.S. Library of Congress.

By wearing masks or blackening their faces, Celts are also thought to have impersonated dead ancestors.

In an early form of trick-or-treating, Celts costumed as spirits are believed to have gone from house to house engaging in silly acts in exchange for food and drink—a practice inspired perhaps by an earlier custom of leaving food and drink outdoors as offerings to supernatural beings.

### Christian Influence on Halloween

Samhain was later transformed as Christian leaders co-opted pagan holidays. In the seventh century Pope Boniface IV decreed November 1 All Saints' Day, or All Hallows' Day.

The night before Samhain continued to be observed with bonfires, costumes, and parades, though under a new name: All Hallows' Eve—later "Halloween."

### Halloween Arrives in America

European immigrants brought Halloween to the United States, and the celebration really gathered steam in the 1800s, when Irish-American immigration exploded.

Anoka, Minnesota, may be home to the United States' oldest official Halloween celebration.

Beginning in 1920, the city began staging a parade and bonfire.

Anoka historians say townsfolk wanted to curb Halloween pranks that loosed cows on Main Street and upended outhouses.

### Ten Most Popular Adults' Halloween 2013 Costumes

1. Witch
2. Batman character
3. Vampire
4. Zombie
5. Pirate
6. Action/super hero
7. Superman
8. Dracula
9. Cat
10. Scary costume/mask



### Ten Most Popular Children's Halloween 2013 Costumes

1. Princess
2. Animal
3. Batman character
4. Action/super hero
5. Spider-Man
6. Witch
7. Zombie
8. Disney princess
9. Superman
10. Fairy

