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Date: July 11, 2013  
 To: Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers  
 CC: Executive Team  
 From: Steven Jepsen, City Manager  
 Re: **City Manager's Report – July 11, 2013**

## Calendar

### Events this weekend:

- Thursday July 11 – Concert in the Park – “Boys of Summer” (Eagles Tribute) 🎵
- Friday July 12 – City Hall is Closed (Furlough)
- Friday July 12 – Sunday July 28 – [California State Fair!](#)



### Next Week:

JULY							
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
8:00							
9:00				9:00 SACOG Board of Director's Meeting			
10:00						Marysville Peach Festival	
11:00							
12:00							
1:00							
2:00							
3:00							
4:00			4:00 Sutter County Airport Committee	4:00 YS Transit Authority Meeting			
5:00		5:00 Council Closed Session		4:30 RWMA Meeting	Marysville Peach Festival		
6:00		6:00 City Council Meeting		7:00 Concert in the Park “Snee” Beatles Tribute 🎵			6:00 Gold Sox vs Auburn Wildcats

### Save the Dates!

- Wed July 24, 4:00 p.m. Employee Award Event Council Chambers
- Thurs July 25, 7:00 p.m. Concert in the Park – “Legend” (70s/80s Rock Tribute) 🎵
- Tues July 30, 11:45 a.m. Lunch Mob at “Café Olivetti”

- Wed July 31 – Sun August 4, Yuba Sutter Fair “Summer Fun”
- Thurs August 1, Twilight Thursday – Downtown Plumas Street
- Tues August 6, National Night Out Events (No Council Meeting)
- Wed August 7, 10:00 a.m. Groundbreaking – Feather River West Levee Project
- Tues August 13, 6:00 p.m. China Workshop with Economic Development Commission

### Yuba City News

As some of you may have heard, Terry Brown’s son, Derrick, passed away yesterday from injuries that occurred in an accident. Terry is a City employee with the Parks Department. A fund has been set up at River Valley Community Bank under the “Derrick Brown Memorial Fund”. This will help the Brown family with unexpected expenses that the family has and will incur in the near future. River Valley Community Bank is located at 1629 Colusa Avenue, Yuba City – next to Starbucks on Colusa Hwy and Stabler Lane. The direct contact at River Valley Community Bank is Rhonda Massey 821-2478.

Thank you in advance for any help/support you can give Terry Brown and his family. If you would like, you can drop off your donation at the Recreation Department and who will make sure it gets to the bank – please make checks to the **Derrick Brown Memorial Fund**.

Our sincere condolences and prayers go out to the Brown family during this difficult time.

### **Yuba City Children’s Fourth of July Parade**

A BIG THANK YOU to the staff of Parks & Recreation and the Fire Department for putting on this wonderful event! Even with temperatures over 100, turnout was fantastic – almost 1,000 hot dogs were served and over 1,200 bottles of water were handed out. Happy community memories to last a life time!



## Public Works Projects

PROJECT	DEPT	STATUS	ESTIMATE DATE
5 <sup>th</sup> Street Bridge	Kevin	Circulate Draft Environmental documents July 2013 Plans, specifications and estimates/ROW – 2014/2015	Construction 2016-2017
Fish Screen	Claire	Construction in progress	July 2014
Animal Control Facility	Claire	In progress	August 2013
Western Parkway/SR20	Diana	Construction May-Oct 2013	Construction begins May 2013
Irrigation Parks	Mandeep	6 wells completed (7 parks) 2 remaining wells in progress	Complete September 2013
Wildewood Water Project	Ben	Finance Agreement – July 2013 Construction anticipated begin Fall 2013	Construction begin Fall 2013
Feather River Parkway Phase 2	Diana & Brad	Design in progress	Project completed Fall 2015
Downtown Sewer Rehab	Diana	Award package to State for approval Anticipate Council award July 2013	September 2013/ completion Summer 2014
Residential Resurfacing Project	Ben	Contractor to start 7/15/13	Complete September 2013
King Avenue Safe Routes to School	Kevin	Coordinating utility relocations with utility companies	Construction Summer 2014
Butte House Road/Pease Road Class II Bike Lanes	Ben	To Council for approval of plans & specs 7/16/13	Construction Oct-Nov 2013
Water Intake Access Road Improvements	Mandeep	Awarded to DeWitt Bros. on 7/1/13	Construction July-Sept 2013

## Screamatorium – Haunted House

The issue with the Haunted House attraction has been resolved. It will be located in the original location behind Cool Hand Lukes.

The owners of the building stepped up and agreed to a minimal rent (\$1,000) for use of the building from now until the middle of November. Construction of the attraction will begin in the next two weeks.

Funds from the attraction will help fund the Sober Graduation events at RVHS and YCHS.



## 800 Northgate Drive Purchase Offer Cancelled

The \$1.1 million purchase offer for 800 Northgate Drive was cancelled Tuesday July 9, 2013. Although further direction was given to the City Manager to evaluate alternative uses for the property, no additional alternative uses could be identified for immediate City use. The City Council cancelled the agreement during the due diligence phase, subsequently the \$25,000 earnest money deposit is being refunded to the City.

The Yuba City Council is supportive of the concept of incubator space as a mechanism to attract new and creative job base industries to our community. We are hopeful that this idea will gain traction in the community and that private business expressing an interest in this type of facility will move forward with this concept.

Yuba City is very grateful to the land owner, bank and broker in working with us over an extended period of time on this issue.

## [News Article Highlight](#)

### Smart Cities

by NPR Staff  
July 11, 2013 10:17 AM

This year, the NPR Cities Project is covering the concept of "smart cities": how cities worldwide are experimenting with technology to solve all sorts of urban problems. Policymakers hope implementing technological solutions to urban issues will help cities become more efficient, more user-friendly and more environmentally sustainable.

But are these cities smart? The creation and implementation of a new digital urban infrastructure also raises lots of questions. A smartphone may offer new opportunities for civic engagement, but will people who can't afford one be left behind? While camera networks may aid police in fighting crime, do they compromise individual privacy? Will the troves of social media and mobile phone data really reveal enough information about human behavior to help cities address global climate change?

In short, is the drive toward a new kind of "technopolis" a boondoggle or a boon for cities?

#### DID YOU KNOW?

*Early politicians required feedback from the public to determine what the people considered important. Since there were no telephones, TV's or radios, the politicians sent their assistants to local taverns, pubs and bars. They were told to 'go sip some ale' and listen to people's conversations and political concerns. Many assistants were dispatched at different times – "you go sip here" and "you go sip there". The two words "go sip" were eventually combined when referring to the local opinion and, thus we have the term 'gossip'.*