



## Calendar of Events in Nevada

### April 9—Bike Rodeo



On April 9, there will be a bike rodeo for children up to 11 years old from **10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the City Hall Parking Lot**. Bring your bikes and helmets! There will be bike courses, helmet fittings, a safety video, bike licensing, and refreshments.

### April 9—Story County Toddler Fest

“Toddlers Bloom with Reading” at the Story County Toddler Fest from **10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Gates Hall** in Nevada.

### April 10-16—National Library Week

The Nevada Public Library will be celebrating all month long with various activities.

### April 16—Easter Egg Hunt

Bring your Easter baskets for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Nevada Jaycees and Rolling Green Village on Saturday, April 16 at **Rolling Green Village**, 100 6th Street in Nevada. It will begin at **1:00 p.m. for 0-2 year olds inside and 1:20 p.m. for 3-10 year olds outside**. This is a **FREE** community event! Rain date April 23.



### April 21—Swim Lesson Registration

Register for summer swimming lessons on April 21, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Gates Hall.

### April 23—Spring Clean Up Day

The City of Nevada will have a Spring Clean Up day to collect regular household waste at **Harrington Park from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** Environmental Services of Iowa will be at Harrington Park also to pick up appliances for a fee, see the backside of this newsletter for fees.

The City of Ames will be sponsoring a Free Day at the Resource Recovery Plant Saturday, April 23 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Residents of Story County are eligible to use the Plant on this day to dispose of **regular household waste**. **Furniture, carpet, and lawn mowers** will be accepted but not processed in the Plant; these items will be landfilled/recycled. Please access the plant from the west on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, not from Lincoln Way. **All appliances** will be disposed of for a fee of \$20 each.

Bell Salvage at 500 Freel Drive is taking appliances **FREE** any day during the week, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

### April 23—Yard Waste Free Day

Yard waste such as lawn clippings, branches, shrubs or trees will not be accepted; these items must be disposed of at Bolder Creations, **407 Freel Drive**. Bolder Creations' phone number is 233-4305.

### April 23—Prescription Drug Drop Off

Check in your medicine cabinets and take out the unused and/or expired medication and bring them in to **Nevada City Hall from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.** on April 23. Accepted items are: Unused and/or expired prescriptions (including pills, lotions, ointments, and liquids), expired over-the-counter medication, vitamins, supplements, and expired pet medications. Items not accepted are: Needles, sharps, syringes, industrial waste, bloody or infectious waste, and thermometers. Mark out any identifying information on the prescription labels.



### April 30—Get Fit Nevada Pump and Run

To participate in this fun run contact Parks and Rec. at 382-4352

### May 7—Jaycee's NABR —Save the Date!

### Meeting Schedule.

- **Council: Apr. 11 and 25, City Hall Council Chambers 6:00 p.m.**
- **Gates Hall Board Meeting: Apr. 13, Gates Hall 4:30 p.m.**
- **Library: Apr. 18, Library Meeting Room 4:30 p.m.**
- **Parks and Recreation Board: Apr. 20, Gates Hall 5:15 p.m.**
- **Planning and Zoning Commission: Apr. 4, City Hall Council Chambers 6:15 p.m.**
- **Board of Adjustment: Apr. 12, City Hall Council Chambers 10:00 a.m.**

**Open Burning of Landscape Waste** begins April 1 and ends May 15. Hours begin at 8 a.m. and all fires must be extinguished by 7 p.m. A competent adult must attend all fires and a method to extinguish the fire must be readily available. You may NOT burn garbage. Keep all fires at least 40 feet from any structure, including wooden fences and utility poles. You cannot use public easements (alleys) for your fire.

### Sump Pumps

The Planning and Zoning Department wishes to remind everyone that sump pumps are not allowed to pump into the street until April 1 and can do so until November 1. A 3 year permit needs to be filled out, they are available at City Hall or the City's web site, and there is no cost.

# Library News

**National Library Week is April 10 – 16!** The Nevada Public Library will be celebrating all month long with various activities.

During National Library Week, we will again have a **fine amnesty**. If you have an overdue book and bring it in during that week with a non-perishable food item for the Nevada Community Cupboard, we will waive the fine. If you pay old fines on your account from books returned previously, we will cut your fine in half if you bring in a non-perishable food item. We will be collecting for the Community Cupboard all month, so you may bring in items to donate at any time, but fines will only be waived or discounted during National Library Week. Last year we collected just over 500 items for the Cupboard. In this time of increased need, let's see if we can beat last year's record!

We will also be celebrating with **Musical Lunch Breaks** during National Library Week. From Monday, April 11 through Friday, April 15, students from the high school or the middle school will come to perform music each day at noon. Please come, bring your lunch and hear some live music. We also invite classes from the elementary school to come and eat lunch and enjoy this great opportunity. You might like to join your elementary student for lunch at the library! If you have any questions, please call the Nevada Public Library at 382-2628.



**Friends of the Nevada Public Library** will have a two-day **open house and book sale** at the library on Friday, April 29 and Saturday, April 30. Come for the open house then go downstairs to the basement for the book sale during regular Library hours. Learn what Friends of the Nevada Public Library do for the Library and what you can do to help. There will be refreshments available both days. Friday, April 24 the book sale is open from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. On Saturday, April 25 the sale will run from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Come to the open house and the sale and support the Nevada Public Library.



"Toddlers Bloom with Reading" at the **Story County Toddler Fest** on Saturday, April 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Gates Hall in Nevada. Toddlers and their parents from anywhere in Story County are welcome to come to the Gates Hall for this free event sponsored by Story County Youth Librarians. Each toddler will receive a free book. Gates Hall is located at 825 15<sup>th</sup> Street in Nevada.



The Nevada Public Library has a **Facebook page**. Check it out and become a friend! Find out what's going on at the Nevada Public Library.

## 2011-12 City of Nevada Budget Highlights

### General:

- Maintain quality service levels for daily operations
- Tax levy remains unchanged

### Water/Sewer/Street/Storm/Planning and Zoning:

- Planning for street maintenance projects
- UPRR North Track Improvements
- Zone 3 Sidewalk Project
- 17<sup>th</sup> Street Storm Sewer Collector Lines Project
- Wastewater Collection System Inflow & Infiltration Investigation
- Street Maintenance Facility Needs Assessment
- INTRANS Street Study

### Police/Fire/EMS:

- Purchase of computers for the police vehicles
- Replacing Extrication Equipment for the Fire Department

### Economic Development/Quality of Life:

- Constructing a restroom near eastern playground at SCORE Park
- Redevelopment Incentive Fund to encourage physical improvements throughout the Lincoln Highway and 6<sup>th</sup> Street TIF districts
- Human Services and Community Funds to assist local non-profit organizations and government entities to provide services and programs to our citizens

## Appliance Pick Up—April 23

Environmental Services of Iowa, LLC will be at the Spring Clean Up at Harrington Park to take appliances and electronics for a fee. The appliances collected by ESI will not be reconditioned or resold. All components are disposed of in an environmentally sound manner.

\$11.00 fee for the following **Appliances**: Washers, Dryers, Stoves (gas & electric), Refrigerators (gas & electric), Freezers, Microwaves, Dishwashers, Hot Water Heaters (gas & electric), Furnaces, Window Air Conditioners, Central Air Conditioners, Humidifiers, Dehumidifiers, Water Softeners, Water Coolers, Trash Compactors, Water Fountains, and Commercial Vending Machines

Fees for **Electronics** are as follows: TVs and Monitors 27" or less = \$23 each, TVs and Monitors 28" or more = \$30 each, Console TVs = \$35 each, Flat panel Monitors = \$8 each, Desktop Printers = \$5 each, Stand alone Printers = \$20 each, Computers = \$5 each, Misc. Electronics = \$5 each

## Spring Cleaning Tips

Along with the sunshine of spring comes the need to clean our homes. Here are a few spring maintenance ideas that not only provide your family with a cleaner, more efficient home, but a **SAFER** home.

- Check electrical outlets and switches for proper function.
- Always have a multi-purpose ABC fire extinguisher accessible and serviced annually.
- Review your fire escape plan with your family.
- Have a professional inspect your air conditioner and furnace system.
- Run through a severe-weather drill with your family.
- Check the shutoff valve at each plumbing fixture.
- Clean the clothes dryer exhaust duct, damper and space under the dryer to prevent lint fires.