



## The Nevada Community Fire Department is looking for someone like you!

Our department consists of over 30 professional volunteer members and one full time fire chief. Some of our department personnel are cross-trained as Firefighters and Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) or First Responders. Annually, our department responds to over 700 calls with approximately 70% of those calls being EMS related. We offer a variety of opportunities to serve, each with a high level of satisfaction. Whether you serve as a firefighter, or emergency medical responder, few opportunities in life can match the satisfaction of knowing you're making a difference in the lives of others.

The department accepts applications from adults regardless of gender, race, religious or sexual preference. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, have a valid driver's license, and pass a criminal background check. Applicants desiring to be firefighters and/or EMTs should be able to handle the physical requirements and demands of the job. Applications are available by stopping in at City Hall of the Fire Station, or can be mailed to you upon request, or you can download a form from our website at [www.cityofnevadaiaowa.org](http://www.cityofnevadaiaowa.org) in the Membership Application heading in the Fire Department section of the "City Departments" link on the webpage. Please fill the application out completely and provide a photocopy of your driver's license any support documents such as existing certifications or previous relevant experience. If, upon the review of your application, you are determined to be eligible, members of the department with contact you to schedule and interview. From there, the committee will make a recommendation to the Fire Chief regarding your eligibility to become a member. Then your application will be placed on an upcoming Nevada City Council Agenda for "official" approval.

## Library News

### Story Times

Winter/Spring **story times will start the week of February 6.** Pre-school age children will meet at 2:30 p.m. on Mondays. Kindergartners through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will meet after school at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesdays. Thursday at 10:30 a.m. will be Toddlers (one and two year olds) and at 11:00 a.m. will be the baby group (non-walkers). Sign your child up now by calling the library (382-2628) or stopping at the front desk at the library.

### Mrs. Gregory Retiring

Our **Children's Librarian, Mary Gregory**, is retiring. Her last day will be February 17. There will be an Open House on Tuesday, **February 14, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.**, to give everyone a chance to wish her a happy retirement and to thank her for her years of service to the children of Nevada.

### Building Project Update

The Library Board plans to hire George Lawson, a library consultant with 20 years of experience with building and remodeling projects, to shepherd us through the design planning and the hiring of an architect.

### Reading Group

The Reading Group will be discussing the All Iowa Reads book, Strength in What Remains by Tracy Kidder. Anyone is welcome to join the group at the Library on Thursday, **February 23, at 1:30 p.m.** The books are available for checkout at the library.

### Knitting Club

The Knitting Club will meet on Monday, **February 27 at 6:30 p.m.** in the meeting room at the library. Anyone interested in knitting, crocheting or other handiwork may bring their project to work on while they chat with others with similar interests.

## Project Linus

Please help Luke Durkop with his 4-H Leadership project which is to donate 200 or more blankets to the Story/Polk County Project Linus Group. On **February 18**, there will be a "**Blanket Making Day**" at **Christy 4-H Hall from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.** He is in need of materials to make fleece tie blankets and people to make them. You can make the blanket ahead of time and drop it off at Christy Hall on that day. Please call 382-5957 with questions.

## Meeting Schedule

- **Council: Feb. 13 and 27, City Hall Council Chambers 6:00 p.m.**
- **Library: Feb. 20, Library Meeting Room 4:30 p.m.**
- **Parks and Recreation Board: Feb. 15, Gates Hall 5:15 p.m.**
- **Planning and Zoning Commission: Feb. 6, City Hall Council Chambers 6:15 p.m.**

## All School Can Drive

The Central Elementary is having a can drive on February 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Children will be out collecting pop cans during that morning so please have pop cans ready.

## Save your Super Bowl party cans!

## Nevada Community School District Special Bond Election will be held on February 7

This "Special Election" will take place on Tuesday, February 7. **The polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Gates Hall.** Gates Hall is the only polling place. The purpose of the bond election is to finish the remodeling of the high school facility.

Send that special someone a singing Valentine! Our musicians will serenade your Valentine, present them with a personalized card and gourmet chocolates from Chocolaterie Stam!

To send a Singing Valentine on Tuesday, February 14, call the Nevada Chamber of Commerce at 382-6538

# How the City Relies Upon Volunteers

## Parks and Recreation

Help Plant Flowers or Trees  
Coaches for Youth Sports Teams  
Senior Thanksgiving and Valentine's Brunch  
Cleaning Up Parks and Cemetery  
SCORE Campaign  
Park Board  
Various Special Events

## Police

Records Filing  
Answering Admin Phones in Cathy's office  
Watching Front Office  
Organizing Filing Room and Equipment Rooms  
Cleaning  
Bike Safety Events  
Car Seat Events  
Halloween activities

## Library

Cleaning  
Landscaping  
Shelving  
Getting Books Ready for the Shelf  
Helping others with Genealogy  
Updating Series Books  
Book Sales  
Sealing Envelopes  
Getting Books Ready for Removing from shelves  
Putting up Displays and Decorations  
Library Board of Trustees

## Lifeguard Training Class

If you are or will be 15 years of age before the end of March and are interested in summer employment, consider taking the Lifeguard Training class. Course fee is \$50.00 and class dates are listed below. For more additional registration information, please contact Nevada Parks and Recreation at 382-4352.

<b>Sunday, February 26</b>	1:00 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, February 28</b>	4:00 - 8:00 p.m.
<b>Thursday, March 1</b>	4:00 - 8:00 p.m.
<b>Saturday, March 3</b>	9:00 - 2:00 p.m.
<b>Sunday, March 4</b>	1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, March 6</b>	4:00 - 8:00 p.m.
<b>Thursday, March 8</b>	4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

## SNOW REMOVAL AROUND FIRE HYDRANTS

The City is asking for help with snow removal around fire hydrants. If you have a fire hydrant adjacent to your property the City is asking that you please keep snow clear of the hydrant. If you are unable to do so, please contact a neighbor that can assist you. Snow piled around a fire hydrant could cause a delay in extinguishing a fire. By removing the snow it will allow the fire department to access the hydrant more quickly in response to fire emergencies.

**Parking tickets written while the Snow Ordinance is in effect are \$50.00.** Please get your vehicles off the roads and out of city parking lots so that the snow plows can remove snow effectively.

## CodeRED Emergency Notification System

This system allows the dispatcher to telephone all or targeted areas of the city in case of an emergency situation that requires immediate action (such as a snow emergency, missing child or evacuation notice). The City can provide the public an instant message by home phone, cellular phone, text messaging or email. It can be for any emergency or non-emergency event.

If you received the message last year, you can be confident that that phone number is on the list; however, you can add a cell phone number to the call list for the same address. All businesses should register, as well as all individuals who have unlisted phone numbers, who have changed their phone number or address within the last year, and who use a cellular phone as their primary home phone. Register on the City of Nevada's website and follow the link to the CodeRED page.

## Note from the City Administrator

Here is the remainder of the list of accomplishments from 2010-2012, which we are extremely proud of.

### Major Accomplishments

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Street median improvements at UPRR, upgraded from channelization devices
- Annexation of property at US30 and west of Lincolnway Energy property
- Ad Hoc citizen committee for Human Services requests
- New City Attorney – contract renewed
- NSCC Endowment established
- New insurance agent and plan
- New prescription drug plan
- Moratorium agreement with the City of Ames – Annexation for Dupont
- New fuel agreement
- Agreements with Heartland Senior Services and Nevada Seniors for use of NSCC
- More involvement with Nevada Chamber – small business roundtables, board members, volunteer fundraising committees and Ambassador business visits
- New employee safety training committee
- New employee health and wellness committee
- First annual employee appreciation and recognition event
- Tope Foundation grant and library levy passed for expansion project
- South track quiet zone and wye track quiet zone implemented
- Health and wellness initiatives within the City of Nevada
- Improved online communications with the public – better website, facebook, library e-newsletter, etc.
- Reconditioned south water tower – added Nevada Cubs print
- No increase in the city's tax levy (other than voted petitions) for 15 years
- Effective city council; working well together
- Relationships built with City of Ames and Story County about future development west of Nevada
- Grants for the fire department – skid unit and extrication equipment
- Having non-resident and hazardous materials fees - \$50,000 in revenues
- Adopting a city fire code and false alarm ordinance