



## Library News

### Musical Lunch Breaks

Musical Lunch Breaks are **November 7 – 10 at 12:00 noon** each day at the library. Come to the library, bring your lunch, and listen to some live music provided by local students. On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, members of the **Nevada band** will play. If singing is more to your taste, Thursday, members from the **Nevada High School chorus** will sing for us. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to enjoy our school musicians when they perform at the Nevada Public Library.

### Thanksgiving Closures

The Nevada Public Library will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, November 24 and on Friday, November 25. We will be open our regular hours 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 26.

### Thank you to our Volunteers!

Wednesday, **November 9** we will be thanking our volunteers with a luncheon before the Musical Lunch Break. The Nevada Public Library has many volunteers without whom we would not be able to do many of the things we do. Some of our volunteers help us keep the books on the shelves in order. We have volunteers to deliver books to the nursing homes and homebound. Other volunteers get the sale books ready for our book sales and some work during the sale itself. We have volunteers who help with story times, either preparing crafts for the children to make or reading when Mary cannot be here. We have several volunteers who come on a regular basis and help us with just about anything we ask them to do, from cataloging and processing books to shelving and cleaning. We thank our wonderful volunteers and hope that anyone who wants to help will contact us.



### Knitting Club

Knitting club will meet on Monday, **November 28 at 6:30 p.m.** in the meeting room at the Nevada Public Library. Bring your own projects to work on and enjoy the company of other needlework fans.

### Reading Group

There will be no reading group during the month of November. They will be meeting in early December so stop at the checkout desk to get that book.

### Downloadable audiobooks and eBooks

The Nevada Public Library catalog has downloadable audiobooks and eBooks available for you to **download to your computer or device**, now including the Kindle.

### Become a Facebook Fan!

I'm a Fan of the Nevada Public Library, don't you want to be a Fan, too?! The Nevada Public Library is on Facebook, and you can become a fan! On our website: [www.nevada.lib.ia.us](http://www.nevada.lib.ia.us) at the bottom of the first page, click on "Become a Fan" in the Nevada Public Library on Facebook box.

### Special Library Levy

The Tope Foundation has approved a \$750,000 challenge grant for an addition to the Nevada Public Library. The special Capital Improvements Levy will provide the rest of the money necessary for an addition which will:

- Enlarge and consolidate the children's area.
- Improve accessibility with a family restroom and a drive-up drop box.
- Provide flexible meeting and study space for groups of all sizes.
- Allow better space for public computers and computer classes.
- Be a greener building that will save money over time.

The Special Capital Improvements Levy will be on the ballot for the City Election on November 8, 2011.

### ABWA Craft Fair

Circle the Date! The annual American Business Women's Association (ABWA) craft fair will be held **November 12 (9 a.m.-5 p.m.)** and **November 13 (10 a.m.-3 p.m.)** at Gates Hall and Nevada High School. There's something for everyone from the wide variety of vendors. Refreshments and lunch served on site. A \$1.00 door donation is good for both buildings. No strollers please.

### Meeting Schedule.

- **Council: Nov. 14 and 28, City Hall Council Chambers 6:00 p.m.**
- **Library: Nov. 21, Library Meeting Room 4:30 p.m.**
- **Parks and Recreation Board: Nov. 16, Gates Hall 5:15 p.m.**
- **Planning and Zoning Commission: Nov. 7, City Hall Council Chambers 6:15 p.m.**

**City offices will be closed November 11 for Veteran's Day (except the library), and 24 and 25 for Thanksgiving**

### Sump Pump Discharge

Here is a reminder that those who have Sump Pump Discharge Permits, November 1 is the last day to pump storm water into the street until April 1.

### Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon

All seniors and guests are invited to attend this special event! Enjoy a Thanksgiving lunch with Nevada Parks and Recreation and staff on Tuesday, November 22 at Gates Memorial Hall. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. A meal donation of \$7.00 is requested. Please call Parks and Recreation at 382-4352 to register by November 18.



## WINTERFEST FESTIVAL OF TREES

Each year the community pulls together to make Nevada's Winterfest celebration a wonderful community event, this year will mark the **21<sup>st</sup> Annual Celebration**. We would appreciate your participation, as our hope for this event, is to fill the Auditorium at Gates Hall with beautifully decorated Christmas trees – making the building as festive as possible for all the wonderful activities planned on **December 9 and 10**. We are asking that you organize a tree to be decorated for your family/business/organization. **To register to have a tree in the Festival**, call Parks and Rec. at 382-4352. Decorating dates and times will be December 6, 7, or 8 from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. You will also be responsible for removal of the tree between 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. on Monday, December 12. Tree decoration may be traditional or theme oriented. We prefer that an artificial tree be used; however, a live tree is acceptable.



### Chamber Cookie Parade: Bakers Needed!

Nevada's **Winter Festival** is just around the corner! **Friday, December 9** and **Saturday, December 10**, will feature the Festival of Trees, Breakfast with Santa, Polar Bear Walk, the Holiday Cookie Parade and Junior Theatre Presentations.

The Parade begins at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 9 and at 8:30 a.m. Saturday December 10, while supplies last.

The **Chamber is looking for volunteer bakers** to provide cookies which will be sold at the Parade. The Chamber will be awarding \$50.00 in chamber bucks to the person with the best decorated cookie (having baked & donated 10 dozen is a minimum requirement). Baked cookies are due to Gates Hall on Friday, December 9 at noon. Proceeds go to the Nevada Chamber of Commerce. **Please call Chamber Director Sara Clausen** at 382-6538 **by November 15** if you are interested in baking.



### 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Polar Bear Walk

Sponsored by Story County Medical Center  
**December 10 at 10 a.m. at Gates Hall**

It's getting chilly outside but the Nevada Chamber of Commerce has some winter fun for you! Enjoy our walking trails and participate in **Nevada's Winter Festival!**

\$10.00 **Pre-registration** includes a "Polar Bear Walk" long sleeved t-shirt. Registration the morning of the walk is allowed for a higher fee of \$15. Children under the age of 12 are free of charge. (A fee of \$5.00 will apply if you would like to order a child size t-shirt.)



### Applications for RIF Grants due in 30 days: December 1

The City of Nevada announced the sixth and final year to apply for Re-Development Incentive Fund (RIF) Program. The **deadline** for taking applications is Thursday, **December 1, 2011**.

According to Mayor Jerry Gull, "This is an opportunity for Nevada businesses owners in the RIF Area, which includes Sixth Street and the Lincoln Highway corridor, to improve your buildings. You are invited and encouraged to partake."

**Grant application materials** may be picked up from City Hall, 1209 6<sup>th</sup> Street or from the Chamber Office at 1015 6<sup>th</sup> Street, or can be mailed by calling City Hall at 515-382-5466 or the Chamber Office at 515-382-6538. You can also find the application and supporting materials, including the RIF Area Map at [www.cityofnevadaiaowa.org](http://www.cityofnevadaiaowa.org) by clicking on Boards and Commissions, RIF Program. **Applications must be received** via mail or hand delivered to the Office of the City Administrator **by 5 p.m. on December 1**.

### Yard Waste Free Days

November 5 (includes brush), 12, 19, 26 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 407 Freel Drive

Residents may bring their yard waste such as leaves, grass, and lawn clippings to the disposal site at 407 Freel Drive. These yard waste items are NOT accepted at the Resource Recovery Plant.

The City of Ames contracts with Bolder Creations to accept yard waste at no cost to Story County residents on free days. Participants must abide by Bolder Creations' guidelines for yard waste disposal. For questions, call Bolder Creations at (515) 233-4305.

### Do you want to learn more about the Indian Creek Greenbelt Trail – Story County Extension?

The trail committee is hosting three informational meetings to inform the community about the expansion of the existing trail system south of Nevada. This is a great opportunity to understand how this project can enhance our community. Join us at the Indian Creek Country Club at one or all three events scheduled for noon and 7:00 p.m. on November 1 and 7:00 p.m. on November 2. Refreshments provided. Contact Laura West at 515-520-0675 or [laura@westfinancialadvisors.com](mailto:laura@westfinancialadvisors.com) for more information about the trail project or the events.

### Open Burning of Landscape Waste ENDS November 20

Open burning of landscape (yard waste) is scheduled from October 1 through November 20 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily (fire must be extinguished by 5 p.m.). A competent adult shall constantly attend all open fires until the fire is fully extinguished.

### Snow Emergency Reminder

With winter weather approaching, it is important for us all to be reminded about the City of Nevada's Snow Emergency procedures. During a snow emergency, all vehicles are prohibited from parking on all city streets and in all city-owned parking lots. Once a snow emergency has been declared, it is the duty of vehicle owners to remove their vehicles from the city streets and city-owned parking lots within one-half hour of the snow emergency announcement.