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City of Biggs -

Where the People Own the Power and the Water

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Happy Mothers Day!

Don't forget Mom this year on May 8th.

Front Yard Changes in Biggs

State law and city ordinances make property owners responsible for maintaining the landscaping in the city -owned space between the homeowner's front yard and the street. For sidewalks, this means keeping it swept clean, at least. For the sidewalk-to-curb areas sometimes called a "planting strip" or "mow strip," this means weed maintenance and landscaping.

A recently revised city code defines landscaping in these areas with the expectation that it is improved with something green and attractive growing there. For more information please contact the city planner at city hall. The municipal code is available to read and print at the city website.

Please Think Before You Flush

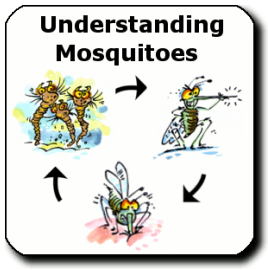
Please don't flush rags or other foreign objects down toilets or sinks. When junk clogs our wastewater lines and pumps, everyone pays more for the required extra maintenance.

Did you know?

- You can recycle cans, bottles and glass in Biggs at D&E Recycling located next door to Biggs Market on B St. near Seventh. They are open Mon-Fri 9-4 and Saturdays 9-3.
- Backyard Composting Guides are available free, just stop by city hall or email a request for one to recycle@buttecounty.net .
- Local burn permit regulations recently changed. They are posted on the city bulletin board at the post office, and online at www.biggs-ca.gov.
- You can catch the B-Line bus daily to Chico! The schedule changed April 17. It is available at www.blinetransit.com, the city website, and the window of city hall on Sixth Street.

Got Mosquitoes?

Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District is continually on the lookout for potential breeding grounds for mosquitoes. Their specialists employ aerial surveillance, among other methods, to look into back yards for target areas like un-maintained swimming pools and buckets with standing water. Working together we can reduce the hazards of adult mosquitoes by reducing their breeding grounds.



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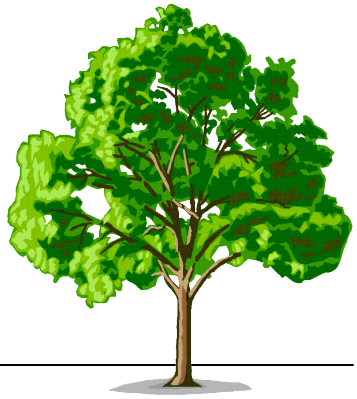
BCAV is on the Move

Biggs Community Action Volunteers put on a big fundraiser dinner/opportunity drawing in April, and has big plans for events coming up:

- Downtown tree replacement in partnership with the city and Waste Management in May.
- Car show and swap meet on Saturday, June 4, 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Construction of planter box benches for downtown – this summer.

For more info please call Mary at 868-1289.

What's Happening Downtown?

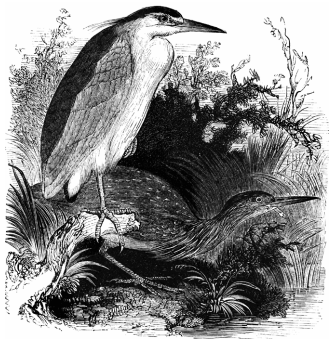


Trees were recently removed because they were too messy. The City and BCAV are partnering to replace the 14 trees soon with a donation from Waste Management. The Butte Federal Credit Union is donating two additional trees for replacement in the downtown park. Watch for planter benches coming soon. To be a part of it -- by volunteering or donating -- please contact BCAV.

Nothing to Crow About

While a limited number of hens, 4 to be precise, are allowed on residential properties in Biggs, roosters are not allowed anywhere in the city. To have a rooster removed from your neighborhood, please call Animal Control at 846-4825.

It's Squawk Time Again



Night herons, also known locally as "squawks," are expected to return to the area this spring as they normally do. City crews have been thinning the trees at Family Park to prevent nesting. These migratory birds prefer a thickly shaded canopy. While State law prevents destroying their active nests, you can try to prevent them from nesting. Contact Paul in the Public Works Dept at 868-1396 for advise.

When You Find a Dead Bird

If you find a dead bird, the California Dept of Health urges you to call their dead bird hotline to investigate possible cases of West Nile virus. Call 1-877-BIRD (2473) 8am-5pm. You can also report dead birds at www.BCMVD.com

Make a Council Connection

The first Wednesday of every month, from 3-5pm, city council members are available to you for an open forum informal chat. One or two council members will welcome your visit to city hall on Sixth Street.

You pick the topic[s]. Some residents stop by to talk about safety concerns. Some ask about city plans for business development and growth.

Council members and city staff are also available throughout the month by appointment or by email. Phone numbers and email addresses are listed on the city website www.biggs-ca.gov.

Your Trash Carts Don't Belong in the Street

Please pull your trash carts off the street on non-trash pick-up days. A newly revised city code requires the carts be stored out of sight if practical, in any case back away from the street and not farther forward than the front plane of the house. City Code Enforcement does issue citations for repeated neglect of trash carts.

BIGGS 4TH OF JULY

HOMETOWN CELEBRATION

TRI TIP DINNER

AND SILENT AUCTION

IN THE BIGGS COMMUNITY HALL

SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2011

FROM 4:30 TO 8:00 P.M.

CONTACT ANGELA 624-4148

$15.00 ~ ADULT / $6.00 ~ KIDS 10 - 6
CHILDREN UNDER 5 AND UNDER FREE

INCLUDES TRI-TIP, BREAD, SALAD, BEANS, BEVERAGE & DESSERT
(TO GO MEALS WILL BE AVAILABLE)

ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARD THE COST OF FIREWORKS FOR THE 4TH OF JULY

BCAV
Biggs Community Action Volunteers

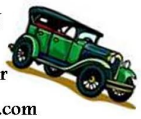
CAR SHOW EXTRAVAGANZA & SWAP MEET

June 4, 2011
Rio Bonito Park
Biggs CA

Bring the kids for a day of family fun!

Cars and motorcycles

of all years, makes and models welcome.
VENDORS of all kinds will be here for you to enjoy your day with lunch and shopping too!



FOR DETAILS on how to enter your vehicle or be a vendor
CALL JAMES AT 530.282.0520 OR email bcav.event@yahoo.com
Cars & Motorcycles $10.00 / Entire Club $30.00
Swap meet spaces 10x10 $15 / 15x15 $20

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Opportunity Drawing …. Fundraiser for July 4th

Biggs Hometown Celebration Committee will be offering tickets for an opportunity drawing for one of two shot guns. A Remington 870 Magnum or a Ruger 10/20 Shotgun. The tickets are available from members of the committee or will be sold at all our up-coming events. The cost is $5.00 each. First ticket drawn will receive their choice of the two and the second ticket drawn will receive the other.

Donate Year Round for Fireworks on July 4!

Some people have asked how they can donate smaller amounts throughout the year rather than a larger amount at the 4th of July events. You can now make donations for our "Hometown Celebration" by adding the amount and noting it specifically on your check with your utility bill payment.

Biggs Hometown Celebration …..Ready, Set, Celebrate!!!!

The Biggs Hometown Celebration 4th of July committee is on the move too with plans for a fun July 4th Celebration. We'd love to have more volunteers so please stop by a meeting or leave your name and number with city hall and we will call you with more information.

Events planned this season are:

- **May 28_Booth at Red Suspenders Day**...come see us during the parade for a nice cold ice cream bar and to purchase your ticket to our fundraiser dinner on June 4 and our shotgun drawing on July 4th.
- **June 4_Tri Tip BBQ Dinner and Silent Auction**...come see us for dinner after a long day of fun at the BCAV Car Show/Swap Meet. 4:30 to 8:00 at the Biggs Community Hall.
- **July 4_Start your day at 10:00 a.m. with a Parade**, then enjoy food and crafts in Cork Oak Park, take a dip in the Biggs pool to cool off, then join us that evening for our spectacular fireworks show. We hope to see you there!

You can find more information about the 4th of July events in Biggs on the website at www.biggs-ca.gov or on Facebook or shoot an email to ang_mari@comcast.net for more information.

Display your Grand Ole Flag … Monday, May 30, 2011

Monday, May 30th is Memorial Day. Plan to join our beautiful display of flags down Historical "B" Street by displaying your own flag in memory of those military members who have died in service to our country.

We're on the web!

www.biggs-ca.gov