

#### CITY OF BIGGS NEWSLETTER

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# From the Mayor's Desk

Due to the Governor's drought proclamation I am urging all water users in Biggs to do their part to conserve as much water as possible by only watering as needed. We need everyone to voluntarily comply with these conservation measures.

Should you observe vagrants loitering around town, please notify the Biggs Gridley Police Department at 846-5670. Biggs has an Anti-loitering Ordinance, "**Chapter 7.10 LOITERING**". This enforcement may prevent your property from being broken into!

For more information regarding any of these (or other) issues please contact our City Administrator, Mark Sorensen at 868-0100.

City Council Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Looking forward to seeing you!

If you have any concerns or questions, I am available at 530-518-9471.

Roger Frith
Mayor City of Biggs

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## **City Marijuana Rules**

The City of Biggs has strict regulations regarding "medical marijuana" cultivation. Growing can only occur in a secure, alarm-protected, detached structure. The size of the grow area is limited, and in no case can it be less than 500' from a school or church. More details are in the code text which can be found on the city website or by contacting City Hall.



The city's ordinance is designed to permit the exercise of whatever legal rights might exist, while protecting neighbors from the nuisance of the smell and sight of marijuana – which tends to attract criminal activity to neighborhoods. Fines for code violations are heavy and can also be found in the city code.

## **Annual Street Dance**



Mark your calendars for this year's street dance, planned for **May 8**<sup>th</sup>! Come and enjoy BBQ hamburgers and hot dogs, drinks, vendor booths and live music! This year's band is High Noon, featuring local players, David Bassett and brothers Derrick and Kyle Bissell. This is an all ages event and will be alcohol free. Admission will be \$5.00 with all **proceeds going towards funding the 4**<sup>th</sup> **of July event**.

# 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration



Dear News Editor,

Biggs only has a few community activities each year; the largest is the celebration of our freedom. We all need to show our support\_for the freedom we are blessed with. People come to Biggs from Sacramento, Nevada City, Yuba City, Oroville, Redding, Chico, Live Oak and Gridley just to enjoy the fabulous fireworks show put on by your community.

Brian Bassett is the chairman of our event and he needs **OUR community** to step up to the plate and **volunteer to help**. What can I do, you ask? Either:

- ➤ Donate money did you know it takes \$10,000 just for the fireworks? It also costs to bring in entertainment for the children and adults.
- ➤ VOLUNTEER to help
  - At fund raisers or
  - Help the day of the event: bounce house supervisor, gate collections, set up and take down or clean up after the event.

**Your help is needed!** Please call Brian at 519-2766 or myself at 632-4401 and show your community support. If you are unable to help, please make a contribution to: Biggs Charitable Fund, PO Box 1192, Biggs, CA 95917. Biggs Charitable Fund is a 501-C3 charity and you will receive a tax deductible receipt by mail.

Thank you, Mary Frith

#### **Herons**

Time is running out to discourage herons from nesting in your trees! You only have through April to remove old nests and thin the canopies of dense trees, which is the best defense. If you see herons congregating in a tree, try to discourage them with noises, brightly colored moving objects or green lasers. Once the herons have nested they become protected under a federal treaty.



### **Sidewalk Maintenance**



It is the responsibility of persons owning, leasing, renting, occupying or having charge or possession of private property in the city to maintain or to allow to be maintained sidewalks and mow strips for safe passage (ref. city code 6.25.020). Weeds growing in the cracks of sidewalks can constitute a danger to public safety, not to mention it creates an unsightly appearance. Please do your part in keeping our sidewalks safe and looking nice.