



CITY OF BIGGS -

WHERE THE PEOPLE OWN THE POWER AND THE WATER

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We will take your books!

BCAV is collecting used books as a fundraiser for the Biggs library. Books that cannot go onto the shelves will be sold to purchase new books that can add to our library. Please contact Mary at 868-1289 for more info.



Donate all year round...start now!

You don't have to wait until July 4th to make donations to the July 4th Hometown Celebration. You can add contributions into your utility bill payment any time if you'd like; please make a note on the payment to indicate which part is donation. The city will then transfer those funds to the Hometown Committee account for you.



Utility Rate News...

Water rates need to be increased in order to cover the city's costs of this utility service. Water fund reserves are getting depleted because revenues are not covering the costs of operating the system; also, current revenue is not enough to make bond debt payments to cover the cost of capital improvements made to the system in recent years. The city is reviewing **water rates** and the structure of the rates as to effect on metered vs. non-metered (flat rate) customers.

Reserves are depleted as revenues are not covering costs of operating the system plus bond debt payments to cover the cost of capital improvements made to the system in recent years. A citizens' rate advisory committee analyzed the situation and proposed changes to the rate structure.

The city council will continue to discuss and consider this with a decision expected in April or May.

Sewer rates are a similar concern the city is analyzing, while laying plans for a technological upgrade to the city's wastewater treatment plant which is required in order to obtain re-licensing of the facility next year.

Electric rates appear to be currently sufficient to cover expenses and help to rebuild depleted reserves. The Sierra snowpack, fuel prices and environmental regulation at state and federal levels are among the many complex factors that all combine to affect power prices here in Biggs.

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Uncle Biggs Needs YOU!

Many good things only happen when willing volunteers join in to get them done.

- A volunteer resident is currently needed to represent Biggs on the oversight committee of the Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency.
 - Biggs Community Action Volunteers (BCAV) has exciting projects in store like building planter boxes and benches for our downtown area.
 - The city is beginning a database of residents who might be interested in volunteering to help during emergencies -- perhaps to man a phone or a shovel, to help the Red Cross at a local shelter, or maybe to transport others in an evacuation.
 - The Hometown Celebration Committee can always use more help too!
- Please contact city hall for more information on any of these opportunities.**

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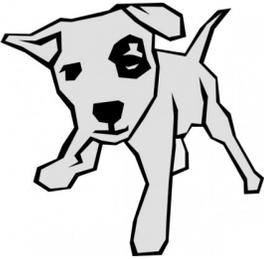
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Don't flush that!

Please do not flush solid things like diapers and rags down the toilet. Large items like this have been clogging the pumps at the city's sewer lift stations. Increased maintenance costs tend to drive up the cost of sewer service for everyone.



Have Dog? Need License....



If you have a dog in the city, you are required to obtain a dog license at city hall. Licensing helps the city maintain necessary records on local dogs. License fees help offset the cost of Animal Control services, protecting everyone's health and safety. Annual dog licenses in Biggs cost the same as they did ten years ago: \$6.00 for spayed/neutered pets, \$12.00 for unaltered. All you need to do is bring a current rabies certificate to City Hall. There are late penalties and risks of citation and impoundment if owners fail to get their dogs licensed.

Building a Better Biggs

2010 ended with a long list of city accomplishments including a major cost reduction for police services, upgrade of the water system, improved trash collection service without a cost increase, plans for downtown business district improvement, installation of new crosswalks, and replacement of most of our broken sidewalks.

City priorities for 2011 include extending the police contract, reducing the cost of employee medical insurance, balancing water utility revenue with costs, completing plans for the wastewater treatment system upgrade, and completing the replacement of bad sidewalks. Replacing the Sixth Street Bridge is a project being planned for 2012 due to the timeline for obtaining Cal-Trans funding.

You can learn more about what your city is doing for you at www.biggs-ca.gov. Your city council members are available to you in several ways including an open door opportunity to visit at Council Connection the first Wednesday of every month at city hall from 3-5pm.



Water Leak? Drains backed up? Call Us First...

Call the city first when you are having drain or underground water leak problems. The city crew can determine if the problem is yours or the city's, and will fix it at no charge to you if it is the city's responsibility. 868-5493 days or 682-0770 nights and weekends.

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