



CITY OF BIGGS -

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City Revising Marijuana Rules

State and local regulation of medical marijuana cultivation by qualified patients continues to evolve with legal and judicial experience.

Currently, Biggs prohibits dispensaries, cooperatives and collectives as well as the cultivation of medical marijuana in locations other than within a fully enclosed and secured "accessory structure" that prevents the sight and smell of marijuana from affecting neighbors and surrounding properties.

In 2011, City Code Enforcement staff initiated and acted upon several exterior marijuana cultivation cases in Biggs with the outcome of those cases being either the removal of the plants or the enclosure of the plants within a fully enclosed and secured structure with active ventilation systems. All of those cases were addressed and corrected last year using this code.

The City Council is currently considering modifications to the city code to further restrict and regulate growing medical marijuana within the city limits. The primary objective is to protect neighbors from annoying and dangerous situations resulting from the unregulated cultivation of marijuana. Cultivation of marijuana plants observable from the street or from neighboring properties and not located within a fully enclosed and secured structure is known to attract crime and unwanted and unlawful property disturbance to neighborhoods.

The City is considering amendments to the City's existing medical marijuana cultivation ordinance at Council meetings and welcomes your input on this subject. The next meeting is set for March 19 at 6:00pm. Please watch for meeting notices, or forward your input on this topic by writing, emailing, or calling the City or members of the City Council.

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Fence Locations

The City Council is also in the process of revisiting certain standards and requirements of the city's fence code. Your Council is considering whether short, decorative fences should be allowed in front yards, and establishing standards outlining where, when and how those fences may be allowed.

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Your Library -- on Demand

Did you know you can reserve books and other materials from anywhere in the Butte County Library system and have them delivered to the Biggs library branch – free of charge? Just go to www.buttecounty.net/library

You can get homework help with the library's free "Tutor.com" service, and tax forms and booklets. You can read newspapers and search for jobs at the library website. You can even get digital "ebooks" and "audiobooks" sent directly to your home computer or portable device – free.

Of course there's also the old fashioned real books on wood shelves. Our beautiful and historic branch library is open Tuesdays from noon to 6pm.



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Getting into the Weeds

Weeds are growing early and fast this year. Tall weeds present a public nuisance for fire hazard and rodent harborage, not to mention visual blight.

Please keep grass and weeds cut down on your property. Fines for uncut weeds identified as a nuisance code violation are \$100 for a first-offense. Repeat offenders – property owners who are notified more than once in a year – are subject to "frequent violator" fines of up to \$500 *plus \$100 per day* until the nuisance is abated.

Properties may also be liened for the City's cost to cut the weeds. See Biggs Municipal Code 6.25, available at the city website, for more information.

Income Survey in Progress

If a City worker knocks on your door this month asking about household income, please help. The information is anonymous but is important to helping us update records of average household income for Biggs.

This survey is required for the City to apply for grants to do things like fix up the library, build more sidewalks, and repave streets.

Call Pete at City Hall (868-0100) for more info.



Oil Recycling Now in Biggs

Biggs is hosting the County's newest drop-off location for used motor oil.

Just bring your used oil (in a closed container) to the City Public Works yard at 2865 West Biggs Gridley Road Monday thru Friday 7:30am–3:00pm.

Pour your used oil into the self-service station tank. There is no charge for this service.

For Rent: Community Hall

Biggs Community Hall, formerly the Veterans Memorial Hall, is now available for private party rentals.

The building was recently outfitted with nice new tables. More upgrades are being planned. The stage and basic kitchen are part of the rental facility.

Schedules, fees and forms are online at the city website: www.biggs-ca.gov.

Call Marlee at City Hall for more info.



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