

# CITY OF REEDLEY COMMUNICATOR



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Información en estas hojas informativas están disponible en español llamando 637-4200 ext. 212.

### HOW TO CONTACT US:

City Services	637-4200
Administration	Ext. 212
Public Works	Ext. 214
Commy Dev.	Ext. 222
Building	Ext. 225
Code Compliance	637-4230
Fire	637-4230
Police	637-4250 or 911
Community Svcs	637-4203
Senior Services	637-4207
Dial-A-Ride	637-4202

### Reedley City Council

- Mary Fast, Mayor
- Pete Chavez, Mayor Pro Tem
- Anita Betancourt  
City Council Member
- Steve Rapada  
City Council Member
- Ray Soleno  
City Council Member

## CITY MANAGER'S BLOG

"This is My Quest" - By Rocky Rogers

Wow! Another year gone and a new one has already begun. Time waits for no one I've heard. I'm sure we've all made ourselves promises and resolutions of what we intend to do or not do this year forward.

God willing, we are looking forward to and expecting many good things this year despite the challenges with the downturn we see and have experienced. We anticipate the new Fresh and Easy Market to open its doors this spring. We look forward to at least three large commercial projects starting this year and we anticipate that several capital projects will start, some will finish and others will be planned. Some of those capital projects are the Buttonwillow-Dinuba Roundabout, the Manning Avenue Bridge, the Water Towers, Frankwood Avenue reconstructions, various street repairs, better signage and new signs. With the enthusiasm of the Greater Reedley Chamber and the Downtown Association, we hope to see new events, better events, both the downtown and city-wide commercial vacancies being filled with new and growing businesses and a vibrant thriving giving and forgiving community. We will be bring-

ing the City to your neighborhoods this year with district street meetings by council and staff. We wish to see gangs and gang violence diminish like a vapor and all the little things that cost you and I added dollars to police, such as vandalisms, theft, arson, and crime in general just become all but non-existent. Okay, I may be sliding a bit into dreamland but in the words from a great song, "To dream the impossible dream, To fight the unbeatable foe, to strive with your last ounce of courage, to reach the unreachable stars, this is my quest to follow my heart no matter how hopeless no matter how far ...." One day folks, one day it will be a reality. We start this year. We as a staff are calling on one another to kick it up a notch and to provide you with quality workmanship, quality enforcement, on time/in time response, genuine smiles, extra mile service, resourcefulness, and a Reedley that is respectful and responsive to all our citizens. We start this year!



## RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



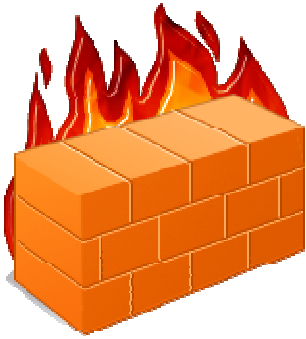
### YOUTH

- Youth Baseball sign ups continue through February 19th. \$40. Ages 5-12.
- Girls Softball sign ups continue through February 19th. \$40. Grades 2-8.
- Tiny Tots sign ups continue through February 19th. \$45. Ages 3-4.
- Late Registration thru Feb. 26 for these three leagues with an additional \$5 fee.
- I Hoops Skills Challenge—February 13th at 1:00. TL Reed School gym. Free event for boys and girls ages 9-14.
- Babysitting Class—Tues. & Thurs. Feb. 16 & 18. 3:30—6:30 pm Ages 11-15 \$32.
- Five Days of Fun Camp—Easter Vacation (March 29—April 2). This specialty camp was well received during Christmas vacation. \$5/day 9:00 am—Noon. Limited space.
- Easter Egg Scramble—March 27 at C.F. Mueller Park. 11:00 am—2:00 pm. Free. Ages 3-12.

### ADULTS

Adult Basketball is back! \$375 per team. Registration through February 19th. Late Registration—\$400 through February 26th. Manager's meeting March 16th at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

If you would like more information on upcoming programs, go to [www.reedley.ca.gov](http://www.reedley.ca.gov), Departments, Community Services. Also.... Do you Facebook? If so, become a fan—City of Reedley's Comm. Services.



## WINTER FIRE PREVENTION

**Heating equipment** is a leading cause of home fire deaths. Almost half of home heating equipment fires are reported during the months of December, January, and February. Some simple steps can prevent most heating-related fires from happening.

### Safety Tips:

- **Keep** anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, such as the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable heater.
- **Only use** heating equipment that has the label of a recognized testing laboratory.
- **Never use** your oven for heating.
- **Have** a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions.
- **Maintain** heating equipment and chimneys by having them cleaned and inspected annually by a qualified professional.
- **Turn** portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- **For fuel burning space heaters, always** use the proper fuel as specified by the manufacturer.
- **Make sure** the fireplace has a sturdy screen to prevent sparks from flying into the room and burn only dry, seasoned wood. Allow ashes to cool before disposing in a metal container, which is kept a safe distance from the home.
- **For wood burning stoves, install** chimney connectors and chimneys following manufacturer's instructions or have a professional do the installation.
- **Make sure** all fuel-burning equipment is vented to the outside to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning.
- **Install** and maintain carbon monoxide (CO) alarms to avoid the risk of CO poisoning.
- **If you smell** gas in your gas heater, do not attempt to light the appliance. Turn off all the controls and open doors and windows. Call a gas service person.

## SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS



Did you know???? If you are planning any event that encroaches on City property, such as the street, you need to obtain a Special Event permit? Also, any event that impacts traffic or street closure, creates excessive noise, requires barricades, additional garbage service, etc. you will need to apply for a Special Event Permit. Applications are available in the Community Services Department or on the City's website—Departments, Community Services, Special Events. There is a \$35 application fee. Additional fees may also apply. Call Denise Phariss at 559-637-4203 or email her at [denise.phariss@reedley.ca.gov](mailto:denise.phariss@reedley.ca.gov) to request additional information specific to your event.



### DIAL A RIDE

Reedley Dial A Ride is operated and administered by the City of Reedley's Community Services Department. The service is a general public, demand-responsive, curb-to-curb service intended to provide quality transit service to residents throughout the Reedley city limits. Service is wheelchair accessible for persons with disabilities. The service may be used to get to and from work, school, medical appointments, meetings, senior services, recreational sites and much more. Trips on Dial A Ride are provided on a first-come, first-served basis. We are open Mon-Fri 7:00 am—5:15pm. Sat. 8:00 am—4:15pm. Fees: 75¢ General Public ; 50¢ Seniors (60-64); Accompanied children. Seniors 65+ Free. Call: 559-637-4202.

## DATES TO REMEMBER



- **Saturday, February 13, 2010**—Sweetheart Breakfast at the Community Center from 7:30—10:00 a.m. ALL YOU CAN EAT pancakes, eggs, ham, juice and coffee. Adult tickets are only \$5.00 in advance; \$6.00 at the door. Children 10 and under are only \$3.00. This annual fundraiser for the Commission on Aging helps to pay for the main food entrees for the monthly potlucks, the printing and mailing of the monthly newsletter to over 600 senior homes, scholarships as needed, and other services to our seniors that are made available at no charge.
- **Wednesday, February 17, 2010**—Diabetes Support Group at the Community Center from 9:30—11:00 a.m. speaking on *Diet and Diabetes*. Adventist Health Care will return again on March 17th for another in this series.
- **Thursday, March 18, 2010**—Blood Bank at the Community Center from 4:00—7:00 p.m. Give the gift of life by donating blood. Sponsored by the Central California Blood Bank.

*For more information on these items call 559-637-4207.*