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Santa Claus is coming to town! The Oroville Chamber of Commerce's Downtown Tree Lighting Festival kicks off the holiday season with a special appearance by the big man in red. Rumor has it that the Grinch might even be lurking around My Place Coffee & Cream to wreak havoc on the festivities. So grab your peppermint mocha, read about all the merriment Oroville has to offer this month and avoid any unpleasant run-ins with that green grouch! Merry Christmas!

What's Blooming? (The Streetscape/TOI Update)

A Welcome Light - The Oroville Tree Board met with the City Council last month to recommend new trees for Main Street. Two Japanese Lilacs, one by the Hornet's Nest and one in front of the old Betta's, are in need of replacement. The Streetscape group was also busy at Welcome Gate park lighting up the gazebo with some pretty lights and decorations.

Tourism and the TOI - The Oroville Initiative has been busy reviewing tourism advertising opportunities for the City of Oroville. Members from the TOI, City Council and the Oroville Chamber of Commerce were all present at a recent meeting of the Okanogan County Tourism Council. Okanogan County Tourism Council's marketing and strategies promote all areas in Okanogan County. Check out their newsletter at https://okanogancountry.com/



What's Happening in Oroville in December

O'Tannenbaum: The Oroville Tree Lighting Festival - On Saturday December 2 starting at 5:30, the Oroville Chamber of Commerce will light up the night! The parade starts at 5:30 delivering Santa to help light up the Oroville Christmas Tree. There will be music and singing performed by community members and the Oroville High School choir and band. The library is staying open late to provide crafts for the kids and selfies with Santa and Mrs Claus will be in the North Pole Civic Room. Hot dogs, hamburgers and cocoa will be provided by the Oroville Scout Group or skip over to My Place Coffee and Cream to get a picture of the Grinch! Come out and join the fun in downtown Oroville on December 2!

Main Street Facelifts - There have been a few improvements on Main Street this month. A shiny new black roof has been added to the home of the My Kidz Place daycare (which is still waiting to open) and our friends at the Hornet's Nest have a brand new sign featuring their phone number for you to order your take out ahead of time. "Nice job everyone!" We bet you heard Will Ferrell as Elf when you read that one?!



1940: What do you think when you hear that number?

Swing bands, jazz, Bing Crosby's White Christmas (yes, it's that old!)? Well, Oroville has a new "take" on 1940. Jamie's has changed to the 1940: Cafe, Closet & Gifts. The address of the new Main Street destination combines Jamie's and the Salted Cafe into one adorable shop! And in case you don't have time to actually stop in and browse while you sip, **they also offer a drive thru window!** And speaking of sipping, the shop will soon be offering wine and beer. Open from 6AM until 6PM.





Black Out Bingo - The Chamber of Commerce has a great shopping event planned for Oroville. From November 27 to December 2 pick up a Bingo card from a local retailer and follow the clues to have your card stamped. Bring your completed card to the Christmas Tree Lighting to win your prize. Winner must be present. The draw is at 7:15.

Kids Christmas: Your donations bring smiles to faces - The American Legion is hosting its Annual Kid's Christmas Party December 15. Bring your

Oroville Library

Saturday Dec 2 - Holiday Craft Night at 5-8 Tuesday Dec 5 - Ornament Making at 4 - 5:30 Wednesdays Crafternoon at 1:00 - 3:00 Thursdays Preschool Storytime at 10:30

favorite dish to the 6PM potluck, and stick around for the present draw at 7PM and for Santa's arrival at 8PM! Donations are appreciated. Contact Ken Lee at 509-560-0607 if you would like to donate. The Oroville Police Department is also seeking donations for their "Christmas with a Cop" event. Donations can be made out to Oroville Assembly of God designate "Christmas with A Cop" in the memo section.

A Whole Lot of Lota - Lota & Friends will be playing at the P & D Holiday Hat Party Saturday December 9 starting at 6PM and again on December 10 from 1-5PM at Esther Bricques Winery Open House and holiday wine sale 20% off.

Local Granola Holiday Party - Vendor Saturdays continue through December and include the Local Granola Holiday Party on December 16th from 11-3PM. Do some Christmas shopping from local vendors and enjoy Christmas music by Ashley Vowels, Valerie Coolidge and OHS students!

Ugly Sweater Party & Music Bingo Night - On December 16 starting at 7PM, the Brickhouse will host its 3rd Annual Ugly Sweater Party & Music Bingo Night! Get merry with some sing along bingo, prizes for the ugliest sweater and DJ Boone Tunes. 21+





Sports - Cheer on your Hornets at the Varsity Basketball Home Opener as they play Curlew Saturday December 2. Varsity girls start at 3PM and Varsity boys at 4:30. The Hornet Wrestling team take on Tonasket on Wednesday Dec 6 at OHS.

Future Farmers of America - On November 18, Oroville FFA held its first Trap Shooting competition in over a decade at the Oroville Gun Club. Teams from Oroville, Eastmont, Omak, Okanogan and Tonasket all competed. Oroville FFA Booster Club is hosting a Dinner & Auction Saturday Dec 9 at 6PM at the American Legion.

Family Fun Night At OHS - Bring the family on Tuesday December 12th from 6:00 - 7:00PM for crafts, games & snacks.

Musical Hornets - Our musical Hornets will be performing around town this holiday season. The OHS Choir and Band will perform at the Christmas Tree Lighting on Dec 2nd as well as at the Local Granola Holiday Party on December 16th.

Coffee and Conversation with OHS Principal Achondo Wednesday, December 13th at 8:00am.

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December Community Meetings

Oroville Booster Club Monday December 4 6PM OHS Commons

Oroville City Council Tuesday December 5 & 19 7PM City Hall The Oroville Initiative Wednesday December 13 6PM Oroville Library

Oroville Chamber of Commerce Tuesday December 12 6PM Umpqua Bank

Oroville School Board Monday December 14 6:30 OHS Library