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It's April and we "busy bunnies" of Oroville Streetscape have a "spring" in our step. We may have some April showers ahead but we are getting ready for the May flowers! We are doing a happy dance and "singing in the rain"; the April showers kind of rain that is. The anthem of this month is that big purple dinosaur Barney's favorite song "Clean Up, Clean Up" because April is all about community clean up! So grab a Cadbury Creme Egg Frappuccino from Expressions and we will meet you at Welcome Gate Park for Streetscape's Pots & Parks Clean Up. And don't worry if you can't find us right away, you'll hear us singing!

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

Parks & Pots Clean Up - Saturday April 8 is the annual Streetscape Pots & Parks Clean Up Day. Our volunteers clean the downtown pots, prepare some of the flower beds and move any planters that need relocation; all in anticipation of our Spring Planting Day which will take place in early May. We encourage anyone interested to meet us at Welcome Gate Park or join us afterward for coffee. We don't always get it all done in one day but we try. If you're driving by and see us "gettin dirty", give us a honk or a holler and let us know you appreciate our efforts.



It's About Time! - The Town Clock dedication ceremony has finally been scheduled. On Saturday May 13, after the May Festival Parade, the Streetscape crew is planning a dedication ceremony. The ceremony will take place after the parade somewhere around 11:00 or 11:30 - we never know how many floats will be in the parade (and neither do those poor parade organizers!) We will have more information on the event in next month's newsletter and will try to get personal email invites out to all the donors in advance of the event.

Happy Campers - Our friends at The Oroville Initiative are busy in April with their scheduled improvements to the Kernan Road Trailhead and the Whistler Canyon area. This generous group aims to make these locations much more inviting to hikers and travelers with a new

kiosk and two new picnic tables with shelters for Kernan Road Trailhead and four new campsites, complete with tables, at Whistler Canyon. With Oroville being the halfway point on the Pacific Northwest Trail, the TOI's vision is a blessing to many a weary traveler. Happy Trails!

Little "TOI" Ducks - Members of the Oroville Initiative are preparing for the TOI Annual Duck Race fundraiser set to take place during Oroville May Festival, Saturday May 13 at Veteran's Park. Starting in April, supporters can "adopt" a duck and watch the colorful waddlers as they race down the Okanogan River to the finish line at Cherry Street Bridge. Great prizes available to the speediest quackers! Funds raised from the Duck Race help TOI implement projects that improve our community. Numbered tickets (that correspond to your duck) will be sold in advance at local businesses. Look for the "Duck Race Tickets Sold Here" sign at participating businesses!



What's Happening in Oroville in April?

Clean Up, Clean Up, Everybody, Everywhere - The Mayor and City Council are encouraging all residents and property owners to take pride in our community by participating in the **Annual Spring Clean Up happening April 5**. Residents can call 476-2926 for pickup of burnables, appliances and some metals. Check the city website for more details. The **Oroville Chamber of Commerce is organizing a Community Yard Sale on April 15**. Call ahead to get your address on the yard sale map.



A "Foolish" Five K - The Oroville CARES Coalition is hosting a 5K run on April Fool's Day. The event starts at 1:30 April 1st at Madeline Wells park. Costumes are encouraged and a \$5 entry fee is required. Don't be fooled, the CARES Coalition not only hosts fun events they foster a safe and healthy community by providing substance abuse prevention education and environmental, evidence based strategies to reduce youth substance abuse.

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APRIL @ OROVILLE LIBRARY
WEDNESDAYS AT 1:00pm
CRAFTERNOON FOR ADULTS

THURSDAYS AT 10:30am
PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

Dining with Royals - Join the May Festival Royalty for a "Dinner & Desserts" Fundraiser on Saturday April 8 at 5PM at the Eagles Auxiliary 1319 Golden St. Tickets are \$10 per person for a dinner of spaghetti, garlic bread, and salad. Dessert auction to follow. All proceeds go towards expenses for the May Festival Royalty's travel around Washington state this summer representing Oroville!

Spring Picnic Anyone? - Our city workers have been hard at work preparing a new picnic site adjacent to City Park. The concrete slab that was home to the old visitors center is now home to three new picnic tables, complete with grass and an irrigation system. The new picnic area looks great and is a wonderful place for park visitors and soccer fans to sit and cheer from the sidelines.

On Par For A Great Season - The Oroville Golf Course opened for the season on March 14 with league and tournament play starting in April. Four Man Men's League starts April 13th (sign up deadline April 6th) and the 2023 Spring Scramble is April 8th. And a little "birdie" told us that the OHS golf team will be hosting a tournament at the Oroville golf course on Monday April 10. Go Hornets!



The Grange Benefit Dinner & Auction - The Grange's big fundraiser for the year will be held on Saturday April 29th at 6:00 at the Oroville Grange. This steak or lasagna benefit dinner and auction will have both a live and silent auction. The evening features live jazz music by PH Factor. Tickets are \$25.00 per person presale. RSVP choice of entree to Pati Burns at 509-560-3106.

Arbor Day Celebration - The Friends of the Library have been busy planning an Arbor Day Celebration Saturday April 22 from 11am to 1pm at Madeline Wells Park. If the weather is not favorable, activities will be held inside the library and civic room. There will be loads of educational and fun giveaways for children and adults; as well as hands-on activities, including the Okanogan Conservation District's popular stream table. All are welcome to attend.



THE HORNET REPORT

Spain Is Calling Her Name - Congratulations to Silvia Arevalo Harrington for being accepted into the Washington World Fellows Program! Only 15 students in the state are chosen each year! The program is a college preparation and global leadership program that includes academic and college preparatory mentoring, civic education/engagement, and a study abroad in Spain during the summer between junior and senior year!

Band on the Run - The Jr./Sr High Band traveled to their first competition in Wenatchee for the 2023 Large Group Band Regionals. The group included students from grades 7-10! Great job on bringing home an excellent rating!

Robots for the Win - Oroville Robotics team achieved an impressive 2nd place finish at Central Washington University's MET Robotics Tournament in February. Competing against eight college teams and Manson high school, Jaxon Darley, Elias DeFord and their coach Laara Peters-Kessler came home with 2nd!

Queens & Kings - Saturday April 29 is the OHS Prom! And Friday April 28 is Coronation Night for the May Royalty. All taking place at Oroville High School.

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