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The Oroville Coffee News

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Happy 2025! Haven't decided on a New Year's resolution? Make your 2025 resolution to volunteer and help make Oroville an even better place to live and work. Now grab your skinny latte (for those who made one of the most common New Year's resolutions) and read on for all that's brewing in Oroville.

What's Happening with The Oroville Initiative (TOI)

Triangle Park Dedication to Jeff Bunnell - On Saturday, December 21st, a special ceremony was held in honor of Jeff Bunnell, former President of the Oroville Initiative. With Mayor Naillon presiding over the event and over 30 community members in attendance, Triangle Park was renamed to Jeff Bunnell Park in recognition of Jeff's contribution to our community and the City of Oroville. Jeff and his wife Elia were present for the dedication and to receive the many words of thanks and appreciation for all Jeff's efforts over the years. Jeff was also named Citizen of the Year by the Oroville Chamber of Commerce. Thank you to the City of Oroville and Chamber of Commerce for honoring such an important community member.

What's Happening at the Chamber

Chamber Banquet - The 2nd Annual Chamber Banquet is Saturday, January 11 at 5PM. Tickets are \$35 each and include dinner. The event will be at Oroville's newest rental facility, the Hughes Barn. Buy your tickets at Umpqua Bank or Remax Realty.

Molson Ice Fishing Derby - Mark your calendar for Saturday, January 18! The Molson Ice Fishing Derby is happening on Sidley Lake starting at 8am. Participants are encouraged to preregister on the Oroville Chamber's website. More info can be found on the Chamber website.

Business of the Year Nominations - The Chamber is now accepting nominations for Oroville's Business of the Year. Get your nomination form on the Chamber Facebook page or in the Gazette Tribune.

December Wrap Up - Well over 400 people attended the Oroville Tree Lighting event this year! And while the parade was small, we had many attendees express interest in joining the Parade of Lights next year! Stephanie Hart was the winner of the Hunt for the Elf on the Shelf. Thank you to all the businesses who participated and donated prizes. We truly appreciate you!

Future Plans - We are still hoping to upgrade the electrical at the Oroville Library for future Tree Lighting events and more! We will revisit that project in March. And did you know the Chamber is already planning for an extra special 250th 4th of July celebration?

Get Involved! - Would you like to make a difference in our community? Get involved, meet amazing people, and have a real impact! The Oroville Initiative and the Oroville Wa Chamber are looking for new volunteers to bring fresh ideas, energy, and a passion for improving our community. Whether you have an hour a month or a few hours a week, there's a role for everyone—big or small. Get in touch at letstalk@theorovilleinitiative.com or orovillewa98844@orovillewachamber.com.

MOLSON ICE FISHING DERBY

JANUARY 18, 2025

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

CASH PRIZES

FAMILY FUN

MOLSON ICE FISHING DERBY



Word on the Street

Oroville Pharmacy's Dick Larsen Retires - With a small sign on the door in early December, it was announced that after 48 years Dick Larsen is retiring. OHS reporter, Allie, interviewed Dick before he retired and learned how the Oroville Pharmacy has played a bigger part in the Oroville community than just a pharmacy. Read her story online at theorovilleinitiative.com/ohsstudentreports

New Oroville Pharmacy Owners - The Oroville Pharmacy building has been sold to Mike & Stephanie Steinman of Lakeside Pharmacy. While it will be some time before Lakeside opens in their new location, the couple plans to continue offering the items people are used to getting from the Oroville Pharmacy.

A New Art Gallery on Main Street? - A new art collective at 1412 Main Street is forming. Come to the Grange Hall at 622 Fir Street on Sunday January 12 at 3:30pm to discuss opportunities for: joining the collective, showing your work, teaching classes and learning. RSVP to Chair@hc-support.org

AT THE LIBRARY

Makerspace Studio – with Buffy
Jan 7th at 3:30pm (all ages)

STEM Storytime - Jan 21 at 1pm

Afterschool Makerspace - with Buffy
Jan 21 at 3:30pm

Nature Club - Jan 28 at 3:30 pm

Please note that the Crafternoon program is on hiatus

January Events

Happy New Year Bingo at the Oroville Grange - Friday January 10
7pm-9pm.

Oroville Chamber Banquet - The 2nd Annual Chamber Banquet is Saturday, January 11 at 5PM. Tickets are \$35 each and include dinner. At the Hughes Barn. Tickets at Umpqua Bank or Remax Realty.

Cabin Fever Party at P&D - Party at the P&D January 25 at 6 p.m. Music by David Sexton.

Trivia Tuesday at Brickhouse - Starting again January 7th, Brickhouse will host weekly trivia Tuesday nights. Stay tuned for monthly music bingo nights coming soon.

Winter Mosaic Glass Classes - The Mosaic Glass Studio on Main Street is continuing classes/ open sessions into the winter. Work days are Wednesday 1-8pm and Saturday 1-5.



Teachers Awarded Classroom Grants - Four Oroville teachers were awarded individual classroom grants from the North Central Education Fund. Marcus Alden for a solar powered AG robotics project, Heather Kelly for kinesthetic math, Lissa Mensick for math centers and Abigail Wilcox for ukuleles for third grade.

New Books for Oroville Students - Whitney Smith, a board member from Washington State School Directors Association (WSSDA) who vacations in Oroville, was recently nominated to select a deserving school for new books. In early December, Oroville Elementary received 181 new books for their library and the HOSTS program! Thanks to Whitney & the WSSDA!

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January Community Meetings

Oroville Booster Club Monday Jan 6 6PM OHS Commons	Oroville City Council Tuesday Jan 7 & 21 7PM City Hall	Chamber of Commerce Tuesday Jan 14 6PM Library Civic Room	Oroville School Board Monday Jan 27 6:30 OHS Library	The Oroville Initiative Thursday Jan 23 6PM Library Civic Room
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