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As the year winds down and the festive season begins, December is a time for sparkling holiday lights and cozy winter gatherings. So grab an Eggnog Latte, get your comfy pants on (we know you overate at Thanksgiving!) and read on to find out what's happening in Oroville!

What's Happening with The Oroville Initiative (TOI)

President Jeff Bunnell Stepping Down - Jeff Bunnell has announced he will step down from his role as President of the Oroville Initiative. Jeff has been a passionate leader working with the City of Oroville and other organizations to improve our community. He was a key driver of the improvements to Oroville's trailheads, the creation of pickleball courts in Veteran's Park and many other TOI projects. We are grateful for his contribution to our community.

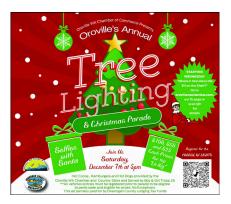
Main Street USA Workshop - TOI members attended the Main Street Workshop hosted by the Economic Alliance on November 12th to learn about the Main Street America approach to downtown revitalization. The workshop provided practical ways to help our downtown district organize and operate.

Promoting Tourism in Oroville - TOI has placed advertisments for DiscoverOrovilleWa.com in Winter Recreationand, Wenatchee World Winter Visitor Guide and the December issue of Out There Outdoors. TOI also developed an article about the Molson Ice Fishing Derby which will run in print and online publications in mid December.

Shaping The Local Economy: Your Input Is Needed - The Economic Alliance and Okanogan County are conducting a survey to understand how to improve Oroville's local economy. Your opinions help community leaders plan economic development projects around the highest priorities. Take the survey here - https://ow.ly/O4qs50TNVWL

What's Happening at the Chamber

Tree Lighting & Parade of Lights - The Oroville Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration will be Saturday December 7th at 5PM in front of the Oroville Library. Show your spirit by decorating/ lighting up your car, truck, ATV, tractor, and/or horse (no walking) for the Parade of Lights that escorts Santa. Cash prizes for best "lit rig" - 1st \$100, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$25. MUST pre-register at orovillewa98844@orovillewachamber.com Stick around for selfies with Santa and Mrs. Claus, kids activities in the library, fireworks and hamburgers, hotdogs, and cocoa served by the Boys & Girls Troup #26.



Oroville's Elf On The Shelf - Last year's Chamber Christmas Business Bingo is now a hunt for the Elf on the Shelf. Each day up until December 7th find the Oroville Elf in a local business. Snap a photo and send it in to win prizes and support a local business. More info can be found on the Chamber's Facebook page.

November Wrap Up - The Chamber of Commerce hosted fifteen guests at their quarterly luncheon meeting on November 12th at noon at the Brickhouse. Guest speakers were Emily Rimestad with Farm Bureau Insurance and CEO John McReynolds from North Valley Hospital.

Planning Ahead - The Chamber has begun advertising for the Molson Ice Fishing Derby and the registrations are starting to roll in! Planning is also underway for the 2nd Annual Chamber Banquet planned for January 11th. Details coming soon.

Want To Make Oroville An Even Better Place to Live? Roll up your sleeves, meet amazing people, and have a real impact! The Oroville Initiative and the Chamber of Commerce are always looking for volunteers. Get in touch at letstalk@theorovilleinitiative.com or orovillewa98844@orovillewachamber.com.





Dollar General Opens - After months of anticipation, the Dollar General opened its doors on November 12th.

Facelift at the Old Trading Post - We are thrilled to see the improvements happening at the Trading Post on Main Street. The exterior walls and roof have been freshened up with a new coat of paint and rumor has it the Trading Post signage is being replaced.

Restaurants Closing - We are sad to report that Cazadores (in America's previous location) closed recently and Pastime Brewery is closing its doors at the end of December. We wish them all the best in their new adventures and are hopeful that some new restaurants will be coming to town soon.

Reimagining The Library - Community engagement sessions are underway about upcoming interior improvements to the library. You can provide your feedback at the library.

December Events

Happy Holidays Bingo at the Oroville Grange - Elves, Reindeer, Ugly Sweaters or who knows what. Come out Friday December 13 7-9PM for a holiday bingo event to benefit the Oroville Grange.

Brickhouse Ugly Sweater Party - Wear your best "worst" ugly sweater to the Brickhouse on December 14th starting at 7PM and celebrate with DJ Boone **Trivia Tuesdays at Brickhouse** - Every Tuesday in December starting at 6PM.

AT THE LIBRARY

Makerspace Studio – Leather Ornaments Dec 3rd at 3:30pm (all ages)

Storytime (all ages) - Dec 17th at 1pm

Afterschool Makerspace - Ornaments Dec 17th at 3:30pm

Crafternoon - Dec 4th, 11th, 18th at 1pm

The library will be closed on the 24th & 25th and closes at 4pm on the 31st

Back By Popular Demand: Frank! - Head to the P&D Pub for an entertaining night of song, stories and a lot of FUN. Friday December 20 at 7PM.

Vendor Saturdays at The Local Granola - live music every Saturday from 10-2 until Dec. 21st. Vendor Saturday Holiday Party is Dec. 14th 10-2 See their Facebook page for more details!

Esther Bricques Winery Holiday Event - Sunday December 8th 1-5pm 20% off wine, artisanal vendors and Lota Duarte & Brock Hires performing. 42 Swanson Mill Road.



OHS Represents at State Cross Country - Allie Fredrickson and Allison Hamilton competed in the 5000 meter race in Pasco in the state competition on November 9th.

Student Field Trips - FFA participated in an Apple Judging event in Tonasket. Upward Bound Math & Science (UBMS) students traveled to Seattle overnight for a UW tour. Gold Swarm were rewarded with a bowling trip to Omak.

Reading Volunteers Needed - The HOSTS reading program is seeking volunteers. Contact the District Office for more information.

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December Community Meetings

Oroville Booster Club Monday Dec 2 6PM OHS Commons

Oroville City Council Tuesday Dec 3 & 17 7PM City Hall Chamber of Commerce Tuesday Dec 10 6PM Library Civic Room Oroville School Board Monday Dec 30 6:30 OHS Library The Oroville Initiative no December meeting



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