



#### **NOVEMBER 2024**

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The Oroville Business Trick or Treat was another big success with over 250 trick or treaters reported by downtown businesses and approximately 200 - 300 more "zombie" parents & friends chasing their little ghouls! Thanks to the Oroville Chamber of Commerce for organizing and all the businesses and organizations who participated! As the leaves change colors and the air turns crisp, we are reminded that the holiday season is upon us. It's a time for reflection, gratitude, and coming together as a community. So grab a Pumpkin Pie latte, get comfy and read on to find out what's happening in Oroville!

## What's Happening with TOI

**Make A Difference Day** - The Oroville Initiative (TOI) was pleased to assist the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Okanogan Council of Governments (OCOG) to help "Make A Difference" at the Whistler Canyon trailhead. Members of TOI joined fifteen volunteers to clean up the Whistler Canyon trailhead on Saturday 10/26/2024 for National Make a Difference Day. The volunteer crew included folks from Okanogan County Public Works, Backcountry Horsemen of WA, The Oroville Initiative and USFS joining the BLM staff. Projects included 1) burning Russian thistle and other weeds 2) clearing most of the Frog Pond trail 3) weed whacking around the parking lot, campsites, trail and bulletin boards 4) clearing weeds off the edges of the entrance trail.



**Expanding Promotion of Oroville** - The Oroville Initiative was busy in October preparing our application for City of Oroville LTAC funds and meeting with the City at the budget meeting on October 22. The LTAC tax, also known as the hotel-motel tax, is a tax that cities and counties in Washington may charge to benefit tourism. The City will be approving the City budget in November/ December. The TOI is looking to expand tourism advertising for Oroville.

**Join The Tree Board** - As we watch the leaves start changing this month, we are reminded of the important work the Oroville Tree Board does working with the City of Oroville to recommend trees that help beautify Oroville. If you are interested in joining the Tree Board, please email us at letstalk@theorovilleinitiative.com.

# What's Happening at the Chamber

**Chamber Luncheon** - The Chamber of Commerce is hosting their quarterly luncheon meeting on November 12th at noon at the Brickhouse. Guest speakers are Emily Rimestad with Farm Bureau Insurance and CEO John McReynolds from North Valley Hospital.



**Chamber Wrap Up** - This past month the Chamber sponsored the Halloween Business Trick or Treat and the Business Storefront Halloween Decorating Contest. The Okanogan County Candidate Forum meeting was a success with 7 candidates attending in person & on Zoom. The Chamber hosted ribbon cutting events for Irrigation Specialists 124 Chesaw Road & LPL Financial 718 Appleway.

Christmas Tree Lighting & The Molson Fishing Derby - Members of the Chamber will be at the Oroville Christmas Bazaar on November 15 & 16 raising money for the Christmas Tree Lighting event. Planning is in progress for the Christmas Tree Lighting event (tentatively scheduled for Saturday December 7th - more details next month). Planning is also underway for the Molson Ice Fishing Derby in January and for the 2nd Annual Chamber Banquet also in January. Now is the time to get involved with the Oroville Wa Chamber of Commerce.

### **Word on the Street**

**Farewell Chief Langford** - Oroville Police Department Chief Langford will be leaving his position with the OPD on November 15th.



**Okanogan County Tourism Council (OCTC) Visit** - OCTC Tourist Liaison Clare Painter was in Oroville in September and October to attend meetings with the TOI, the Chamber and the City to explore options on how the OCTC can work with Oroville. Clare also refinished the tourism kiosk on Main Street!

**Awards For The Gazette** - Congratulations to Angela Larsen & Gary Devon on their awards at the Washington Newspaper Publishers Association event in October. The Gazette won first place for 2024 Summer Recreationland and second place for the 2023 Winter Recreationland. Angela also received several awards for her advertisements and Gary received an award for his Breaking News story on the Eagle Bluff story.

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

**New Name for Hair Salon** - The hair salon in the former Subway location underwent a name change to Eclipse Noir.

## **November Events**

**Oroville Community Christmas Bazaar -** Mark your calendar, the Oroville Community Christmas Bazaar is coming. Friday November 15th from 5:00 - 8:00PM and Saturday November 16th from 10:00AM - 2:00 PM, local vendors and artisans will fill the Oroville Elementary Gymnasium with hand-crafted items, baked goods and Christmas gift ideas. 808 Main Street

Paints & Pints at the Brickhouse - Paints & Pints with Linda on November 21st. Find out more at the Brickhouse.

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

**Wednesday Crafternoon** - Knitting, beading, quilting... what do you like to create? Bring a craft you are working on and join the Crafternoon group for crafting and conversation on Wednesdays at 1pm at the Oroville Library.



**OHS Student Reporter Story** - Read OHS reporter Allie's latest story on what's happening at Second Chances. "The building that was previously the Sweet Deal candy store is set to be the new home of Second Chances." Read the full article at https://www.theorovilleinitiative.com/ohsstudentreports

**Coffee & Conversation with Principals** - OHS Principal - Wednesday, November 13 at 8AM & OES Principal - Tuesday November 19 at 8AM

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#### **November Community Meetings**

Oroville Booster Club Oroville City Council Chamber of Commerce Monday Nov 4 Tuesday Nov 5 & 19 Tuesday Nov 12 Monday Nov 25 Thursday Nov 21 6PM OHS Commons 7PM City Hall NOON Brickhouse 6:30 OHS Library Civic Room



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