



City of Riverbank

Newsletter

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CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION DATES & INFORMATION



Gilton Solid Waste Management will be doing curbside collection of Christmas trees after the holidays. Tree collection will be during the first two **FULL** weeks in January 2019: **STARTING** on Monday, January 7; and **ENDING** on Friday, January 18, 2019.

Guidelines for Tree Collection:

- Trees will be collected on customer's scheduled GARBAGE collection day
- Trees need to be in front of the house (even if normal service is in the alley)
- Trees need to have all metal stands, lights, and ornaments removed (wooden stands left on the tree are okay)
- Trees should be placed on the street surface next to the curb with a minimum of 6 feet away from cars or refuse cans
- If trees are treated with flocking, paint, or fireproofing, it is preferred that they be cut up and put into refuse can, however this is not absolutely required.

For questions, please contact Development Services at 209.863.7127 or Gilton Solid Waste Management at 209.527.3781.

COMMUNITY CENTER RENOVATION

The Riverbank Community Center building will begin renovations on Thursday, December 27, 2018 and will be under construction until approximately Thursday, April 4, 2019. The renovations for this project will include improvements to the main hall. The flooring will be replaced, new lighting and new ceiling panels will be installed, interior walls will be painted, and ADA improvements

will be made. The funding for this project comes from a Housing Related Parks Grant. The City will be looking at improvements to the kitchen during this renovation or soon after its completion but unfortunately, the funding for this phase just is not enough to complete everything that needs to be done. On the bright side, this renovation project will give us a great start to making our Community Center a beautiful place for the City and the community to host events.

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

The State of the City Address is an annual presentation delivered by the Mayor of the City of Riverbank. At this annual event, the Mayor has the opportunity to unveil to the community the many accomplishments that have been achieved during the previous year for the City of Riverbank, as well as share his vision for the City for the forthcoming year. Please mark your calendar for the **State of the City Address** on Wednesday, March 6, 2019. Due to the renovation at the Community Center, the event will be held at the Antigua Event Center, 3200 Santa Fe Street, Riverbank. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. and the address will begin at 6:30 p.m. For more information, please visit the Home Page of our website at www.riverbank.org or call 209.863.7153.

RIVERBANK'S GOT TALENT

Riverbank's Got Talent is back by popular demand on Saturday, February 16, 2019. With the renovation of the Community Center underway, the show will be relocated to just across the street to the Cardozo Middle School Gymnasium, 3525 Santa Fe Street. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and the show begins at 7:00 p.m.

Riverbank's Got Talent show time entry fees are as follows:

Adults & children (12 and over)	\$5.00
Seniors (65+)	\$3.00
Children (under 12)	FREE

Interested in being a part of the program and showing us what you've got? All participants must register (\$5) to be in the show and are also asked to arrange an audition at the Parks and Recreation office between January 7 and February 7, 2019. Please call 209.863.7150 or come by 6707 Third Street, Suite C for more information.

**NEW CITY FIREWORKS LAWS -
EFFECTIVE 01/12/19**

On December 11, 2018, the Riverbank City Council adopted a new Municipal Code Chapter 92 on Fire Protection and Prevention to allow immediate imposition of local penalties for any violation of illegal/legal fireworks. The new Code includes revisions to the *Fireworks Sale and Discharge* Section pertaining to the sale and discharge dates, times, and location of "safe and sane fireworks" also referred to as "legal" fireworks, and added a new Section on *Fireworks Regulations and Enforcement* authorizing local issuance of administrative citations and related fines for the possession, use, storage, sale and/or display of 25 lbs. or less of "dangerous fireworks," also referred to as "illegal" fireworks, and the discharge of legal fireworks during unpermitted times.



These new laws are City Council's response to the many community concerns on the nuisance of noise, the increase of calls to Police Services, the increase of lost pets or barking dogs, and the prevention of potential harm to persons and properties, including the high risk of causing a fire.

Administrative Penalties - Administrative fines, plus late charges, which are subject to interest accrual for nonpayment, may range as follows:

1. "Dangerous Fireworks" - Possession, use, storage, sale and/or display of "dangerous fireworks" imposes fines ranging from \$1,000 up to \$4,000, plus any interest accrued.

2. "Safe or Sane Fireworks" - Failure to obtain a permit to sell legal fireworks or the discharge of legal fireworks during unpermitted dates, times, or locations imposes fines ranging from \$250 up to \$1,050, plus any interest accrued.
3. "Block Party Permit" - Failure to obtain a permit imposes fines ranging from \$500 up to \$2,000, plus interest accrued.
4. "Block Party Permit - Fireworks Violation" - The permitted party in violation of "dangerous fireworks" at their event imposes fines ranging from \$1,500 up to \$7,000, plus any interest accrued.

This is a **no tolerance policy** and therefore **no warnings** will be issued. To read the entire Code go to the City's website Home Page at www.riverbank.org. ***Note:** Although these local laws are not in effect until 01/12/2019, State regulations of use or discharge of illegal fireworks is currently in effect and penalties for violations will be imposed.

DUCK FEEDING ON MORRILL ROAD

Duck feeding at the end of the Modesto Irrigation District canal on Morrill Road is unfortunately becoming a serious problem. Animal Control officers are retrieving a higher volume of deceased ducks and also report that ducks are actually now running towards vehicles because they associate automobiles with people bringing them food. Without the fear of vehicles, these birds are aimlessly wandering into the busy thoroughfare of Morrill Road and this detrimental behavior is proving to be deadly. The presence of litter is more abundant not only on the ground but the waterway, too. Human food products such as bread, muffins, crackers, popcorn, etc. are NOT meant for bird consumption. In young birds, a diet high-in-calorie and low-in-nutrition can lead to a condition known as "angel wing", an incurable deformity of the wing(s) leaving a bird unable to fly. In mature birds, this harmful diet can lead to overweight, sickly birds also unable to flee from predators and danger. **PLEASE** for the sake, safety and health of the ducks, **STOP** feeding them.