



City of Riverbank

Newsletter

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MEMORIAL DAY COMMEMORATION

Memorial Day is an American holiday observed on the last Monday of May in remembrance of all those who gave their lives serving in the American armed forces while protecting our country.



In traditional observance, the United States flag is briskly raised in the morning to the top of the flagpole, and then slowly lowered to the half-staff position where it resides until noon. The half-staff position symbolizes the remembrance of more than

one million men and women who gave their lives in service for our country. At noon, the flag is then raised to full-staff for the remainder of the day.

Memorial Day holiday is so much more than just a 3-day weekend marking the unofficial start of summer. It is a day for solemn gratitude and tribute. In commemoration, the City of Riverbank is presenting a **Memorial Day Salute to Our Heroes** to remember those who have given the ultimate sacrifice of themselves, to pay tribute to those living who have served, and to honor those currently serving to protect our nation and our freedom. The event is on Monday, May 27, 2019 at 11:30 a.m. at the Riverbank Veterans Memorial Wall located in front of the newly renovated Community Center, 3600 Santa Fe Street. Hosted by Mayor Richard D. O'Brien, the program will include patriotic music, prayer, Presentation of Colors, singing, special guests, and will conclude with the raising of the United States flag and the POW-MIA flag to full staff. Light refreshments will follow. For more information, please contact the Administration Office at 209.863.7122.

SUMMER CONCERTS IN THE PARK

The Parks & Recreation Department is kicking-off a Summer Concert Series on Friday evenings at Jacob Myers Park. Beginning on Friday, June 7, country singer Wilbur Down takes the spotlight to entertain with a host of country tunes. On Friday,

June 14, Valley Fire, a local country group from Oakdale continues with the country music genre. Classic Rock Band Triple D takes the stage on Friday, June 21. Finishing up the session on Friday, June 28, will be Hispanic Night with the band to be announced.

All of the concerts are **FREE** and after 5:00 p.m., there is no parking fee charged at the park entrance. Food, craft vendors, and St. Stans Beer will be open for business at 5:00 p.m. and the live music begins at 7:00 p.m. Spend your Friday evenings at Jacob Myers Park! Bring your chairs and blankets, secure a comfy place on the grass, browse the vendors, buy some delicious eats and drinks, and enjoy the show! For more information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 209.863.7150.



Text notifications are now available for statements, payments, and Auto Pays, as an additional

option to email notifications. To add the new texting feature, customers will need to edit their notification preferences in their Account Settings online. Refer to the back of your bi-monthly statement for more information on how to sign-up for text notifications or visit www.xpressbillpay.com. Please note that although Xpress Bill Pay does not charge additional fees for text notifications, standard message and data rates from phone companies may apply. Not everyone checks their email every day but statistics show that the average American checks their phone every 12 minutes for texts! Xpress Bill Pay notifications make it extremely convenient for receiving important information regarding your account.

CITY RAMPS UP VEHICLE ABATEMENT

With city growth and a desire to keep our city free of unattractive blight, we are increasing efforts to rid the city of broken down and abandoned vehicles. Part of those efforts are now in place with the recent expansion of our Neighborhood Improvement Officer Team. Both the California

Vehicle Codes and the City of Riverbank Municipal Codes allow for vehicle abatement to occur both on public and private property.

Broken down and abandoned vehicles reduce the value of private property, promote blight and deterioration, invite plundering, create a fire hazard, constitute a nuisance endangering the health and safety of minors, harbor rodents and insects, and jeopardize the health, safety and welfare of the general public. **There is a general belief that if the vehicle is on private property, no enforcement actions may be taken. This is not true.** If the vehicle can be seen by the general public, the California Vehicle Codes and/or City of Riverbank Municipal Codes may be enforced. (Example: A broken down vehicle on a private driveway). There are certain exceptions, such as a licensed auto dismantler.

If you possess a broken down or abandoned vehicle on private or public property, you may receive a notice to take corrective measures. These notices may be received in any of the following manners: A warning of violation sticker placed on the vehicle, a verbal warning, or a letter to the vehicle and/or property owner. These warnings are time sensitive. Our goal is to work with the public and seek voluntary compliance from the vehicle and/or property owner to take corrective measures. There are many ways to take corrective measures, such as repairing the vehicle, donating vehicle to a charitable organization, selling or giving vehicle to a licensed auto dismantler, dealer or junk yard, or placing vehicle out of public view in your garage.

If a notice of a violation is received and corrective measures are not met in a timely manner, vehicle and/or property owners may receive fines and fees related to correcting and abating the vehicle(s). This may include the cost of towing and storage fees, city fees, and administrative fines. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our Neighborhood Improvement Officer Team at 209.863.7190.

REMINDER!! NEW CITY FIREWORKS LAWS AS OF 01-12-2019

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 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 in 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 at www.riverbank.org.

DID YOU KNOW???

Pharmaceutical waste may be taken to the following location to be safely disposed of:

**DROP THE DRUGS DISPOSAL BOX
Riverbank Police Services Lobby
6727 Third Street
Riverbank, CA 95367**

Drop-off times are available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Only pills, liquids, and over the counter medicines are accepted at this site. **SYRINGES ARE NOT ACCEPTED.** For more information call 209.869.7162. And as a reminder, never flush pharmaceuticals down the toilet.