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# Tulelake City

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### Autumn Equinox - September 22, 2020

**ELECTION DAY!**

November 03, 2020 is election day! Voting is at the heart of our democracy and it sends a direct message to the government about how you, a citizen, wants to be governed. Let your voice be heard, be an educated voter and do your research before casting your vote! If you are not a registered voter, you can get a registration form at the post office, city hall or online through the California Secretary of State (<http://registertovote.ca.gov>) You must be a United States citizen, a resident of California, not imprisoned, not on parole for the conviction of a felony and at least 18 years old at the time of the election. You must be registered at least 15 days prior to an election to be eligible to vote in that election.

**ONLINE BILL PAY**

We are still working on our online bill pay program in order to offer you the option to pay your utility bill online. We have continued to have some setbacks but we are diligently working on resolving them. You should soon see an option on our website ([www.cityoftulelake.com](http://www.cityoftulelake.com)) that will direct you through the sign up process to pay your bill online. There will be a small service charge fee (anywhere from \$2.50 - \$3.50) for the convenience of paying online. This is not a fee the City is charging and the City does not benefit from this fee. This fee is imposed by the bill provider for maintaining this service for you and goes directly to them. We are still working on the final details but hope to be up and running soon!

**FUN FALL FACTS**

1. Fall is caused by the Earth's tilt, not our distance from the sun
2. Fall colors are caused by the amount of sugar in the leaves
3. Many birds spend most of fall migrating
4. Pumpkins grow on nearly every continent!
5. The top pumpkin producing U.S. State is Illinois
6. Monarch butterfly migration begins in fall
7. Squirrels forget about the majority of nuts they bury, which helps regrow forests!
8. Americans buy enough candy during Halloween week to fill SIX Titanic's!
9. The word fall is literally derived from the phrase "the fall of the leaves"

**TULELAKE-BUTTE VALLEY FAIR**

To briefly summarize the official press release by the fair board released on June 25, 2020, the 2020 Tulelake-Butte Valley Fair has been cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions. This was a thoughtful decision made after months of discussion between board members, community and industry partners and by closely following directives issued by national, state and local agencies. The Fair Board Members are still hoping to support the kids who have invested so much time and money into their animals by having the junior livestock market animal evaluation and grading followed by a livestock auction. This event will not be open to the general public and will follow the current social distancing guidelines. To read the entire press release or to find contact information to answer any questions you may have regarding the cancellation of the fair or the scheduled livestock auction, visit their website: [www.tbvfair.com](http://www.tbvfair.com). The 2021 Tulelake-Butte Valley Fair is currently scheduled for September 09 - 12, 2021! Mark your calendar!

**AUTOMATIC CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS**

For those of you who have a credit card on file with the City, we will be initiating some changes to this program. You may want to think about participating in the upcoming online bill payment program. Be looking for a letter that we will mail out to explain all your options regarding these changes.

**MISCELLANEOUS FEES**

- There is a charge for the following items:
- Lost/stolen/damaged garbage can: \$100
  - Meter/meter box damage: \$100/\$150
  - Requested water shut off/on: \$50
  - Water shut off standby for repairs: \$15
  - Meter tampering: \$100
  - Account changes: \$25
  - Copy of business license: \$5
  - Copy of utility bill/any copies: \$.25 each
  - Faxes: \$1 per page
  - Returned payment: \$25
  - Online bill pay: tbd
  - Automatic credit card payment: tbd





**TULELAKE LIBRARY**

Just a reminder that the library is OPEN! We are open on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from Noon to 5 pm. We have access to all the Siskiyou County Library branches so we can always order you something if you can't find a book, a DVD or a Book on CD in our branch! We have four public computers available for your use and as always, 24 hour free Wi-Fi.

We would like to remind you that it is VERY IMPORTANT that you get counted in the Census. Government funds for our area are determined by our population so every person counts! Stop in the library and we will be happy to get you counted.

**LIBRARY HOURS**

**Monday:** 12:00pm to 5:00pm  
**Tuesday:** 12:00pm to 5:00pm  
**Wednesday:** 12:00pm to 5:00pm



**DOG LICENSES**

A final reminder that dog licenses must be obtained for all dogs within the city limits. Dog licenses are now considered late.\* All dogs must have proof of rabies vaccination before a license will be issued. A dog license will cost the following (per dog):

- \$12.00 - Male or female dog
- \$7.00 - Any altered male or female dog
- \$5.00 - If applicant is 60 years of age or older.

\* Not having a dog license is a violation of City Ordinance 6.04 and an Administrative Citation of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$500.00 will be issued, for each violation, to ANYONE not in compliance.



**YOUR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

- Hank Ebinger:** Mayor
- Richard Marcillac:** Mayor Pro Tem
- Penny Velador:** Council Member
- Gary Fensler:** Council Member
- Vacant:** Council Member

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

- September 07:** Labor Day
- September 11:** Patriot Day
- September 18:** National Cheeseburger Day
- September 22:** Autumn Equinox
- October 12:** Columbus Day
- October 28:** National Chocolate Day
- October 31:** Halloween
- November 01:** Daylight Saving Time Ends
- November 03:** Election Day
- November 11:** Veterans Day
- November 13:** World Kindness Day (should be every day)
- November 26:** Thanksgiving

**CITY GRANTS**

The City has been fortunate to receive the State of California Prop 68 grant to expand Tulelake Veterans Park. We hope to announce our groundbreaking soon in September. Watch for the announcement on our website or on a flyer around town. With ideas from the Tulelake elementary and high school students, this grant came about with the collaboration between the City, the Tulelake Revitalization Committee, the National Park Service, the Tulelake Rotary and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife.

The City also continues to work on low-to moderate income home loans with down payments and part of the closing costs for first time buyers. There is a process for acquiring a home loan so please contact Jenny at City Hall for the details.

In June the City received another grant from SB 2 state money to start the process of updating the City's General Plan, help with rezoning costs, cover Certified Environmental Quality Analysis costs, and to develop packets for home or business entrepreneurs.

**TULELAKE DMV NEWS**

The Tulelake DMV office has been closed due to Covid-19 and we are unsure when they will reopen. The offices in Alturas, Fall River Mills & Yreka are open at this time. Visit the website, [dmv.ca.gov](http://dmv.ca.gov), for the hours of operation of your second choice DMV office or for services you may be able to take care of yourself online.

**HOLIDAY GARBAGE PICKUP SCHEDULE**



- September 7: Labor Day**  
Pick up on Tuesday, September 8th.
- October 12: Columbus Day**  
Pick up on Tuesday, October 13th
- November 11: Veteran's Day**  
Pick up on Thursday, November 12th
- November 26-27: Thanksgiving**  
Pick up on Wednesday, November 25th

**CITY HALL HOURS**

**Open:** Monday-Thursday: 8:00am to 5:00pm  
**Closed for lunch from Noon to 1:00pm**  
**Closed: Every Friday, Saturday & Sunday**

**BURN PIT HOURS**

**Saturday:** 10:00am - 3:00pm  
**Fri. Sun. & Mon.:** 12:00pm- 5:00pm  
**Closed:** Tues. Wed. & Thursday.

**TRANSFER STATION**

The City of Tulelake is operating the Transfer Station located on County Road 95001 (South Stateline Road, West of Sheepy Ridge Trailer Park)  
**Open:** Thursday, Friday & Saturday  
**Hours:** 11:00 am to 4:00 pm  
**Closed:** Sun. Mon. Tues. & Wed.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS CORNER**

Hello again, I hope that everyone is having an enjoyable and safe summer. Please do be careful and follow the CDC guidelines for protecting yourself and others from the coronavirus. It is critical to follow the guidelines and your cooperation will help to slow the disease to a point where we can resume a normal life again.

If you haven't done it yet, please fill out the 2020 Census form and send it in! The census results will determine how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding flow into our communities every year for the next decade! It is critical to be counted! The census results influence many things such as highway planning and construction, Head Start programs and grants that support our teachers, programs to restore wildlife, prevention of child abuse programs, prepare for wildfires, and provide housing assistance for older adults. The list goes on and on. The census results affect our community every day! Please help by participating in the 2020 census.

I want to highlight that the City is actively engaged in getting properties cleaned up. Several cars have been towed and many abatement notices have been sent out. We are serious about this and will be sending fines to those who don't cooperate. This includes trash, old cars and machinery, other debris and junk, also lawn and yard debris. The City wants to see the community cleaned up so it can be a safe, enjoyable place to live for all of us!

Don't forget to vote on November 03, 2020! We have several candidates and important measures on the ballot. Please don't confuse the TOT tax measure as a tax on you. It is a tax that travelers would pay when they are staying in a motel, hotel, or bed and breakfast establishments within the city. There is also a Public Safety measure on the ballot asking you to pay a small tax so that we can have enhanced Law Enforcement services and more effectively fund our Police Department. Do your research and then make sure to cast your vote!

Thank you, Hank Ebinger, Mayor