



NEWSLETTER

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City of Escalon Staff wishes everyone a very Happy New Year!

CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

Escalon residents have two options for disposal of Christmas trees - either one is free of charge.

Option 1: You may dispose of your tree as part of your normal garbage disposal service if you follow these steps:

- Remove all objects from your tree including stands.
- Cut your tree into three or four sections and place in your green waste container. Your tree must fit completely.
- Observe your regular scheduled pickup times and dates.
- Do not place trees on the curb or in the street. Only trees fully

contained in a green waste will be picked up.

For more information, please contact Gilton Solid Waste at 527-3781.



Option 2: The Escalon Fire District, with help from Escalon Kiwanis and Key Club, will pick up trees on **Saturday, January 7, 2017**. Just place your tree in the street near the curb by 8:00 a.m. Be sure that all ornaments and tinsel are removed from the tree. For more information you may call 838-7500. ■

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE - VITA

The VITA program offers free tax help to people with low to moderate incomes. The Escalon VITA site will be located at the Escalon Community Center (1055 Escalon Ave.) on Wednesdays 12:30pm - 4:30pm beginning January 25, 2017 through approximately April 10, 2017. This service is **by appointment only**, call (209)783-VITA (8482) to schedule an appointment, forms will be completed and e-filed during your scheduled time. If you are filing "Married" both spouses must be

present. Please bring the following to your appointment:

- Identification for yourself and spouse if filing "Married."
- Social Security card for everyone on the return.
- W2 from all jobs
- 1095 (A,B, or C) Health Care
- 1099 for Other Income.
- 1098 for Interest Paid
- Child Care Expenses.

For more information visit www.irs.gov or call (209)783-VITA (8482). ■



CITY HALL CLOSURES

January 2

New Year's Day

January 16

Martin Luther King Day

February 20

President's Day

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

JANUARY

3 7:00pm City Council

4 6:30pm Recreation Commission

10 7:30pm Planning Commission

17 7:00pm City Council

FEBRUARY

1 6:30pm Recreation Commission

6 7:00pm City Council

14 7:30pm Planning Commission

21 7:00pm City Council

All meetings are open to the public and are held in the Escalon City Council Chambers at 2060 McHenry Avenue. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in a public meeting, please contact the City Clerk at (209) 691-7400. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

ESCALON CITY HALL • 691-7400

www.cityofescalon.org

CITY COUNCIL • 691-7400

Jeff Laugero, Mayor

Robert Swift, Mayor Pro-Tem

Ed Alves • Danny Fox • Walt Murken

BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWAL DUE!

Don't forget to renew your business license.

ALL business licenses expire December 31, 2016....

Renew by January 30, 2017 to avoid penalties!

For information regarding business licenses call (209) 691-7422.

THE NEXT ELECTRONIC WASTE DISPOSAL DAY IS

Saturday • January 7

9am-1pm

Escalon Community Center
For More information visit our website at cityofescalon.org or call 691-7422.

ESCALON BABE RUTH

Last day to sign up is Thursday, January 12, 2017. Players must reside or attend school within the EUSD boundaries or Valley Home Joint School District boundaries. **NEW** participants must have an **original (no photocopy) Birth Certificate at time of registration.** Players wanting to move up a division **MUST** make a request to the Recreation Commission at the regularly scheduled meeting on January 4, 2017.

Divisions and fees are as follows:

COED T-BALL

Age as of April 30, 2017

4-5-6\$45

BASEBALL

Age as of April 30, 2017

6-7-8Rookie \$55
 (6yr old Rookies must have played 1 year of T-Ball with Escalon Recreation)
 9-10Minor \$60
 11-12Major \$65
 13-1513-15 Division \$65

SOFTBALL

Age as of December 31, 2016

6-7-8Rookie \$55
 (6yr old Rookies must have played 1 year of T-Ball with Escalon Recreation)
 9-10Minor \$60
 11-12Major \$65
 13-1516U \$65



ESCALON BABE RUTH EVALUATION SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 21, 2017
 Hogan Field, 1051 Escalon Ave.

Major (11 &12) 9:00am -10:00am
 Minor (9 &10) 10:00am -11:30am
 Rookie (6,7&8)11:30pm - 1:00pm

Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your scheduled time to sign in.

STREET SWEEPING

January through September streets will be swept once a month during the 2nd week, on either Tuesday or Wednesday; streets NE of Main Street will be done on Tuesdays and the SW side of Main Street on Wednesdays. You can view the street sweeping schedule/map on the Street & Traffic section of the Public Works page at www.cityofescalon.org.

A few simple guidelines:

- ◇ Deposit leaves and clippings in your green waste can and not in the street.
- ◇ Additional Green Waste containers can be ordered from City Hall and cost less than \$3.50 a month!
- ◇ Sweep fallen leaves away from storm drain inlets to prevent neighborhood street flooding.

For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 691-7470. ■

NEED A RIDE 
 IN ESCALON OR TO MODESTO?

Call eTrans at 209.541.6645 for a reservation . Or visit www.cityofescalon.org
 Buses operate Monday-Friday from 9:30am to 4:00pm
A service of the City of Escalon

UTILITY BILLING REMINDERS

- ◇ Water, sewer & garbage bills are EVERY 2 MONTHS. 1st of odd months bills are mailed; 1st of even months bills are due. Residents are more than welcome to make MONTHLY payments on their accounts.
- ◇ Payment types accepted in the office - cash, check or money order. Credit Cards are accepted online ONLY with a \$4.50 fee or you may sign up for Automatic Bill Pay.
- ◇ Moving? Service changes? - You must notify the City with any changes to your account; a signature by the account holder is required to make changes or close an account.
- ◇ Garbage not picked up? Broken can? Bulk item(s) to be picked up?

STORM WATER CORNER

The proper way to dispose of pet waste is to bag it and place it in the **BLACK** garbage container. When pet waste is improperly disposed of, it can be picked up by stormwater runoff and washed into storm drains. Pet waste carries bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can threaten the health of humans and wildlife. Pet waste also contains nutrients that promote undesirable weed and algae growth. Cloudy and green water makes swimming and recreation unappealing or even unhealthy. ■



AUTOMATIC BILL PAY

Pay your City of Escalon utility bill automatically and on time. Sign up for Preauthorized Payment Service and your payment will be automatically deducted from a bank account. You will continue to receive your monthly statement to review and may contact us with any questions before payment is made. Applications are available at www.cityofescalon.org or at City Hall. Mail or bring in your application with a voided check. ■

RECREATION REFUND POLICY

The City of Escalon Recreation Department has a no-refund policy. Full refund will be given if the department cancels the program, the participant is cut from the program, or cannot participate due to medical reasons. No refund after the class/program/league has had its second meeting. All refunds will be given by check only through the City of Escalon. The Recreation Department reserves the right to adjust the policy depending on the circumstances and severity of the situation. ■