

City of Portola

Community Members,

2026 is off to an eventful start for our City! We hope you share our enthusiasm and positivity for the remainder of the year.

Below are some of the recent community events that have occurred in our City :

Union Pacific "Big Boy" Coast to Coast Tour

- On 4/8, the world's largest operating steam locomotive made an appearance in Portola
- This event drew enthusiasts from all over to see this unique piece of history with roughly 2,200 people attending the event and spending time in our City

Plumas County Firesafe Council: Portola Chipping Day

- On 4/25, a free community chipping day was held at the Portola Riverwalk
- We would like to thank the Plumas County Fire Safe Council and Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District for partnering with the City in making this event a success

Be on the lookout for future events you may be interested in that will be posted on our City website and Facebook page!



The Quarterly Connection

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Upcoming Events

City Council Meetings

When: 2nd and 4th Wednesday @ 6pm

Where: City Hall, 35 Third Avenue

2026 Lost and Found Gravel Grinder

When: June 12 & 13, 2026

Where: Various locations throughout the city

Riverwalk Upgrades

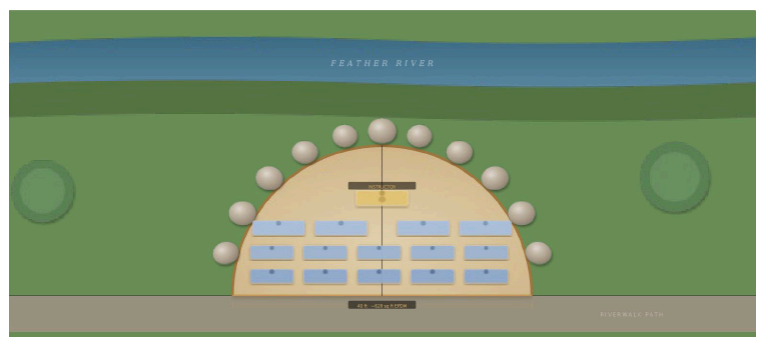
Spring has sprung and our Public Works team has completed the installation of three new water fountains at various locations along the Riverwalk. These units have bottle fillers, fountains at various heights, and even one for our furry friends.

In addition, the City Council has approved additional enhancements along the Riverwalk that include a dedicated space for yoga, meditation, and other activities along with renovations to the historical "Ice Dam" wall that will include a mural if funding allows.

Next time you're enjoying a sun soaked stroll along the scenic Riverwalk be sure to give the new amenities a try.

Funding

This project was made possible utilizing funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and Prop 68 State of California grant funds.



Photos:

Top: ADA accessible water fountain & vault toilet.

Bottom: Rendering of proposed yoga/meditation area

Source: City of Portola

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Draft Goals & Initiatives



Fiscal Year 2026-2027 City Council and Staff Goal Setting

Item #	FY 2026-2027 Goal/Objective	Department
1	Music in the Park: 6 Events	General
2	Other Events (Railroad Days, Gravel Grinder, Trunk or Treat, Xmas in Old Town)	General
3	Fall Event in conjunction with Community Cleanup Event	General
4	Cost of Living Adjustment	General
5	Snow Removal Machinery for Sidewalks & Bridge	Public Works
6	Public Works Yard: Gate Repair/Upgrade	Public Works
7	Non-potable Water: Ballfields	Public Works
8	Dog Park & Riverwalk Upgrades (Federal Funding)	Public Works
9	Mini Excavator Purchase	Public Works
10	City Hall Exterior Painting & Concrete Patching	Public Works
11	Signage Updates: Street Signs, Wayfinding Signs, Beckwourth Peak Signs	Public Works
12	Gulling Street Bridge: Structural Rehabilitation	Public Works
13	Dedicated Pavement Rehabilitation Crew: RMRA Funds	Public Works
14	City Engineering: Potential RFP for "On-Call Services"	Public Works
15	Street Lighting Energy Efficiency	Public Works
16	Prop 68: Riverwalk Upgrades	Public Works
17	Potential RFP: Chip Seal	Public Works
18	Street Sweeper Purchase	Public Works
19	Public Works: Potential Additional Full Time Employee	Public Works
20	Receivership Program	Code Enforcement
21	Abandoned Vehicle Abatement (AVA) Program	Code Enforcement
22	Property/Encampment Cleanup	Code Enforcement
23	Weed Abatement Program	Code Enforcement
24	Senior Code Enforcement Consulting	Code Enforcement
25	Community Cleanup Days (2 Events)	Code Enforcement
26	Code Enforcement: Full Time Position	Code Enforcement
27	Policies and Procedures Updates	Admin
28	Vault Archive: Electronic Data Archiving	Admin
29	Public Relations and Communications Outreach	Admin
30	General Plan Updates	Planning
31	Safety Element Updates	Planning



Annually, the City Council, staff, and the public develop citywide goals & initiatives. These topics are addressed during multiple public meetings, including a Budget Workshop. Our agenda's also have specific items to receive public comment on the City's proposed fiscal year budget.

There is a public hearing scheduled for June 10, 2026 on the next fiscal year budget.

We encourage the public to continue participating in these discussions with your City Council to ensure your needs & wants are being addressed.

Here are the draft initiatives and goals for the upcoming fiscal year:

2026 Pool Season

The pool schedule for the 2026 pool season will be released via our City website and Facebook page shortly. Once released, you can begin signing up for the various activities offered, including swim lessons, water aerobics, and private swim parties.

We're thrilled to continue offering these amenities to our community at the **same pricing** as the previous year.

Looking forward to seeing you at the pool this summer!