



GRASS VALLEY

Historical Commission Meeting

Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 3:00 PM

Council Chambers, Grass Valley City Hall | 125 East Main Street, Grass Valley, California

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AGENDA

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MEETING NOTICE

Historical Commission welcomes you to attend the meetings electronically or in person at the City Hall Council Chambers, located at 125 E. Main St., Grass Valley, CA 95945. Regular Meetings are scheduled at 4:00 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Your interest is encouraged and appreciated.

Members of the public are encouraged to submit public comments via voicemail at (530) 274-4390 and email to public@cityofgrassvalley.com. Comments will be reviewed and distributed before the meeting if received by 9 am. Comments received after that will be addressed during the item and/or at the end of the meeting. The commission will have the option to modify their action on items based on comments received. Action may be taken on any agenda item.

Agenda materials, staff reports, and background information related to regular agenda items are available on the City's website: www.cityofgrassvalley.com. Materials related to an item on this agenda submitted to the Commission after distribution of the agenda packet will be made available on the City of Grass Valley website at www.cityofgrassvalley.com, subject to City staff's ability to post the documents before the meeting.

Please note, individuals who disrupt, disturb, impede, or render infeasible the orderly conduct of a meeting will receive one warning that, if they do not cease such behavior, they may be removed from the meeting. The chair has authority to order individuals removed if they do not cease their disruptive behavior following this warning. No warning is required before an individual is removed if that individual engages in a use of force or makes a true threat of force. (Gov. Code, § 54957.95.)

Council Chambers are wheelchair accessible and listening devices are available. Other special accommodations may be requested to the City Clerk 72 hours in advance of the meeting by calling (530) 274-4390, we are happy to accommodate.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Adoption of the Minutes of May 13, 2025

PUBLIC COMMENT - *Members of the public are encouraged to submit public comments via voicemail at (530) 274-4390 and email to public@cityofgrassvalley.com. Comments will be reviewed and distributed before the meeting if received by 3pm. Comments received after 3pm will be addressed during the item and/or at the end of the meeting. Historical Commission will have the option to modify their action on items based on comments received. Action may be taken on any agenda item. There is a time limitation of three minutes per person for all emailed, voicemail, or in person comments, and only one type of public comment per person. For any items not on the agenda, and within the jurisdiction or interest of the City, please come to the podium at this time. If you wish to speak regarding a scheduled agenda item, please come to the podium when the item is announced. When recognized, please begin by providing your name and address for the record (optional).*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STAFF AGENDA ITEMS

2. Update on Historic Walking Tour Story Map

COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS

3. Approval of the wording for the Olympia Creek Trestle plaque
4. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair for 2025/26 fiscal year
5. Report from City Council meeting of May 13th
6. Discussion of the Levine STAR Unveiling and Reception for July 21, 2025
7. Discussion of the historic artwork and wording for downtown banners
8. Discussion of downtown historic events/days to promote Grass Valley/local history
9. Discussion of bronze plaque for Eagle Hose Company
10. Review of Heritage Homes booklet
11. Levine Award on tonight's City Council agenda
12. Continued discussion of walking town brochure

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POSTING NOTICE

This is to certify that the above notice of a meeting of a Historical Commission, scheduled for Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 3:00 p.m., was posted at city hall, easily accessible to the public, as of 5:00 p.m. Thursday, June 5, 2025.

Taylor Whittingslow, City Clerk

Grass Valley Historical Commission

Minutes of Tuesday May 13, 2025

Commissioners Present: Savelli, Albrecht, McAteer, Reilly and Poston

Meeting was called to order by Chair McAteer at 3:00 pm

Approval of the April 9, 2025 minutes: Moved by Poston, second by Albrecht; Unanimously Adopted

Public Comment: Mr. Sec, former owner of Lake Olympia, appeared to invite Commissioners to his June 1st tour of the lake area.

Action Item #1: The Commission recommended that the window replacement be approved with a suggestion that two of the windows in the front area be casement with a faux wooden bar to keep the double hung style and two be double hung for the residence located at 514 West Main St.

Action Item #2: The Commission recommended that the garage/carriage house structure located behind the home located at 603 West Main St. be allowed to be demolished. The Commission appreciated that owner was planning to reconstruct a new housing unit in a similar salt box style.

Action Item #3: The Commission approved passing along a recommend for approval to the City Council a historic designation of the Narrow Gauge Railroad Trestle along Olympia Creek. Bruce Boyd was thanks for his work on the project and agreed to provide a first draft of the bronze plaque.

Discussion Items:

1. Quarterly lunch with Council Members Caravelli and Arbuckle. Commissioners McAteer and Albrecht toured the Council members of the former Lake Olympia site.
2. Historic Walking Tours: Chair McAteer reported that another large turnout of 75 turned out and that people at the end of the tour donated \$239 toward history banners. More tours are planned. Council Caravelli suggested at the luncheon that the tours be covered under City Insurance that Chair McAteer plans to address at the council meeting.
3. Levine Recognition: Fundraising for the bronze star is complete. The item will be an action item on the June 10th Council agenda and we are currently planning the unveiling/celebration on Monday, July 14th (Howard's birthday) with a reception on at Foothill Flowers. The Commission handed in \$1050 to the City— \$200 from Greg Savelli, \$100 from Dyanne Albrecht, \$100 from Howard Brown, \$100 from Bob Branstrom, \$100 from Mary Taft, \$200 from Gage McKinney and \$250 Sue Pearson.
4. Heritage Homes: Booklets are in production and should be ready by the next meeting.
5. Eagle Fire Hose Designation: The Nevada County Landmark Commission has approved the Countywide designation. Commissioner Poston will look into the cost of a bronze plaque.
6. Grass Valley Annual Historic Award: A donor has been found for the award plaque. Chair McAteer will ask for the Council to accept the plaque and accept the nomination of Teresa Poston.
7. Walking Tours Brochure: Commissioner Reilly will have items to provide City staff for some inputting into the Storymaps software. Commissioners agreed to provide Reilly edits and direction on the project.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 pm by Chair McAteer. The next meeting will be held at 3:00 pm on Tuesday, June 10th.

NARROW GAUGE TRESTLE ABUTMENT

These stone abutments for one of the Nevada County Narrow Gauge Railroad trestles crossing Wolf Creek is one of the few remaining trestle abutments for the Railroad. Originally built of wood in February 1876, it was upgraded in 1885 to the hand crafted granite abutment you see by a Chinese construction crew. It remained in use until the railroad ceased operating in 1942.

Landmark registered by Nevada County
_____, 2024 - NEV 24-04
Plaque dedicated 2024 by the
Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission



Local Legenda

legend page 1 from top left to right

john olmstead— naturalist
 orlo steele— marine corps general
 nils searles— ca chief justice
 rick rossovich— actor
 andrew rossi— winner indy 500
 lorenzo sawyer— judge
 pete daley— pro baseball player
 christopher stevens— us ambassador
 sarah kidder— owner, nc narrow gauge rr

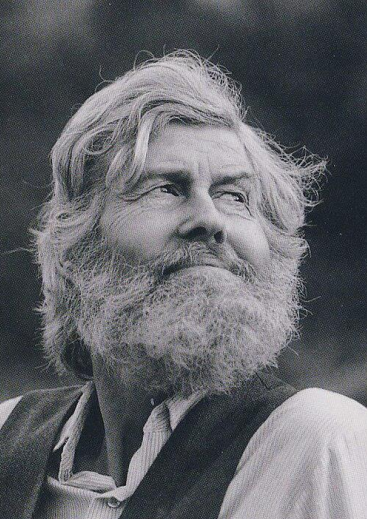
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 herbert hoover— president, mining engineer
 julia morgan— architect— ns house
 mary hallack foote— author
 jerry angove— educator— brought sc to nc
 aaron sergeant— us senator
 gary snyder— poet
 william bourne— mine owner

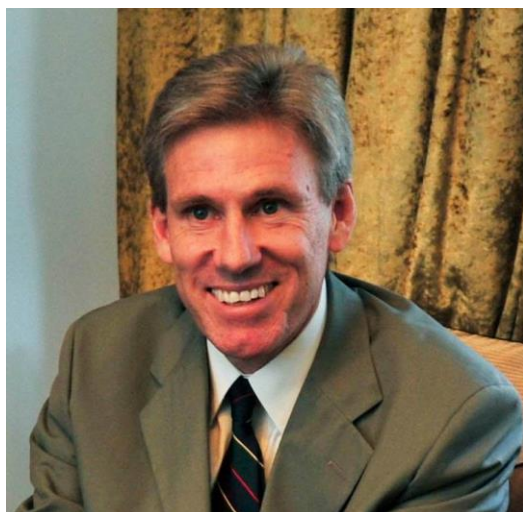
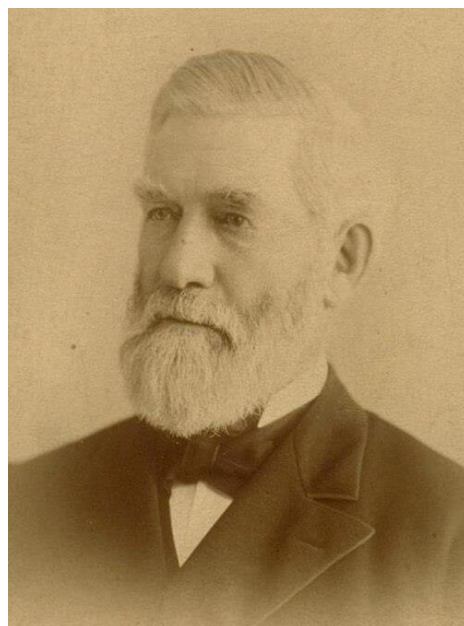
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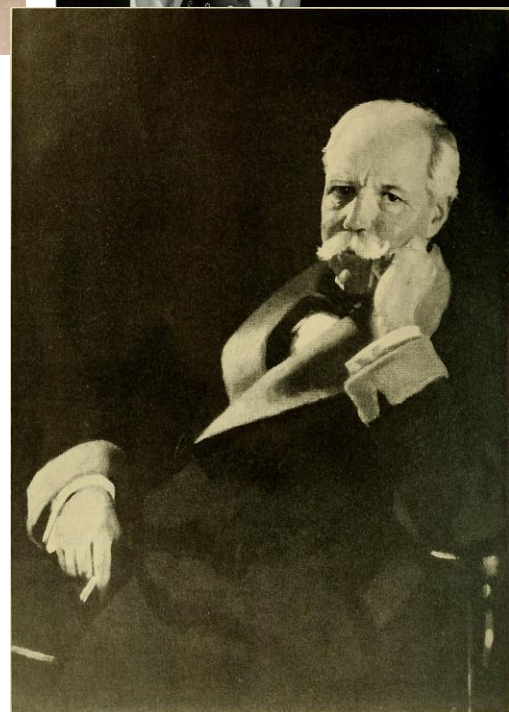
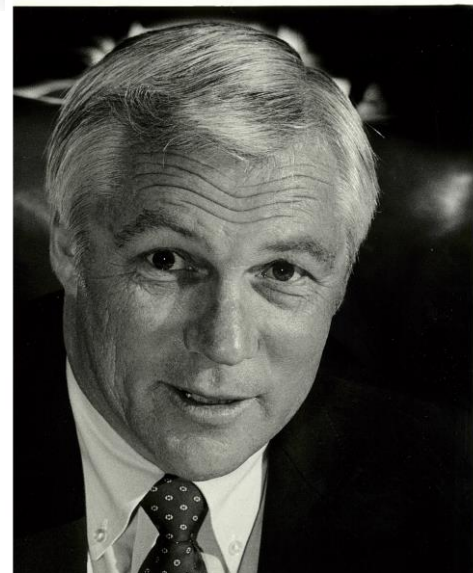
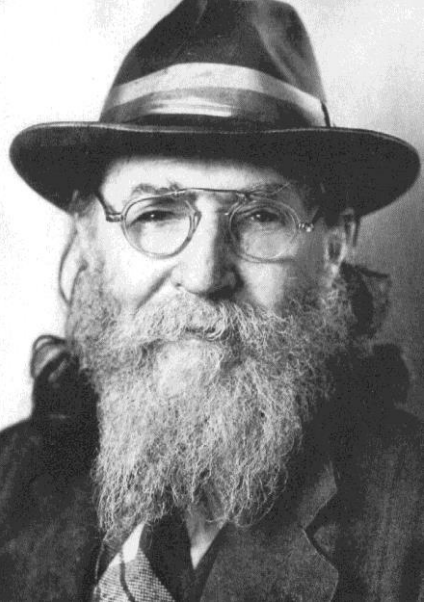
lola montez- actress/dancer
 josiah royce- philosopher
 utah phillips- musician/activist
 rich brooks- nfl and college football coach
 lotta crabtree— singer/dancer
 Emma Nevada— Operatic Soprano
 Ellen Clark Sargent— Suffragette
 Sr. Mary Baptiste Russell- Founded Local Orphanage
 Fr. Thomas Dalton— Early Religious leader

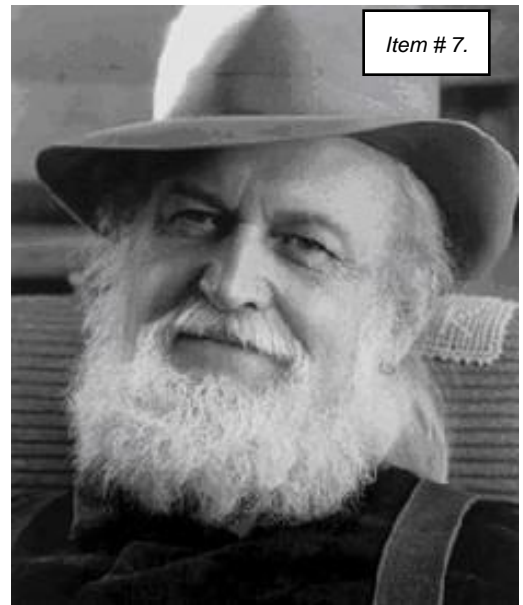
Legendary Local Historic Places

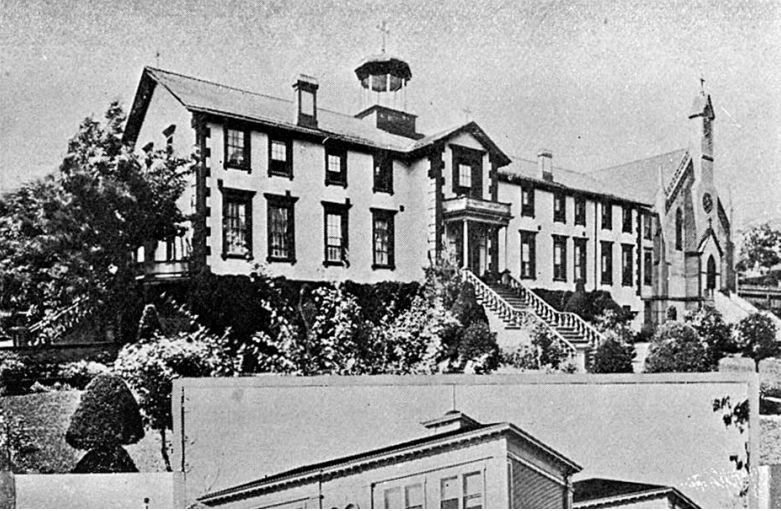


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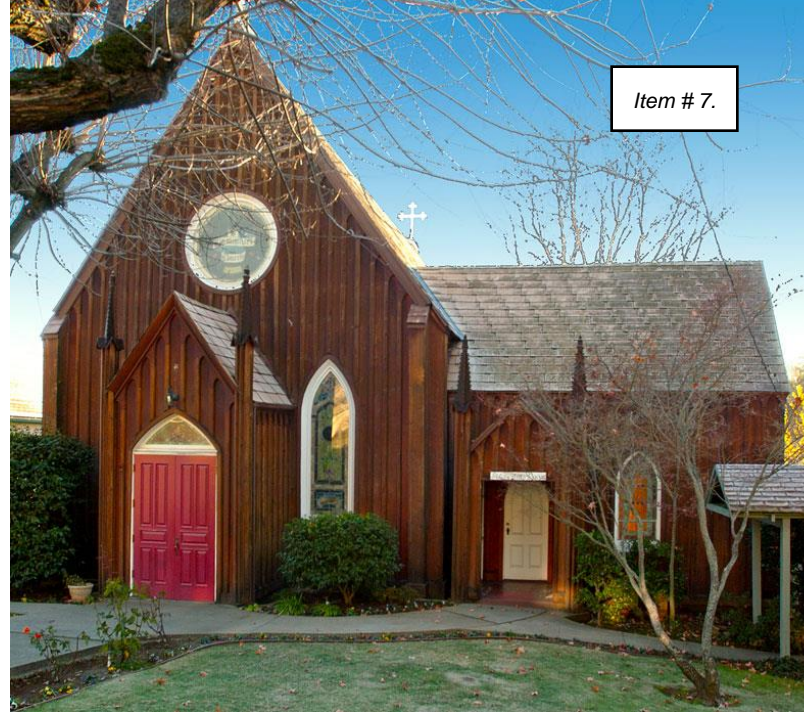






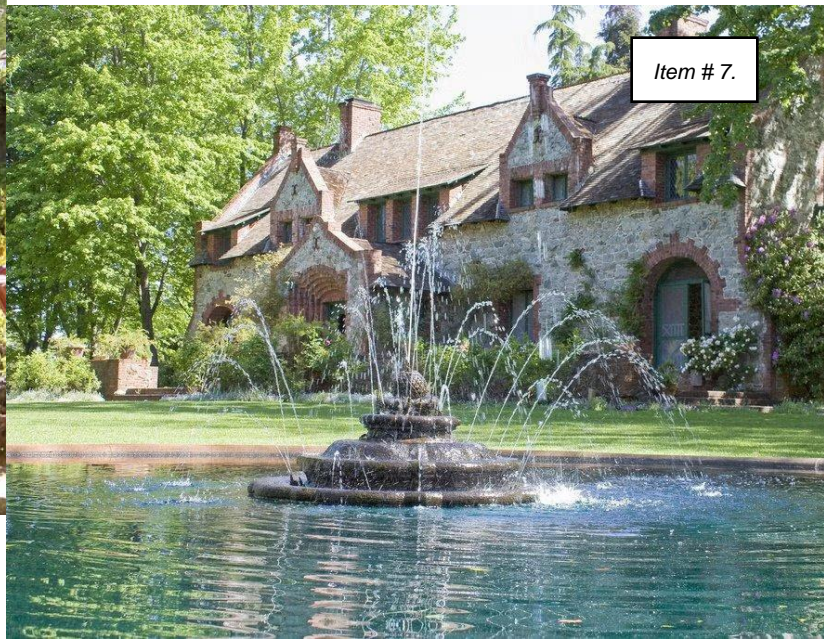






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Historic Walking Tours
April- October
2nd Saturdays at 10 am
Main and So. Auburns Sts

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Look... It's All Around

Take the Self-Guided Local Tour
Homes, Murals and Downtown
www.