

APRIL 2016 NEWSLETTER

We are officially in Spring, but your Taft Chamber is already planning for Summertime. Pool parties, barbeques, and the Fourth of July are a few staples of Summer. Your Taft Chamber has been working on plans for the Taft Fireworks Show, scheduled for Saturday, July 2, at the Rails to Trails. So the question is, who wants fireworks for 2016?

This all community fundraising effort is one of the highest attended events of the year and we encourage you to contribute even just \$5! With the hardships currently facing our economy, many individuals won't be able to go out of town and our goal is to provide a quality show so they won't want to go out of town. Every donation counts and the size of the show we can provide will depend solely on donations and sponsorships. Pledge to donate and stop by to help "Fund the Fireworks!" Volunteers will collect donations on April 1, May 6, and June 3. Let me know if you can help to bring Fireworks to Taft for Independence Day 2016!

Our Platinum Sponsors



Our Gold Sponsors



If you or your business would like to make a sponsorship contribution, please give us a call - 661-765-2165 to discuss options or fill out a donation card in our office.













West Kern Adult Education Network Grand Opening—March 29, 2016

ESL, GED, Citizenship, and more







The California Transportation Plan (CTP) provides a long-range policy framework to meet our future mobility needs and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The CTP defines goals, performance-based policies, and strategies to achieve our collective vision for California's future statewide, integrated, multimodal transportation system. The plan envisions a sustainable system that improves mobility and enhances our quality of life. To learn more about the development of the CTP, please visit www.californiatransportationplan2040.org.

Kern Council of Government Recognizes Taft for 2015 at Awards Banquet



Left: Joel Bauer and Tanner Melton from the Westside Cemetery District

Below: Taft Oildorado 2015
Executive Board of Directors
receive the Regional Award
for Merit for Community
Involvement





ESSAGES FROM OUR MEMBERS







Applications available at the Taft Chamber (400 Kern St) and True Value (407 9th St)

Adult: \$30.00 Child: \$20.00

First 200 paid registered runners receive a t-shirt and swag bag

Children may participate for **free** when accompanied by a paid registered runner. There is no limit on the amount of children an adult runner may bring with them. **ONLY PAID REGISTERED RUNNERS** are eligible to receive a t-shirt and swag bag. College Students may participate for free, but student ID is required. Free participants sign up at the event.



Supervisor David Couch has been working on a new fire hydrant project for South Taft and Taft Heights. Special thanks to our County Fire Department Fire Marshall Benny Wofford and Director of Engineering, Surveying and Permit Services Greg Fenton for their help.

Crews have completed installation of some of the 7 fire hydrants in South Taft and 10 hydrants in Taft Heights.



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		11:30am, Kern County 150th Celebration Meeting	10-11am, Senior Scams Seminar at Rec 6pm, City Council Mtg	9am, Sit n Sip, Taft Chamber 9:30am, Carrizo Plain Tour 6pm, Special Plan- ning Commission Mtg 7:30pm, Industry Night, Petroleum Club	9am-1pm, TCFPP West Kern Petrole- um Mini sum- mit 2:30pm, Traffic Comm. Mtg	6pm, Dinner, St Andrews Church	8am, Kiwanis Kolor Run 9am-12pm, So- roptimist Gar- den Tour 5pm, Alpha House BBQ 6pm, Paulette's People BBQ
	10	11 11:30am, Kern County 150th Celebration Meeting 6pm, Small Business Academy Graduation, TUHS	12 5pm, Down- town Business Committee Mtg, Mi Casita	9am, Sit n Sip, Taft Chamber 6pm, Wine Down Wednesday, The Bank 6pm, Rotary Reverse Draw- gin, Jo's	9am, Taft Job Fest, The Fort 9am, Coffee with a Cop, The Bank 12pm, State of the City, OT's 5pm, Chamber Mixer, Monarch	15	16 8am, Rotary Health Fair 12-6pm, Kern County 150th Year Anniver- sary Showcase, Kern County Museum
	17 11:30-1:30, WCMA Comm. BBQ, Vet Park 2pm, Revival Worship Ribbon Cut- ting 3pm, Bako. Sym- phony Orchestra	18	19 6pm, City Council Mtg	9am, Sit n Sip, Taft Chamber 6pm, Planning Commission Mtg	10am Arbor Day, Taft Com- munity Garden	22	23 11am-2pm, Arc BBQ @ Moose Lodge 5pm, TUHS Hall of Fame Awards
	24	25 6pm, TUHS Honors Night	26	9am, Sit n Sip, Taft Chamber 4pm, Chamber Board Mtg	28 5pm, TAPT Wine Tasting, Taft Fort	29 12:30pm, Al Baldock Golf Tournament, Buena Vista	30

May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 6pm, City Council Mtg.	9am, Sit n Sip, Taft Chamber 7:30pm, Indus- try Night, Taft Petroleum Club	5	6 8am-12pm, Fund the Fireworks @ 4th & Kern 6-10pm, First Fri- day Car Cruise 6pm, St Andrews Dinner	7
8 Mother's Day	9	10	11 9am, Sit n Sip, Taft Chamber	12 9am, Coffee with a Cop 5pm, Chamber Mixer @ The Bank	13 12pm, CASA Orientation @ Taft Chamber	14
15	16	17 6pm, City Council Mtg.	18 9am, Sit n Sip, Taft Chamber 6pm, Planning Commission Mtg.	19	20	21 8am, Taft Relay for Life, TUHS

Taft District Chamber of Commerce's

Downtown Business Committee Meeting

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Tuesday, April 12, 2016 5:00 PM Mi Casita, 621 Center St.

ITEMS TO DISCUSS:

- Downtown Business Account:
 Balance Sheet & Funds Available for Projects
- Downtown Business Planter Project Update
- Upcoming Events for Downtown
- Selection of Downtown Representatives

YOUR ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT! EVERYONE IS WELCOME



JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS AND POLICE OFFICERS



just coffee and a chance to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers in your neighborhood.

See you there!

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Chief Ed Whiting

TAFT POLICE DEPARTMENT

For additional information, please contact

Belinda Cole at Taft City Hall

(661) 763-1222 Extension 12





Event Connection

By Shannon Jones, Event Coordinator

Looking at the April calendar, I don't think there is one day that doesn't have an event or meeting taking place. Our service clubs, churches, and non-profits have scheduled a variety of events for every interest in our community including dinners, raffle drawings, garden tours, color fun runs, health fair, job fair, grand openings, and business mixers. We even have the Bakersfield Symphony Orchestra coming to Taft and we will help celebrate 150 years of Kern County.

Here is a brief run down of what you don't want to miss in April in addition to weekly Sit n Sips and City Council and Planning Commission meetings:

Friday, April 1—Fund the Fireworks, Cruise Night, and Little League Night at Monty Reedy Field

Saturday, April 2—Little League Parade & Opening Ceremonies

Wednesday, April 6—Taft Petroleum Club Industry Night, Carrizo Plain Tour

Thursday, April 7—West Kern Petroleum Mini Summit

Saturday, April 9—Kiwanis Fun Run, Soroptomist Garden Tour, Alpha House BBQ, Paulette's People BBQ

Monday, April 11—Small Business Academy Graduation

Tuesday, April 12—Downtown Business Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 13—Rotary Reverse Drawing

Thursday, April 14—Job Fest, Coffee with a Cop, State of the City Luncheon, Business Mixer

Saturday, April 16—Rotary Health Fair, Kern County 150th Showcase, Animal Services Volunteer Open House

Sunday, April 17—WCMA BBQ, Revival Worship Ribbon Cutting, Bakersfield Symphony Orchestra Concert at TUHS

Thursday, April 21—Taft Community Garden Arbor Day

Saturday, April 23—Taft ARC BBQ, TUHS Hall of Fame

Monday, April 25—TUHS Honors Night

Thursday, April 28—TAPS/Fort Wine Tasting

Friday, April 29—Al Baldock Golf Tournament

For additional information on any of these events including time, location or registration details, please contact the Taft Chamber at 661-765-2165.



On, Friday, March 4, the Taft Chamber celebrated the grand re-opening of Cooper's True Value—a staple in the Taft community. After months of extensive renovations and upgrades to the inside and outside of the store, True Value is ready to continue to serve your home improvement needs. Stop by 407 9th Street today!

Business Mixer- Roger Miller Insurance Agency

After a several year hiatus, the Taft Chamber is excited to bring back monthly networking events. Mixers allow an opportunity to connect with the community and unwind after work hours. On Thursday, March 10, the Taft Chamber held its first mixer at Roger Miller Insurance Agency at 531 Kern Street. This company has been a staple in our community since 1954 and is currently owned by Rich Miller and employees Jordan Miller, Jeff Miller, and Kathy Devine. Roger Miller Insurance Agency is licensed to write business in all 50 states as well as 38 countries, and provide a comprehensive package for all of your insurance needs, commercial and personal. They pride themselves on being "Your Hometown Insurance Store." Give them a call at 661-765-7131 for assistance with your insurance.

This Taft Chamber mixer drew 25 community members and individuals interested in networking. The next Chamber mixer is scheduled at Monarch Fleet Service on Thursday, April 14. If you would like to host a mixer at your office, contact the Chamber at 661-765-2165.







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Welcome to our new and returning members for March 2016!

A Hint Of Class Bakery Accelerated Environmental Services Alzheimer's Disease Association **American Cancer Society** AmeriFirst Financial, Inc. NMLS 145368 Associated Builders and Contractors California Independent Petroleum Association (CIPA) CASA of Kern County City of Taft **Creekside Apartments Demand Pest Control** Edward J. Herrera Insurance Agency Freeport McMoran Oil & Gas Huddleston Crane Service, Inc. J & D Recycling **Joyce Properties** Killingsworth, Vic L. Kiwanis Club of Taft Lighthouse Foursquare Church Monarch Fleet Services & Automotive

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TAFT OILWORKERS MONUMENT SPACE IS LIMITED!!

Call us at 661-765-2165 to order a brick for that special oilfield worker or family member to be placed at the Taft Oil workers

Monument.

4x8 Brick: \$100-8x8 Brick: \$175



RSVP Today!

State of the City Luncheon

Thursday, April 14

12pm-1:30pm

OT Cookhouse \$15 Lunch

Call 661-765-2165

400 Kern Street Taft, CA 93268 661-765-2165



Executive Director: Dr. Kathy Orrin kathy.taftchamber@gmail.com

Event Coordinator: Shannon Jones shannon.taftchamber@gmail.com

www.taftchamber.com Membership Coordinator: Maddison Rubadeau maddison.taftchamber@gmail.com



Dive into your Future!

Thursday, April 14, 2016 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Highlights

- Free admission & parking
- Connect with local employers
- Variety of jobs
- Application and resume assistance
- All are welcome to attend



Taft Historic Fort 915 North 10th St. Taft, CA 93268



Keys to Job Fest Success

- ★ Dress professionally and wear comfortable shoes
- * Bring copies of your resume or master application
- ★ Bring black ink pen & note book
- Children are NOT allowed



For a current list of employers and available positions, check out our Facebook page at "Job Fest Kern County."





All Events
End at 2:00
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Order Tickets
Order Tickets
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APRIL 23RD 11-2

100% OF ALL PROCEEDS PAY FOR CLIENT ACTIVITIES

THERE WILL ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS (FACE PAINTING, GAMES) AND A SILENT AUCTION

\$10.00 dinner & Grand Prize Drawing

THE PURCHASE OF A DINNER TICKET ALSO ENTERS YOU INTO OUT GRAND PRIZE DRAWING!

Held at Taft Moose Lodge

13130

BBQ Tri-Tip, Salad, Beans, Roll, & Dessert Raffle Tickets
\$1.00 each

FAFT FIREWORKS SHOW Saturday, July 2, 2016

YES! I want to support the Taft Fireworks Show!

Title Show Sponsor: \$5,000	Friend of the Fireworks: \$500
Platinum Sparkler: \$2,500	Friend of the Fireworks: \$250
Gold Sparkler: \$1,500	Friend of the Fireworks: \$100
Silver Sparkler: \$1,000	Individual Donor:

Donations accepted by mail or in person at:

Taft Chamber of Commerce 400 Kern Street Taft, CA 93268

Call 661-765-2165 for credit card payments



The Wildlands Conservancy

Wind Wolves Preserve

PROGRAMS

FULL MOON NIGHT HIKE

APRIL 23RD MAY 21ST JUNE 18TH



7:30-9:30PM 8-10PM 8:15-10:15PM

BLACKOUT NIGHT HIKE

APRIL 9TH MAY 7TH JUNE 4TH



7:15-9:15PM 7:45-9:45PM 8-10PM

MOVIES IN THE CANYON



MAY 27TH JUNE 10TH 8:15-10:45PM 8:30-11PM

ECOKIDZ AND EARTH ART

APRIL 3RD (ECOKIDZ) MAY 8TH (EARTH ART) JUNE 19TH (ECOKIDZ) 10AM-12PM 10AM-12PM 10AM-12PM

EL CAMINO VIEJO WILDERNESS HIKE

MAY 28TH

8AM-2PM

Reservations Required



Phone: 661-858-1115

windwolvespreserve@twc-ca.org

16019 Maricopa Hwy Bakersfield, CA 93311



Website: wildlandsconservancy.org facebook.com/windwolvespreserve

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SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS 8:30AM, 12:30PM, 3:30PM Reservations not required

BIRDING HIKE

APRIL 2ND MAY 7TH JUNE 18TH



8-11AM 8-11AM 8-11AM

BACKCOUNTRY ADVENTURES

APRIL 10TH 10AM-1:30PM MAY 22ND 10AM-1:30PM JUNE 12TH 10AM-1:30PM

OUTDOOR SURVIVAL PREPAREDNESS



APRIL 17TH JUNE 25TH 10AM-12PM 10AM-12PM

VOLUNTEER DAYS



APRIL 2ND 11:30AM-2:30PM
APRIL 3RD, 20TH, 28TH 8-11AM
MAY 4TH, 10TH, 12TH 8-11AM
MAY 21ST, 28TH 8-11AM
JUNE 4TH, 11TH, 18TH 8-11AM
JUNE 9TH, 22ND 8-11AM

Reservations open 2 weeks before each event.

Weekend events are made free for visitors because of generous donations from people like you. If you would like to contribute to Wind Wolves and enhance the experience for children in the outdoors, please leave a donation in any of our donation bins on the preserve.

Wind Wolves Preserve is open from 8am-6pm everyday

Birding Hike

Come hike through riparian, saltbush, and oak woodland habitats to discover the birds that live in these areas. We will drive to different habitats so you can see more of the preserve! All ages and experience levels welcome.

EcoKidz
Parents come out and enjoy a free outdoor activity with your kids. Activities vary from bird watching and bird nest building,
painting or using oil pastels to create masterpieces in nature, and reading children-friendly books outdoors. Fun for all ages!
Full Moon Night Hike
This two-hour moonlit hike will start just before sunset and end after dark. Let the moonlight reveal your path, and discover the
treasures that Wind Wolves has to offer only at night! Naturalists will discuss night time wonders including nocturnal animals,
eye shine, and constellations. Ages 6 and up (no strollers). Please note that the starting times for this hike vary according to
sunset time. Please bring flashlights!
Black Out Night Hike
Contrary to the Full Moon hike, this two-hour hike during the new moon offers a very dark environment, and is ideal for star
gazing. Naturalists will discuss nighttime wonders such as nocturnal animals and sensory awareness activities. Black-lights may
be provided to discover glow in the dark critters, and to see how we stand out compared to our dark environment. Ages 6 and
up (no strollers). Please note that the starting times for this hike vary according to sunset time. Please bring flashlights!
Earth Art
Celebrate the earth by creating Earth Art from natural materials found during a short guided hike by a naturalist. Then,
assemble your own unique artwork. Additional art supplies may be provided. All ages welcome!
El Camino Viejo Wilderness Hike
Naturalists will lead a 4-6 mile hike through wilderness that once was the route of the wagons traveling between El Pueblo de
Los Angeles and early San Francisco. The hike will begin at the El Camino Viejo Wilderness trailhead within San Emigdio
Canyon, heading south into the lush wilderness with chances to see bears, mule deer, bird life, unique geological features, and
more. This hike is appropriate for hikers aged 7 and up. Bring your own water and lunch.
Outdoor Survival Preparedness
Kids and their parents learn how to stay safe and sound in nature. Your naturalist will lead activities and demonstrations. Kids
will receive a safety whistle, lanyard and certificate. Ages 7 and up (no strollers).
Movies in the Canyon
A relaxing evening awaits for visitors who come up to Wind Wolves Preserve for a picnic dinner and a children's friendly movie
all while being surrounded by the beautiful San Emigdio Canyon. Bring your picnic dinner, chairs, and blankets. Snacks are
available with a suggested \$1 donation. *All movies shown are appropriate for children*
San Emigdio Express
On weekends our tour Van or Bus will make trips up and down San Emigdio Canyon, allowing visitors to "hitch" a ride along the
way. Express runs start at 8:30am, 12:30pm, and 3:30pm. Catch a ride with us to see more of our beautiful canyon!
Backcountry Adventures
Backcountry Tour will allow you to visit our "Authorized Access Only" areas. Some of our Adventure themes are: Birds of Wind
WolvesPreserve, AnimalSightings, NaturalHistory, NativeAmericanHistory, Wildflowers(seasonal)andmuchmore!Thetout all the properties of the prop
vehicle has an air conditioning and heater system, for the comfort of our riders. Please call for more details.

Please note that programs and hikes may be canceled in unsafe weather conditions or if no reservations are made. Wind Wolves staff will always inform participants of a cancellation.

Volunteer Days

We need your help! Our volunteer events are fun and rewarding allowing you to: meet new people, learn and share knowledge, and make a positive difference for the plants and animals that live on the preserve. Working alongside rangers, you have the opportunity to save endangered species, remove invasive plants, work in our native nursery, monitor species populations, and more. All ages welcome!

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- · Oil Bottles
- Pinball Machines
- Old Movie Posters
- Musical instruments
- · Early Game Boards
- Advertising Items
- Airstream Trailers
- Taxidermy Animals
- Early Mouse Traps
- . Early Boy Scout Items

- Bicycles
- · Cap Guns · Old Bowls
- · Chairs · Cast Iron
- Pottery
- Pedal Cars
- Wagons
- Doorstops
- . Shell Boxes . B B Guns
- Decoys
- Toy Boats
- · Old Signs
- · Oil Cans
- Rugs
- · Lamps
- · Clocks
- · Jugs
- · Crocks Trunks

- Oil Paintings
- Wagon Wheels
- · Old Dolls
- Telephones
- Graniteware
- · Old Bottles
- · Juke Boxes
- · Folk Art License Plates
- Pedal Tractors
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- · Military Items
- Wood Carvings
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Taft Health Fair 2016

Saturday, April 16, 2016 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

Buena Vista High School • 900 No. 10th Street Free Admission

Children Immunization (Bring immunization record)

Free Consultation by Medical Specialists

Pediatrict · Rheumatologist · Cardiologist, E.N.T.

Neurologist · Gastroenterologist · Endocrinologist

Dermatologist · Oncologist · OB-GYN · Opthalmologist

Pulmonologist • Rehabilitation • Podiatrist

Dentist • Home Health · Hospice

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