



# April 2019 Newsletter

## Spring has Sprung!



Your Taft Chamber serves as a Visitor's Center for the Carrizo Plain National Monument. Our office is receiving walk in visitors, phone calls, emails, and social media messages asking for information about the monument. We not only provide guidance on how

to get there and what to do when they arrive, we are sending them to you! Chamber members receive referrals from us from these tourists on places to stay, where to eat, and where to shop before they head out. Taft is benefitting greatly from the wildflowers and we hope you are taking advantage of the increase in visitors to our town.

Kathy and Shannon both have taken trips to the Carrizo so we can provide tourists with first-hand knowledge. Check out some of our photos from our trip. We highly recommend you make the short trip. And just like we tell everyone in our office: make sure you fill up your gas tanks, grab some lunch and beverages, and take a stroll to our businesses to stock up on items for your journey before you leave Taft.

### Our Platinum Sponsors



### Our Gold Sponsors





# April Member Events

Order Tickets  
**763-1532**

**ARC BBQ** Music  
April 6<sup>th</sup> Bake Sale  
11am-2pm  
50/50 Raffle Tickets \$1.00 Each

Dine In Or Take Out

100% of all proceeds pay for client activities

Held @ Taft **MOOSE** Lodge  
205 1/2 10<sup>th</sup> Street

**\$12 Dinner**: The purchase of a dinner ticket also enters you into our **Grand Prize Drawing!**

- BBQ Tri-Tip
- Salad
- Beans
- Rolls

**Silent Auction from 11am-1:30PM**

**COMMUNITY, CONVERSATION, COFFEE & COPS**

**Please Join Us!**  
Thursday  
April 18, 2019  
9:00 A.M.

**Coffee WITH A COP**

Bread & Butter Bakery  
420 Center Street  
Taft, Ca 93268  
661-623-4098

Meet YOUR **NEIGHBORS** AND **POLICE OFFICERS** FOR **COFFEE AND CONVERSATION.**

No agenda, no speeches, just coffee and a chance to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers in your neighborhood.

SPONSORED BY  
**TAFT POLICE DEPARTMENT**

For additional information, please contact  
Chris Carpenter at Taft Police Department  
(661) 763-3101 Extension 146

**8th Annual CAREER DAY**  
Lincoln Jr. High School  
810 Sixth Street, Taft, California  
Friday, April 12, 2019  
8:00 - 10:09 a.m.

6th Grade 8:00 - 8:43 a.m.  
7th Grade 8:46 - 9:26 a.m.  
8th Grade 9:29 - 10:09 a.m.

For the past 7 years we have put together a very popular and successful career day for our local Lincoln Jr. High students. Our career day is done in an informal setting. We have tables set up around our playground. Students can walk around to get information and ask questions.

In the past, some businesses have had games for students to play, and had stickers and/or pamphlets to pass out.

It's never too soon for students to start thinking about their futures, and we would really appreciate your help with that!

Contact: Tessa Pilgrim  
tpilgrim@taftcity.org  
Cell: 661-428-4918  
Work: 661-765-2127

**FIRST ANNUAL TAFT UNION HIGH SCHOOL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**2019**

**APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup>**  
CHECK IN 10:30 AM  
TEE TIME 12:00 PM

**RAFFLE DINNER PRIZES**

**BUENA VISTA GOLF COURSE**

**REGISTER NOW**

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| NAME _____     | Tournament Pricing:<br>\$400 Per team            |
| EMAIL _____    | \$600 For team and hole sponsor                  |
| PHONE _____    | \$125 Individual players / team will be assigned |
| TEAM PLAYERS   | TUHS Golf Tournament proceeds go to athletics.   |
| PLAYER 1 _____ | For registration information call                |
| PLAYER 2 _____ | Charlotte (661)763-2350 or email                 |
| PLAYER 3 _____ | ckidd@taftunion.org                              |
| PLAYER 4 _____ | Make checks payable to Taft Union High School.   |



# Upcoming Chamber Happenings

## State of the City Luncheon

"Safety Measures in Taft"

Thursday, April 4, 2019 @ 12pm

OT Cookhouse,

\$15 lunch

RSVP to [taftchamber@gmail.com](mailto:taftchamber@gmail.com)

### Speakers:

Taft City School District—Julie Graves

Taft Union High School—Blanca Cavazos

Taft College—Dr. Deb Daniels

City of Taft—Police Chief Damon McMinn

## TAFT FIREWORKS

July 4, 2019



**YES! I want to support the  
Taft Fireworks Show!**

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

Fund the Fireworks May 3 and June 7



Pre-Register \$25 / Day of \$30

**ENTER 7AM TO 9AM AWARDS AT 2PM**

Register online at [www.taftchamber.com](http://www.taftchamber.com)

or visit 400 Kern Street, Taft

Live Music by:



Dash Plaques  
Awards in Each Class  
Food & Craft Vendors  
Kids Area  
Downtown Shopping



Raffle Prizes  
Beer Garden  
Music on Stage  
Family Fun  
Free Admission

**PRE-SHOW CRUISE NIGHT  
FRIDAY, MAY 17 ON CENTER ST.**

661.765.2165



# April 2019

| Sun  | Mon                         | Tue  | Wed   | Thu   | Fri   | Sat  |
|--|-----------------------------|--|---|---|---|--|
|  | 1                           | 2<br>6pm, City Council                               | 3<br>NO SIT N SIP<br>TUHS Career Day<br>4pm, Planning Commission<br>6pm, Industry Night | 4<br>12pm, State of the City Luncheon                                   | 5   | 6<br>8am, Clay Shoot<br>11am, ARC BBQ<br>5pm, Football Fundraiser<br>Community Clean Up  |
| 7  | 8<br>6pm, TUHS Honors Night | 9<br>4pm, TUHS HOF Mtg.                              | 10<br>9am, Sit n Sip  | 11  | 12<br>8am, Lincoln Career Day<br>11am, Al Baldock Golf<br>NEEDS Center Cinnamon Roll Fundraiser | 13<br>Rotary Health Fair<br>Community Clean Up   |
| 14<br>10am, Taft Sportsmens Club Ham Shoot | 15<br>SPRING BREAK          | 16<br>SPRING BREAK<br>Arch Mtg.<br>6pm, City Council | 17<br>NO SIT N SIP<br>SPRING BREAK  | 18<br>SPRING BREAK<br>9am, Coffee with a Cop @ Bread and Butter         | 19<br>SPRING BREAK  | 20<br>Toxic Waste Round Up   |
| 21   | 22                          | 23   | 24<br>9am, Sit n Sip<br>4pm, Chamber Board Meeting                                      | 25<br>10am, City Arbor Day Celebration<br>5pm, Fort Wine & Beer Tasting | 26  | 27<br>Soroptomist Garden Tour<br>10:30am, TUHS Golf Tournament<br>6pm, TUHS Hall of Fame |
| 28   | 29                          | 30<br>12-6pm, Houchin Blood                          |   |   |   |  |



# April Member Events

## Taft Sportsmen's Club

### 7th Annual Sporting Clays Shoot

Saturday, April 6, 2019

Kern County Gun Club 12450 Shotgun Rd. 9331

Benefitting

Taft College and Taft High School Scholarships

JC Chitwood Memorial Scholarship Fund

Sign in 8:00 AM Shoot Starts 9:00 AM

### Special Gun Raffle

Sig Sauer SP2022 40 S&W

Ruger SP101 357 Mag 4.2" barrel

Ruger American 243 Win 22" barrel

Savage 11 6.5 Creed 22" barrel w/Scope

CZ Redhead O/U 12 Gauge 28" barrel

Weatherby SA-08 Deluxe 20 Gauge 26" barrel

\$20\ Per Ticket

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Ammunition can be purchased at Range  
Teams and Individual sign-ups ~ \$500 per team of 5 ~ \$100 per person (Limited to 34 teams)

Joe Gregory 661 340 2365 Greg Gill 661 342 2796 karenchitwood6@gmail.com

## 1 Day Only

## It's a Toxic Roundup!

### Household Hazardous Waste

**Drop-off Collection Event...One Day Only!**

**Taft Landfill**  
**13351 Elk Hills Road**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2019**  
**9:00 am - Noon**

\* May Be Cancelled Due to Unsafe Weather Conditions

**Transportation Guidelines**

- Transport no more than 15 gallons or 125 pounds of waste per trip.
- Make sure containers are not leaking and are properly labeled. Keep wastes separated and away from passengers.

- U Automotive Fluids
- U Batteries
- U Fluorescent Light Bulbs
- U Household Cleaners

- U Paint
- U Pesticides
- U Pool Chemicals
- U Sharps



Kern County Residents Only. No Business Waste accepted at this event. For more info call the Kern County Public Works Department at (661) 862-8900, or check us out on the web at: [www.KernPublicWorks.com](http://www.KernPublicWorks.com)

## Westside Waste Management City of Taft (North of Center St) Bulky Waste Community Cleanup Event

### FREE!!

Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Drop off items by 11:00 AM at the empty lot on Supply Row  
between 6<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> on Rails to Trails side

Place all bulky waste/non-metal items  
at your curbside by 7:00 AM

Appliances can be taken to the drop-off area

Household Bulky Waste Items such as:

Refrigerators

Couches

Washers/Dryers

Mattresses

Stoves

Other Furniture or Appliances



\* items **MUST** be out by 7:00 AM if you want it picked up

\* items not out by 7:00 AM can be taken to the Drop Off location until 11:00 AM

\* **ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:** tires, hazardous waste, or construction and demolition

## Westside Waste Management City of Taft (South of Center St) Bulky Waste Community Cleanup Event

### FREE!!

Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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between 6<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> on Rails to Trails side

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## May 2019

- 1, Rotary Reverse Drawing
- 3, Fund the Fireworks
- 4, TUHS Class of 1969 50 year Reunion
- 5, Cinco de Mayo
- 7, City Council Meeting
- 8, Planning Commission
- 18, Taft Chamber Car Show
- 24, Taft College Graduation
- 29, Taft Chamber Board Meeting

## June 2019

- 5, TUHS Graduation
- 6, Lincoln Graduation
- 7, Fund the Fireworks

## July 2019

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- 4, Taft Fireworks Show

## August 2019

- Back to School
- 20, Houchin Blood Mobile
- 28, Taft Chamber Board Meeting

## September 2019

- 25, Taft Chamber Board Meeting
- 26, Fort Okie Dinner
- 28, Taft Chamber Golf Tournament

## October 2019

- 12, Taft Chamber Gala
- 15, Houchin Blood Mobile
- 23, Taft Chamber Board Meeting
- 24, Fort Oktoberfest
- 31, Halloween Happenings

## November 2019

- 20, Taft Chamber Board Meeting
- 23, Taft Chamber Trout Derby

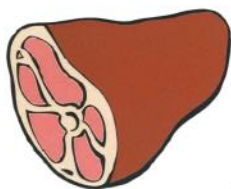
## December 2019

- 5, Fort Gift Show
- 6, Photos with Santa
- 9, Taft Christmas Parade
- 10, Houchin Blood Mobile

# 1st Annual Ham Shoot

## Taft Sportsmen's Club

### \$5.00 per round of 10



Trap shoot with regular, novice, expert, and Annie Oakley rounds.

Bring your own shotguns and ammo.

Top marksman for each round will win a free ham!

**Sunday, April 14 from 10 AM- 2PM**  
**Taft Sportsmen's Club Range**



Games for non-shooters!

For Information Contact Jennifer at

(661) 346-3513

See Reverse Side for Shoot Location

Raffle for M&P  
 15-22, 22LR  
 \$10 per ticket



**TAFTCOLLEGE**

Taft College Foundation



**Al Baldock Memorial**

Date

Friday

April 12, 2019



Sponsored by  
**AP Architects**



# April Member Events

You're cordially invited to join us at the:

## City of Taft Arbor Day 2019

The City of Taft is teaming up once again with the Taft Community Garden and the Taft City School District for an Arbor Day Event. Taft's grade school children will visit the Community Garden and learn about how plants grow along with touring what's already growing at the garden. The day will culminate with the planting of a new tree at a yet undisclosed location. JOIN US!!

**Where:** Taft Community Garden

**When:** Thursday, April 25, 2019

**Time:** 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM



For more information contact the  
Planning Department  
(661) 763-1222 x133



### The Fort Preservation Society

Invites You to Attend

### The Fort Wine & Beer Tasting Thursday, April 25, 2019 ~ 5:00-9:00

Enjoy an Evening with Great Friends

Hors d'oeuvres and Desserts

Wines, Beers and Non-alcoholic Beverages

Live Music by Sons of the Sixties

**Advance Tickets \$25.00 or \$30.00 at Door**

Sponsors \$125.00 – 2 Tickets

Sponsors \$250.00 – 4 Tickets

Sponsors \$500.00 – 8 Tickets – One Table

Corporate Sponsors \$1,000.00 – 16 Tickets – Two Tables

**For RSVP or Information Call Fort Office at 765-7371**

-----Please detach the bottom portion and return to The Fort – 915 N. 10th St., Ste. 2 -Taft-----  
**Please make checks payable to: The Fort Preservation Society**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Advance Tickets \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Door Tickets \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsors \$125.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$250.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$500.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Corporate Sponsor \$1,000.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Check Number \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_ Cash at Door \_\_\_\_\_



The Fort Preservation Society is a 501 © 3 non-profit organization, tax ID number 877-0328337.  
All Donations benefit the maintenance and preservation of this registered historic landmark.



| MONTH | PROGRAM               | LENGTH  | TRAINING TIME     | ORIENTATION                         |
|-------|-----------------------|---|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| MARCH | Welders Helper        | Two weeks<br>M, T, W, Th, F<br>March 25 – April 5   | 8:00 am – 2:30 pm | Tuesday 3/12<br>or<br>Thursday 3/14 |
| APRIL | Industrial Safety     | One week<br>M, T, W, Th, F, S<br>April 8 - April 12 | 8:00 am – 4:00 pm | Tuesday 3/12<br>or<br>Thursday 3/14 |
|       | Forklift              | One day<br>Saturday<br>April 13                     | 8:00 am – 2:30 pm | Tuesday 3/12<br>or<br>Thursday 3/14 |
|       | Office Skills         | Two weeks<br>M, T, W, Th<br>April 1 - April 11      | 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm | Thursday 3/21<br>or<br>Tuesday 3/26 |
| MAY   | ServSafe Food Handler | One Week<br>M, T, W, Th<br>May 6 - May 10           | 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm | Tuesday 4/16<br>or<br>Thursday 4/18 |
|       | CPR                   | One day<br>Friday<br>May 10                         | 8:00 am – 2:00 pm | Tuesday 4/16<br>or<br>Thursday 4/18 |
| JUNE  | Forklift              | One day<br>Saturday<br>June 8                       | 8:00 am – 2:30 pm | Tuesday 5/21<br>or<br>Thursday 5/23 |
|       | Security Guard        | Two weeks<br>M, T, W, Th<br>June 10 - June 20       | 8:00 am – 2:30 pm | Tuesday 5/21<br>or<br>Thursday 5/23 |
|       | Home Care Aide        | Two weeks<br>M, T, W, Th<br>June 10 - June 20       | 8:00 am – 2:30 pm | Tuesday 5/21<br>or<br>Thursday 5/23 |
|       |                       |   |                   |                                     |



ORIENTATIONS  
all orientations are held at the  
TAFT HISTORIC FORT  
915 N 10th St. Taft, CA 93268  
from 3 PM - 5 PM

TO SIGN-UP CALL  
661-745-43615



Orientations dates are subject to change, contact the WKAED office to confirm orientation



### APRIL 6, 2019 TAFT MIDWAY SUNSET FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER DINNER TAFT UNION FOOTBALL PROGRAM

#### Wildcat Fun Filled Night

This is going to be an outstanding night of fun, food, prizes, and enjoy our guest speaker Josh Bryant. If you want to help-out by donating gift baskets and desserts for auction, or help in setting up for the dinner please look at the contact information to the bottom right. Come out, get together to help our young men to make their trip back to Hume Lake, and play in 7 on 7 and Linemen competitions. Come be a part of the Wildcat Football Program.

Please make donations payable to - **TAFT MIDWAY SUNSET FOUNDATION.**

Thanks for your support, Coach Falgout



#### Guest Speaker:

Josh Bryant

Social Hour: 5PM-6PM

Dinner: 6PM-9PM

Ticket Price:

\$25.00 each

Sponsor Tables: \$500.00  
Limited Number Available

Donations Prizes  
50/50 Donation Prize Dessert  
Auction Coaches Dinner  
Auction

OT'S COOKHOUSE  
BANQUET ROOM  
205 North 10th St.  
Taft, Cal. 93268

Contact Information

Hubble Self 661-343-0775

Theresa Self 661-623-2019

Tiffany Rowden 661-623-0682

## 2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**President:** Les Clark III  
West Side Recreation & Park District

**1st Vice President:** Rodney Wikoff  
West Hills Church of the Nazarene

**2nd Vice President:** Jan Ashley  
Retired RN

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**Jamie Little**  
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**Yvette Mayfield**  
City of Taft

**Steve Melton**  
Jerry Melton & Sons Construction

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West Coast Construction

**Jordan Miller**  
Roger Miller Insurance Agency

**Kevin Patel**  
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West Side Health Care District

**Andrew Wagner**  
Huddleston Crane

**Adele Ward**  
Taft City School District

**Tommy White**  
Taft Union High School

**11th annual RAILS to TRAILS CAR TRUCK & BIKE SHOW**  
**Saturday, May 18, 2019**

**7am-9am—Registration**  
(Supply Row & Main Street, Taft)

**Judging 10am / Awards 2pm**  
Bike Path, 1/2 Stage at Main & 6th, Taft

**Pre-Register \$25, Day of Event \$30**  
Pre-registration includes T-Shirt & Goodie Bag (by May 10)

**Pre-Party Cruise Night**  
Food, shopping & Cruisin' Center Street  
Friday, May 17, 2019 on Center Street

### SHOW ENTRY FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_ S - M - L - XL - XXL (Pre-Register ONLY)

Car Club Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_ # Entries in this show: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, Yes, I would like to sponsor an award class! Category: \_\_\_\_\_  
\$50 FOR YOUR NAME ON 3 PLAQUES

Register online or mail entry with payment to:  
Taft Chamber of Commerce  
400 Kern Street  
Taft, CA 93268  
(661)765-2165 phone (661)765-6639 fax  
[www.taftchamber.com](http://www.taftchamber.com)



### CATEGORIES

- A \_\_\_\_\_ Pre 48 Open  
B \_\_\_\_\_ Pre 48 Closed  
C \_\_\_\_\_ Pre 48 Truck / SUV  
D \_\_\_\_\_ 48-73 Stock  
E \_\_\_\_\_ 48-73 Modified  
F \_\_\_\_\_ 49-58 Truck, SUV  
G \_\_\_\_\_ 59+ Truck, SUV  
H \_\_\_\_\_ Foreign/European  
I \_\_\_\_\_ Mustangs  
J \_\_\_\_\_ Muscle Car  
K \_\_\_\_\_ Project/Construction/Rat Rod  
L \_\_\_\_\_ Special Interest/Custom/Survivor  
M \_\_\_\_\_ Motorcycle

### Car Show Guidelines

1. Parking is **First Come, First Serve**. If you are with a group, you may tell us upon check-in and we will try to accommodate parking.
2. Car Show Participants will park along the Rails to Trails in the grass areas with set up for pop-ups and chairs behind their vehicles.
3. Vendors will be set up at the intersection at Main Street & 6th Street. Vehicles may park on either side of the trail after the numbered vendors spaces.
4. For safety reasons, all umbrellas or pop-ups **MUST** have bags or weights or they will be required to be taken down.
5. Only registered vehicles will be allowed to be set up along the bike path on the Rails to Trails. Parking in the areas surrounding the trail is available for additional vehicles or those attending the show.
6. Stage and awards will be presented at the stage at Main Street and 6th Street at **2pm**.
7. Judging and awards occur from **10am—12pm** by 5 selected individuals.
8. The Chamber, City of Taft, vendors, volunteers, and businesses is released from liability that can occur from participation.

**Forms must be received by the Chamber by Friday, May 10 to be guaranteed a goodie bag & t-shirt.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## 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



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



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