



# February 2019 Newsletter

The Taft Chamber of Commerce is proud to have recognized our community award recipients for 2018. These individuals have made a positive impact on Taft, which deserves our recognition. Their tireless work has not gone unnoticed, and we are honored to recognize their success. "When you see these individuals around town, be sure offer your congratulations and thank them for their contributions to making Taft a better place," Executive Director Kathy Orrin said. Our Board of Directors received nominations in each category from our membership and carefully selected these individuals to be recognized.

## Award recipients for 2018 include:

Business Man of the Year: Rich Miller, Roger Miller Insurance Agency  
Business Woman of the Year: Dominique Strand, OT Cookhouse  
Business of the Year: Roots Eatery, Mike and Debbie Perry  
New Business of the Year: Hey Girl, Go Fly, Jolene Easley and Robyn Gullo  
Volunteer of the Year: Jan Ashley  
Community Service Award: Carlos Chavira, Flaco's Tacos  
Youth Leadership Awards: Jonah Armstrong, Bryson Ginn, and McKenlee Wescott

Awards were handed out at our annual Installation Dinner on Thursday, January 31, 2019. Check out page 6 of the newsletter for additional photos.

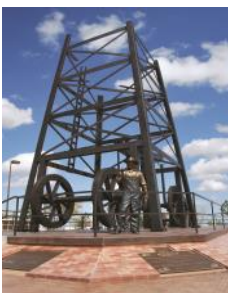
## Our Platinum Sponsors



## Our Gold Sponsors



## Congratulations!



# February Member Events

## Taft College Blood Drive

**Tuesday, February 12th**  
**29 Emmons Park Dr.**  
**11:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**Chance to Win a  
\$100 Fuel Card!**



Let your  
love go  
places!

### When Donating Please Remember To:

- Bring picture ID with date of birth
- Be free from cold, flu, cold sores, and all signs of infection
- Eat a meal at least 3 hours prior to donating
- Weigh at least 110 pounds
- Be at least 16 years old - Minors must have a signed parental consent form available at [www.hcbb.com](http://www.hcbb.com)

**Call Samuel Gallardo at  
909-732-0745 to Make an Appointment!**

#### Locations:

5901 Truxtun Ave  
11515 Bolthouse Dr.

#### Hours:

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri: 9AM-6PM

Thur: 11AM-7PM Sat: 8AM-2PM Sun: Closed

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## West Kern Oil Museum Annual Dinner



**Saturday, February 16**  
**6 p.m.**

**West Side Recreation Community Center**  
**500 Cascade Place**

**Reservations: \$20 Members**  
**\$25 Non-members**

Program: The Museum's Five Year Plan  
Presented by Greg Mudge, Director of Volunteers

**Reservation Deadline: Monday, February 11**



## Fort Dinner & Dessert Auction

**Thursday, February 28, 2019**  
**Social: 5:00 Dinner: 6:00**

**Followed by Dessert Auction**

**Admission: One Dessert Person OR**

**Adults: \$15.00 Children: 10 & Under \$7.00**

**Please RSVP by February 25<sup>th</sup>**

Include me, I want to help the Fort!!!

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

**Total Number of RSVP's** \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Dinners \$15.00 each Child Dinners \$7.00 each \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner is FREE with Donated Desserts. Number of Desserts \_\_\_\_\_



**West Side**  
**Family Health**

## Blood Pressure Clinic

### Wednesdays:

**December 12**

**January 9**

**February 13**

**Time**

**10-11am**

**Come get your blood  
pressure taken!**  
Attendees will receive a card  
to track future  
blood pressure checks.

**Location**  
**Community Center**  
**Auditorium**

**West Side Recreation &  
Park District**  
**500 Cascade Place, Taft**



**Free!**

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# Upcoming Chamber Happenings



## Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting

Join the Taft Chamber in welcoming new Chamber member **Manage That Real Estate Management & Sales**. We will hold a Ribbon Cutting on Wednesday, February 6 @ 10:30am at 502 Kern Street.

See you there!

*You're Invited! Taft Chamber Downtown Business Committee*



Join us as we present the *Taft Community Arch* their first contribution. We will be taking a group photo to celebrate this event.

**Thursday, February 7, 2019**  
**5:00pm**  
**Westside Furniture**  
**617 Center Street**

\*Tentative arch design

# Car, Truck, & Bike Show


## May 18, 2019



## Rails to Trails

**YOU ARE DO NOT CROSS**

You are cordially invited to participate in a **Murder Mystery party...**



**March 16**  
**7:00 PM**


Sons of the Sixties will be playing during the event  
Hors d'oeuvres, a light dinner, and dessert will be served

**AGES 21+**

**FEE:**  
**\$35 per person**  
**\$60 per couple**

**DEADLINE: March 1**

Must have at least 20 people registered by the deadline



District Office (801)793-4246  
Rec Center (801)795-0877  
500 Cascade Place, Taft CA 93268

**DO NOT CROSS**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6-10pm, First Friday Cruise Night	2 6pm, WSRPD Father- Daughter Dance
3 Super Bowl	4	5 6pm, City Council Meeting	6 9am, Sit n Sip 10:30am, Rib- bon Cutting @ Manage That 4pm, Planning Commission Meeting	7 5pm, Taft Arch Downtown Business Check Presen- tation	8	9
10	11 Kern County Mobile Health Unit	12 11am, Taft College Houchin Blood Mobile	13 9am, Sit n Sip 11am, Blood Pressure Screening @ Rec	14 Valentine's Day	15	16 West Kern Oil Museum An- nual Dinner
17	18 President's Day	19 6pm, City Council Meeting	20 9am, Sit n Sip	21	22	23 11am, Succu- lent Frame Class @ Old's Cool
24	25 6pm, TUHS Oil Tech AADE Dinner	26	27 9am, Sit n Sip 4pm, Taft Chamber Board Meeting	28 5pm, Fort Spaghetti Din- ner & Dessert Auction		



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## March 2019

- 1, Read Across America
- 5, Houchin Blood Mobile
- 7, Kern COG Annual Dinner
- 13, Kern EDC Economic Summit
- 16, Taft Pub Crawl & WSRPD Mystery Dinner
- 21, West Kern Petroleum Forum
- 23, Alpha House Auction & BBQ
- 27, Taft Chamber Board Meeting

## April 2019

- 3, TUHS Career Day
- 4, State of the City Luncheon
- 12, Lincoln Career Day
- 18, Coffee with a Cop
- 24, Taft Chamber Board Meeting
- 25, Fort Wine Tasting
- 27, TUHS Hall of Fame
- 30, Houchin Blood Mobile

## May 2019

- 4, TUHS Class of 1969 50 year Reunion
- 18, Taft Chamber Car Show & Soroptomist Garden Tour
- 29, Taft Chamber Board Meeting

## June 2019

- 1, Taste of Taft
- 5, TUHS Graduation
- 25, Houchin Blood Mobile
- 26, Taft Chamber Board Meeting

## July 2019

- 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

- 15, Houchin Blood Mobile
- 19, Taft Chamber Gala
- 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

# SAVE THE DATE

## Downtown Taft

# PUB CRAWL

MARCH

16

5 Bar Pub Crawl  
St. Patrick's Day Weekend  
More info to come





# Gold and Glam

## A TOAST TO TAFT





# ALPHA HOUSE AUCTION and BARBEQUE

Saturday March 23, 2019

Dinner 5pm and Auction 6pm

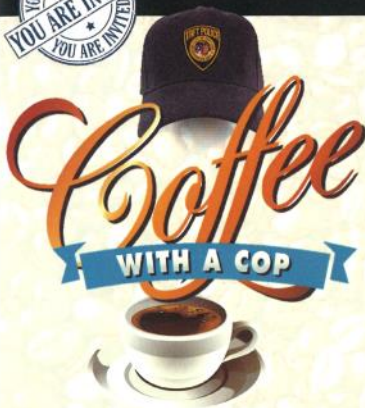
West Side Recreation Center

500 Cascade Pl. Taft, Ca.

For more information call:

661-763-4357

## COMMUNITY, CONVERSATION, COFFEE & COPS



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

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

Meet YOUR **NEIGHBORS** AND **POLICE OFFICERS**  
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just coffee and a chance to ask questions, voice concerns,  
and get to know the officers in your neighborhood.



Chief  
Damon McMinn

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

## You are invited to attend the Federal/State Basic Payroll Tax Seminar



Wednesday, March 13, 2019  
9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
International Brotherhood  
Electrical Workers Local 428  
3921 N. Sillect Avenue  
Bakersfield, CA 93308  
(Seminars are subject to change or cancellation.)

### You will learn:

- California payroll reporting requirements: forms, employer obligations, reporting, and payment requirements.
- Independent contractor reporting requirements.
- Electronic filing and payment requirements and options.
- Federal payroll reporting requirements, including Forms 940, 941, 1099, W-2, W-4, W-9, and alternative filing.

### No Charge

There is no charge for this seminar. To make reservations, visit the EDD website at [www.edd.ca.gov/Payroll\\_Tax\\_Seminars/](http://www.edd.ca.gov/Payroll_Tax_Seminars/) or call 1-866-873-6083.

For additional seminar dates, times, locations, and subjects, please check the EDD website at [www.edd.ca.gov/Payroll\\_Tax\\_Seminars/](http://www.edd.ca.gov/Payroll_Tax_Seminars/) or call 1-888-745-3886.

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Right  
from the Start

## 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*

**Treasurer:** Bart Hill  
*United Security Bank*

**Jon Atherly**  
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*Turlock Dodge*

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*Taft Community Garden*

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*Westside Community Resource Center*

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**Yvette Mayfield**  
*City of Taft*

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**Kevin Patel**  
*Best Western Taft Plus Inn*

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*Aera Energy LLC*

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**Adele Ward**  
*Taft City School District*

**Tommy White**  
*Taft Union High School*

# SAVE THE DATE



**KEYNOTE:** John Hofmeister. Former President of Shell Oil Company and Presently Chief executive of Citizens for Affordable Energy in Washington D.C.

**TOPIC:** The Pragmatic Energy challenges for California and the Nation: Availability, Affordability and Sustainability

**DATE:** March 21, 2019

**TIME:** 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**PLACE:** West Side Recreation & Park District  
(Aera Gymnasium), 500 Cascade Place, Taft, CA 93268

**HOSTED BY:**



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