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**Taft Chamber Presents:**

# TAFT FIREWORKS SHOW

**Saturday, July 2, 2016**

**Rails to Trails, Taft**

**6th St & Main St**

**5:00pm—11:00pm**

**COME EARLY**

**EAT DRINK PLAY**

**ON THE STAGE**

**7:00PM-11:00PM**  
Fireball Express

**8:55pm**  
National Anthem  
Sarah Lopez & Sabrina Tack

**9:00PM**  
Firework Show

**Fireworks 9pm**

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# Executive Directions

By: Dr. Kathy Orrin,  
Executive Director

Thank you, Taft! Once again you have come forward to assure that Independence Day will be appropriately (and grandly) celebrated in Taft! The success of the Red, White, and BBQ event of June 17<sup>th</sup> put us at our goal of a spectacular fireworks show, making this the fourth Chamber-sponsored Independence celebration in as many years. Thank you also goes out to Carlos and Maggie Chavira (of Flaco's Tacos fame). Grill Master Carlos and skilled assistant Manny Campos began their work the night before the event, preparing the meat and . . . well, doing what "seasoned" experts do (I have no clue). There were many volunteers and experienced preparers (thank you, Taft College WIOA and Taft High Key Club, Michelle Gerry, Carey Carpenter, Andrea Gonzales, Arley Hill, Chad Miller, and Chamber Board Members Jan Ashley and John Neumann--and wife Erin . . . and apologies to those I have forgotten. Below are the sponsors and contributors of whom we are aware. There are countless folks who stopped during our *Fund the Fireworks* events on the intersection of Fourth and Kern during the first Fridays of April, May, and June. For those, we wish to thank the Kern County Firefighters, Hall Ambulance, Kenny and Jessica Schuyler, and, of course, the ongoing and relentless efforts of our Chamber Staff, under the direction of Shannon Jones, with the assistance of Maddison Rubadeau.



## Event Connection

By: Shannon Jones  
Director of Operations and Marketing

For the 4th year in a row, the Taft Chamber of Commerce proudly presents the Taft Fireworks Show. Join us on Saturday, July 2 at the Rails to Trails. At approximately 9pm, the Taft sky will be filled with fireworks, set to music. This event is not possible without the help of local businesses and residents who have contributed their hard earned money to the show. We are excited that our community values the fireworks show enough to donate and attend this wonderful celebration for Independence Day. The event wouldn't be complete without bounce houses, face painting, balloons, toys, craft vendors, and a variety of foods. Be sure to come down a early and support our local vendors, grab a cold drink from the Petroleum Club Bar, and pick out a great spot along the Trail to watch the show.

In addition to the fireworks show, your Taft Chamber is planning a three new events this year. On August 6, the downtown business committee is hosting a Back to School Blowout Sale on Center Street and the 1st Annual Veterans Day Parade on November 11, and the Chamber is hosting the Chamber Gala on September 17. Other events we are working on for the remainder of the year include the 8th Annual Car, Truck, and Bike Show on October 1, 14th Annual Golf Tournament on October 29, and 71st Annual Christmas Parade December 5. We must also remember the monthly Chamber mixers and weekly Sit n Sip community meetings. All of these activities are a portion of the services we provide to the community.

I encourage you to become a part of the Chamber. Memberships are inexpensive and create great for exposure of your business through Chamber events. Call us to enroll today—661-765-2165!



# MESSAGES FROM OUR MEMBERS

Every three years, PG&E is required to file an application with the CPUC called a General Rate Case requesting approval to increase rates to operate, maintain, and upgrade their electric distribution, gas distribution, and electric generation facilities.

The General Rate Case decided by the CPUC sets these rates for the next three years (2017-2019). At the Public Participation Hearings, PG&E will make a presentation summarizing their requests to the CPUC. In addition, the CPUC's Office of Ratepayer Advocates will present on their review of PG&E's requests.

**WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU!** The purpose of Public Participation Hearings is to document your comments about PG&E's request to increase rates so that your input can be incorporated into the administrative record used by the CPUC to make its final decision. In addition, PG&E customer service representatives will be present to assist with individual customer billing and service concerns.

CPUC President Michael Picker and/or Administrative Law Judge Stephen C. Roscow will preside over this hearing. While there may be a quorum of Commissioners present, no voting will occur. If special arrangements are needed, such as sign and/or foreign language interpreters, please contact the CPUC Public Advisor's Office at 1-866-849-8391 or 1-415-703-2074 or email: [public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov) at least three days prior to the hearing.

We're trying hard to reach as many people as we can to let them know they're invited. As such, we're grateful for any assistance you can provide to help publicize this event and spread the word to your contacts. If there are any stakeholders that you can suggest we invite, I hope you'll share their contact information with me or pass along our invitation.

**We hope to see you on July 11!**

Please let me know if you have any questions. I look forward to hearing from you!

Cody Naylor  
News & Outreach Office

**WHEN: Monday July 11 @ 1 PM & 6 PM**

**WHERE: Bakersfield City Chambers,  
1501 Truxton Ave  
Bakersfield, CA 93301**



District Board Member, Ray Hatch announced on May 17, 2016 that he would be resigning from his position effective immediately.

Board Member Ray Hatch has served on the Board since May 2014, where he has served as a member of the Facilities, Finance and Personnel Committees. Mr. Hatch will be missed, and the Board of Directors wish him well in current and future endeavors.

In accordance with the District bylaws, Article III, Section 4 of the West Side Health Care District the procedure will be followed for the appointment of a new Board member to fill the vacancy left by Ray Hatch by July 7, 2016.

Please refer to the West Side Health Care District Office at 119 Adkisson Way, Taft Ca for more information regarding the appointment process and timeline.

Deadline for application packet is **July 7, 2016, 3:00pm**

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

- July 1,** Red, White & Cruise, Center Street
- July 2,** Taft Fireworks Show, Rails to Trails
- July 19,** Houchin Blood Mobile
- August 6,** Back to School Blowout Center Street Yard Sale & Coffee with a Cop
- August 15,** School Starts
- August 29-September 1,** Chamber Closed
- September 9,** West Kern Petroleum Mini Summit
- September 17,** Taft Chamber Gala & Start of Kern County Fair
- September 22,** The Fort Okie Dinner
- October 1,** Taft Chamber Car, Truck, & Bike Show
- October 13,** Taft College Cougar Cookout
- October 22,** Kiwanis Zombie Run
- October 29,** Taft Chamber Golf Tournament
- November 3,** The Fort Fall Dinner
- November 8,** Election Day
- November 11,** Veteran's Day Parade, Downtown
- November 19,** Taft Chamber Trout Derby
- December 1,** The Fort Gift Show
- December 5,** Taft Christmas Parade
- December 8,** Taft Arc Christmas Party
- December 10,** Soroptomist Fashion Show & Home Tour

# Happy Retirement!

On Thursday, June 9, the City of Taft held a surprise retirement party for Mark Salvaggio, representative for Supervisor David Couch. Held at the Taft Petroleum Club, the event featured Mayor Randy Miller, Councilman Dave Noerr, Josh Bryant, and Orchel Krier as well as City Manager Craig Jones, city staff, and community leaders. Thank you Mr. Salvaggio for your work in our community.



Mark sent out a letter that we would like to share with you all:

Dear Wonderful People of Taft, Taft Heights, South Taft, and McKittrick,

This is a hard message for me to send you. The time has come to say goodbye. This is my last week with Supervisor David Couch.

It has been an honor and privilege to work for you the past 3 and a half years! You have blessed my life.

You will not find any finer people anywhere than on the Westside! It is my favorite part of our sprawling Supervisorial District.

Taft has good local government. It's city Council and Mayor and City Manager and other employees have been a joy to work with. You have a hard working Chamber of Commerce. Those of you who live in Taft Proper should be so proud!

Your Westside Park and Recreation District is send to none. What a crowning jewel!

Together, we have accomplished many good things: a 4-way stop at Harrison and Ash, a 4way stop at Cougar Court and Taylor Street, Improved Highway 119 signage for Taft and Ford City, a street light, edge markings, new crosswalk on East Cedar Street for your Little League kids and events during Oildorado, over 30

demolitions of unsightly old vacant houses and apartments in Ford City and South Taft, the South Taft Water Lines Improvement Project, the South Taft and Taft Heights Fire Hydrants Project, the South Taft Sewer

Project, helping neighborhoods during the flash floods, trying to keep up on road repairs for you,

constructing curb, gutter and sidewalk on the west side of Rails to Trails up to Wood Street, abating dozens of properties of trash, junk and debris in Ford City, South Taft and Taft Heights, resurfacing some major roads just north of Ford City, holding and Energy Savings Event in the park at Derby Acres and fixing road problems in McKittrick area.

Above all, we have listened to you, cared for you and shown you we could get things done!

Please do me a favor. Make sure our office follows through with reconstructing and resurfacing A Street from Tenth to Arroyo next year. This a major, expensive, long over due project. It would never happen without the pushing of your Supervisor David Couch. Also, see to it that our infrastructure project around Conley School in South Taft gets done. The school children deserve it so! Both of these projects have been approved and are in the Design stage.

Saturday night I attended the Dodgers/Braves game in Los Angeles. I was thrilled to see 7 people from Taft riding the bus to the game I was on. I got to sit next to them.

Lovingly,  
Mark Salvaggio

PS: Don Koenig, I am ready to take you up on your lunch offer now. Please bring Les Clark III.

Mark C. Salvaggio  
Constituent Services Specialist  
Kern County Supervisor David  
Couch, District 4  
1115 Truxton Avenue, Room 504





## Advisory: Kern County Sheriff's Office Home Alone Safety Tips

Many parents make the decision to leave their child home alone for periods of time during the summer. It is important to remember several factors when trying to determine if your child is ready to be left home alone for any length of time. It is also very important to prepare your child for any situation or emergencies that may come up during the time they are home alone. Age should not be the sole deciding factor on whether a child or teen is ready to stay home alone. Ensuring the child is responsible, can follow directions, and understands/follows the rules set in place by a parent are the most important factors in making the decision to leave a child unsupervised.

### Making Sure Your Child is Ready

Consider your child's temperament and maturity level. Does your child follow directions and act responsibly? Has your child expressed interest/confidence in staying home unsupervised?

Ensure your child knows what to do in an emergency situation. Go over "what if" scenarios to see how a child might handle an unexpected situation before it arises. Talk through situations with your child.

Try running short errands first to get your child confident with staying

home alone before leaving him/her for longer periods of time.

### In Case of an Emergency

Make sure your child knows how and when to dial 911 in an emergency situation.

Have all of your contact information (work phone, cell phone, etc.) printed near the phone along with the numbers of one or more trusted neighbors. Discuss fire safety with your child and various escape routes should there be a fire in the home.

Your child should have your name, phone number and address memorized if needed in case of an emergency.

### Stranger Danger

Make sure your child never answers the door when they are home alone. Coach your child on what to say when they answer the phone. It is important they do not express they are home alone to a caller. Saying something like "My mom can't make it to the phone right now, can I take a message?" is better than "My mom isn't home right now."

If your child walks home from a friend's house/babysitter/summer school, etc., map out trusted neighbors houses that they could turn to in case of an emergency on the way

home.

If your child walks home, walking in a group is always safer than walking alone. Teach your child to be aware of his/her surroundings.

Ask your child to call a trusted adult to check in & check out when arriving home or leaving home.

### Other Various Tips

It's best if children stay inside the home. Stay away from backyard pools or playing in the front yard.

Leave sensible snacks/meals for your child so they do not have to use the oven/microwave/toaster.

Use caution in asking a child to supervise younger children in the home.

Determine what works for you and your family, such as "no friends over" or "no video games".

Monitor and take extreme caution in your child's computer usage. Children can access many websites if left unsupervised. Child predators aren't merely in parks and amusement parks. They can easily access your child via internet, social media, etc.—and often pose as other children.

If you would like further information on this subject, or if you are interested in other crime prevention topics, please contact the Kern County Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Unit at (661) 391-7559.

# JULY 2016

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
					<b>1</b> 6pm-10pm <b>RED, WHITE,            and BLUE            CRUISE            NIGHT, Center            Street</b> 30th Anniver- sary at KC Photography	<b>2</b> 4pm-10pm <b>Rails to Trails            4th of July            Celebration</b> 9pm Rails to Trails <b>FIREWORK            SHOW!</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  <b>INDEPEND-            ENCE DAY!!</b>	<b>5</b> <b>No City            Council            Meeting</b>	<b>6</b> <b>9am Sit-n-Sip            Jason Hayes            Bankers Life/            Col.</b> <b>6pm Industry            Night, Petrole-            um Club</b>	<b>7</b> <b>4pm, Ad Hoc            Economic            Development            Meeting</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>5:15pm,            Downtown            Business            Committee            Meeting, A            Hint of Class</b>	<b>13</b> <b>9am Sit-n-Sip            Tony Cordova,            CTE Director            at Taft College</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>12-6pm,            Houchin            Blood Mobile</b>  <b>6pm, City            Council            Meeting</b>	<b>20</b> <b>CHAMBER            CLOSED</b> <b>NO Sit-n-Sip</b> <b>6pm, Planning            Commission            Meeting</b>	<b>21</b> <b>CHAMBER            CLOSED</b>	<b>22</b> <b>CHAMBER            CLOSED</b>	<b>23</b> <b>Vaccine Clinic</b> <b>8PM, West            Side Rec Mov-            ie Under Stars            "The Good            Dinosaur"</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>8am, TCI            Community            Meeting</b>	<b>27</b> <b>9am Sit-n-Sip</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

# Taft Chamber Event Recaps

## BUSINESS MIXER—UNITED SECURITY BANK W/ ALBERTSONS, TAFT

On Thursday, June 16, The United Security Bank co-hosted the Taft Chamber monthly business mixer with Albertsons. Bart Hill opened up his business for people to mix and mingle while Ron Sousa provided the occasion with delicious appetizers, desserts, and drinks from our local Albertsons. We would like to send a special thank you to Ron for going above and beyond for this mixer—he not only attended, but he provided his wonderful assistance all while on his vacation from work. This was the largest mixer of the year with almost 100 attendees.



Taft National Bank was established on January 3, 1983, as a National Bank with 2 locations. On April 24, 2004, the bank was a part of a merger and became the United Security Bank with 12 locations up and down the valley and Fresno. Bart Hill is the current District Manager of the Bank & he is proud to provide 10 jobs here in Taft. "Mixers are a great opportunity for the business community to come together & socialize. A by-product of mixers is it promotes the business and I suspect the Bank will open some new accounts & Albertsons will get some catering business," Bart Hill said. "I encourage other businesses to host a mixer!"



The next Taft Chamber mixer is scheduled for Thursday, August 11 at 5pm at the Westside Health Care District and will be held at Westside Recreation. We will not be hosting a July Mixer to give everyone a summer break! If you would like to host a mixer, please contact the Chamber at 661-765-2165.

## Red, White, and BBQ

On Friday, June 17, Flaco's BBQ partnered with the Taft Chamber for the final fundraiser for the Taft Fireworks Show. Special thank you to those individuals and businesses who helped make the event a success.

Thank you Carlos Chavira @ Flaco's BBQ, Manny Campos @ Monarch Fleet, Chad Miller @ Bitter Water Outfitters, Eric Cooper @ True Value, Ron Sousa @ Albertsons, John Robertson @ Westside Waste, Hassan @ Wood Street Market, and John Neumann @ Accelerated Environmental for all of your help. Special thanks to the Key Club and WIOA students and Chamber staff.

This was posted to Facebook by Councilman Josh Bryant about the event:

"Flaco's Tacos knocked it out of the park today in support of the Taft Chamber and their drive to Fund the Fireworks in 2016 here in Taft. Got to spend a few minutes with these two hard-working, lovely ladies Janice Garratt Ashley & Kathy Orrin, too (with Maddison Valerie Rubadeau & Shannon Carpenter Jones working behind the scenes; can't forget them!). It means the world to me that these folks love our community just as much as me! I appreciate them more than words can do justice!

Thanks to everyone who donated to and worked on behalf of the Chamber - and the entire City's Independence Day celebration for that matter!"





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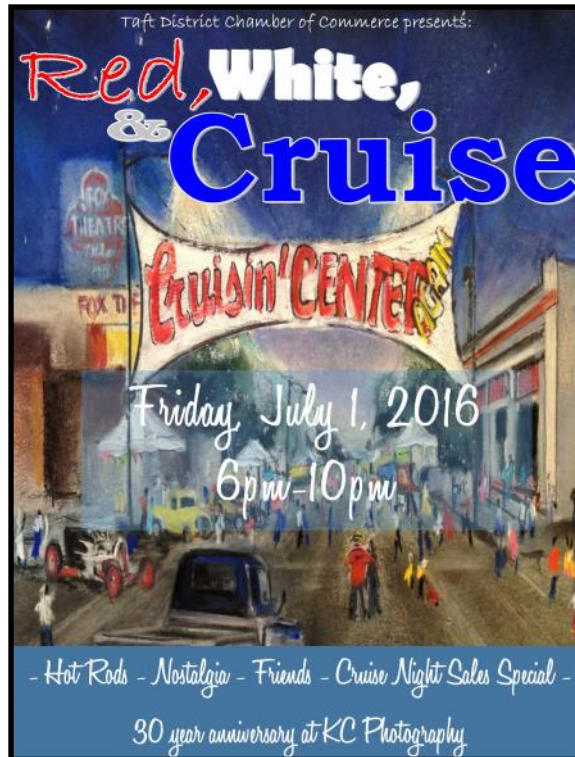
**Rodney Wikoff**  
*West Hills Church of the Nazarene*

**Unity Thrift & Outreach**

As of May 2016, Unity Thrift has rescued 1,283 animals! That's double the amount rescued at this time last year. Thank you to EVERY-ONE who helped us!

Hopefully, we will double that number again by December 2016!

Supervisor David Couch congratulates Unity Thrift for their excellent work as an animal rescue and shelter in Taft!



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returning members for  
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