



March 2019 Newsletter



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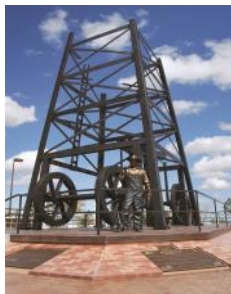
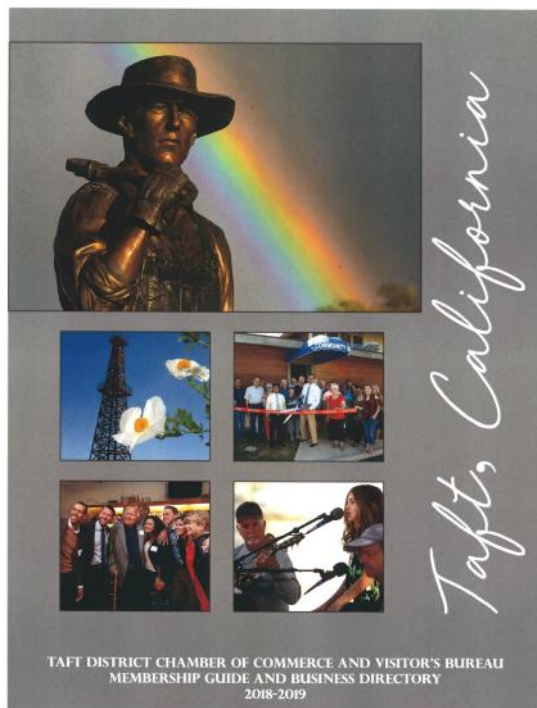
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Renew your Membership in the Taft Chamber today! If you are not a Chamber member, you should be! The advertising in the weekly emails, monthly newsletter, and Chamber office is invaluable. Help get more people into your business and events by becoming a Taft Chamber member. The cost is minimal and you will receive benefits all year long!

Your membership and support of the Taft Chamber allows us to continue to host events, offer referral services to residents, visitors, and those looking to relocate. Our newest Chamber directory and pocket guides are available in our office. The 48-page guide includes Chamber information as well as things to do, places to stay, what to see, and where to eat.

**Contact us to join at
taftchamber@gmail.com.**



March Member Events

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/ or call 1-866-673-4083.

For additional seminar dates, times, locations, and subjects, please check the EDD website at www.edd.ca.gov/Payroll_Tax_Seminars/ or call 1-866-673-4083.

The EDD is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids and/or alternate formats need to be made prior to the event by calling 1-866-673-4083 (voice) or TTY 1-866-647-3655.

Get it
Right
from the Start

Be Someone's Lucky Charm! Taft Community BLOOD DRIVE

TUESDAY, MARCH 5TH
Taft Chamber of Commerce
400 Kern Street, Taft CA
12:00 PM - 6:00 PM



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.hcb.com.

Call: 661-616-2505 to Sign Up!

HOUCHIN
COMMUNITY BLOOD BANK
Locations: 5901 Triunxton Ave. Hours: Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri: 9AM-6PM
11515 Bollhouse Dr. Thurs: 11AM-7PM Sat: 8AM-2PM Sun: Closed
Call Toll-Free: 1-877-364-5844 or contact 661-616-2505 for more information

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

Murder
AT THE STRATFORD CASTLE

**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+

FEES:
\$35 per person
\$60 per couple

DEADLINE: March 1

Must have at least 20 people registered by the deadline

District Office (661)763-4246
Rec Center (661)765-8677
900 Cascade Place, Taft CA 93268

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide: Free In-Person Tax Preparation

The **AARP Mobile Site** will be at
West Side Recreation & Park District
500 Cascade Place
Taft, CA 93266

On: Saturday March 16, 2019 From 9 AM to 4 PM

**Guarantee Your Spot by Making an Appointment
Call 661-246-7452**



And find out if you are eligible for the California Earned Income Tax Credit - a cash-back program that puts money back in the pockets of hard-working Californians.



Working for You

We work hard to make sure you get every tax credit and deduction you've earned.



Welcoming and Free

The program is open to taxpayers of all ages. AARP membership is not required.



IRS-Certified

Our volunteers are trained and IRS-certified every year.

Be sure to bring the following documents to the site, if relevant:

- Government-issued photo ID for the taxpayer(s) on the return
- Social Security cards or ITIN documentation for all
- Copy of last year's tax return
- Income documents - Forms W2, SSA 1099, 1099R, 1099G, other 1099 forms, self-employment records
- Brokerage statements - sale of stocks or bonds
- Healthcare - Forms 1095 A, B, or C; marketplace exemption letters
- Mortgage interest, medical/dental expenses, charitable donations, sales, income or property taxes
- Records of federal and state income taxes paid
- Educational expenses - Form 1098-T, student's detailed financial school account; other education expenses
- Checking or savings account info for direct deposit of refund or direct debit of balance due
- Any recent IRS or state tax department correspondence

To find other sites near you,
visit aarpfoundation.org/taxaide
or call us toll-free at 1-888-227-7669.

AARP Foundation
For a future without senior poverty.

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SUPPORT
AMERICAN LEGION POST 63

SUPPORT
TAFT COMMUNITY ARCH COMMITTEE

Downtown Taft

Grub & Pub Crawl
5 Pub Walking Crawl
(fundraiser)

March 16th (Saturday)
Check in Time: 4:00pm
Check in Location: 508 Center St
(Black Gold Brewing Company)

Ticket Locations
Legion Post 63 • Black Gold Brewing • The Bank • Oasis • Art's Corner
Online: taftpubcrawl.eventbrite.com

Cash and Gift Giveaways
Drink Discounts
Prizes for Best Costume

EA before March 16th \$25 \$30.00 Day of event.

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Upcoming Chamber Happenings



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

ENTER 7AM TO 9AM AWARDS AT 2PM

Register online at www.taftchamber.com
or visit 400 Kern Street, Taft



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

State of the City Luncheon

"Safety Measures in Taft"

Thursday, April 4, 2019 @ 12pm

OT Cookhouse,

\$15 lunch

RSVP to 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

Kern County Sheriff's Office

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



March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Read Across America 6-10pm, First Friday Cruise Night	2 Ben's Books 10 cent Sale Galilean Breakfast @ UMC
3	4	5 12-6pm, Houchin Blood Mobile 6pm, City Council Meeting	6 9am, Sit n Sip 4pm, Planning Commission Meeting 6pm, Industry Night	7 Kern COG Awards	8	9 Dustin Acres, Valley Acres, and Buena Vista Estates Community Clean Up
10	11	12 4pm, TUHS Hall of Fame Meeting	13 9am, Sit n Sip Kern EDC Economic Summit	14	15	16 9am, AARP Tax Prep 4pm, Pub Crawl 5pm, Midway Sunset Fund-raiser @ OT 7pm, Mystery Dinner @ Rec
17 	18	19 Arch Committee Mtg 6pm, City Council Mtg.	20 9am, Sit n Sip	21 West Kern Petroleum Summit @ Rec	22	23 8am, Oildorado Work Day 5pm, Alpha House BBQ
24	25	26	27 9am, Sit n Sip 4pm, Taft Chamber Board Mtg.	28	29	30 TUHS Choir Fundraiser

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 2019

3, TUHS Career Day
4, State of the City Luncheon
6, ARC BBQ & CASA Fun Run
8, TUHS Honors Night
12, Lincoln Career Day
18, Coffee with a Cop
24, Taft Chamber Board Meeting
25, Fort Wine Tasting
27, TUHS Hall of Fame,
Soroptomist Garden Tour, & Taft
Athletics Golf Tournament
30, Houchin Blood Mobile

May 2019

4, TUHS Class of 1969 50 year
Reunion
18, Taft Chamber Car Show
29, Taft Chamber Board Meeting

June 2019

1, Taste of Taft
5, TUHS Graduation
6, Lincoln 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

ALPHA HOUSE AUCTION and BARBECUE

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

Congratulations to West Side Family Health Care during your Topping Off ceremony.

The new clinic will be open by the end of the year!

Keep up the hard work!



Westside Waste Management
Dustin Acres/Valley Acres/Buena Vista Estates Community Cleanup
Event
FREE!!!
Saturday, March 9, 2019

Place all bulky waste items at your curbside by **7:00 AM**
Drop off items by **11:00 AM** at the corner of Hwy 119 and Sunridge Avenue

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*

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:  **PETROLEUM PARTNERS**  **TAFT COLLEGE**  **FOUNDATION**



Taft Midway Sunset Foundation
Fundraiser Dinner
Taft Football Program

Guest Speaker
Josh Bryant

March 16th, 2019

OT's Cookhouse Banquet Room

Social Hour 5:00-6:00 PM

Dinner 6:00-9:00 PM

Ticket Price \$25.00 each

Sponsorship Tables \$500.00 Each (Limited number available)

Donation Prizes

50/50 Donation Prize

Dessert Auction

Please make donations payable to: Taft Midway Sunset Foundation



Contacts: Hubbell Self 661-343-0775

Tiffany Rowden 661-623-0682

Theresa Self 661-623-2019

Member Messages

8th Annual Galilean Breakfast
Saturday, March 2, 2019 @
9:00am

Held at United Methodist Church, 630 North
Street—RSVP #765-5557

Breakfast will be followed by a Worship Service to
prepare for Lent with Guest Speaker: Mack Phil-
lips



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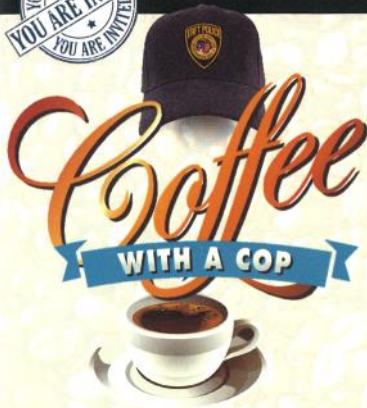
Nominations for the 2019
Taft College Hall of Fame

class are due Friday, March 15! Think about your
classmates, fellow colleagues, and outstanding ath-
letes, and let us hear from you! Contact Melissa
Blanco @ 661-763-7854. Visit [https://](https://www.taftcollege.edu/hall-of-fame)
www.taftcollege.edu/hall-of-fame

The Downtown Business Committee, a committee
of the Taft Chamber donated \$1,000 to the Taft
Arch Committee. This first contribution will help
fund the community arch, a beautification project
to help revitalize downtown Taft. The committee
plans to raise \$300,000 from local businesses and
individuals and build before Oildorado
2020! Thank you!



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
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.



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

Order Tickets
763-1532

Door
Prizes

ARC
BBQ
April 6th
11am-2pm

Music
Bake
Sale

100% of all proceeds pay for client activities

Held @ Taft MOOSE Lodge
205 1/2 10th 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

50/50
Raffle Tickets
\$1.00 Each

2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Les Clark III
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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



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 will 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



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