

Taft MAY 2018 NEWSLETTER

District Chamber of Commerce

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Taft, CA, 93268

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Our Platinum Sponsors



Our Gold Sponsors



*Dr. Kathy Orrin
& Jamie Little*

Thank you Synagro!

We appreciate your continued contributions to the community of Taft! Your efforts do not go unnoticed and we are grateful for your \$10,000 sponsorship of the Taft Chamber. Without sponsors like you and others, the Chamber would not be able to provide services to our residents, tourists, and visitors.

Primary Election Candidate's Forum

Tuesday, May 8, 2018 @ 6pm

Meet the Candidates & hear the issues for:

Kern County Sheriff

Kern County District Attorney

Kern County Superior Court Judge, Seat 10

Kern County Superior Court Judge, Seat 14

CA Senator—16th District

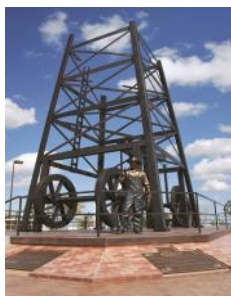
U.S. Congress—23rd District

Taft College Bond Measure C

This Candidate Forum is designed to give the voters on the Westside of Kern County an opportunity to hear from the candidates themselves prior to the primary election on **June 5**.

Contact the Taft Chamber at [661-765-2165](tel:661-765-2165) for more information.

This event is free to attend and no reservations are required.



MESSAGES FROM OUR MEMBERS



Picture Taft showing our American pride with the flag proudly flying in front off the businesses and residences of Taft.

For a donation fee of \$50 per year, the Kiwanis Club will provide an American flag, flag pole, and flag holder, in which the Club will set up 4 times throughout the year: President's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Veteran's Day.

Send your check and information to:

Taft Kiwanis, P.O. Box 1292, Taft, CA 93268

Contact Paul for more information 661.319.5804

Mother Son Date Night

Saturday, May 5, 2018

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Community Center Auditorium

Fiesta

Ages 4+

DJ • Dancing • Professional Photos • Taco Dinner
by OT Cookhouse

\$35 per couple
\$10 each additional son

Initial registration deadline: Thursday, April 5. A minimum of registered families is required by April 5 or the event will be cancelled. If the minimum has been met, registration will continue through Thursday, April 26.



WEST SIDE RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT
500 CASCADE PLACE TAFT 763-4246 765-6677

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2018

**CHECK IN 10AM
BAGS FLY AT 11AM**

**ENTRY FEE:
\$20 PER PERSON
PRE-REGISTRATION
\$25 DAY OF EVENT**

**2 VS 2 BLIND DRAW
DOUBLE ELIMINATION
ACA RULES APPLY**

**CASH PRIZES!
RAFFLES!
MOST HOLES COMPETITION!**

**PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2018**

**LOCATION: RECREATION CENTER
500 CASCADE PLACE, TAFT**

**Fundraiser for the
S.T.O.P. Scholarship
benefitting children's sports
& activities**

**WEST SIDE RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
500 CASCADE PLACE, TAFT
763-4246 765-6677**



Give Hope. Celebrate Life! Taft Community BLOOD DRIVE

Taft Chamber of Commerce
400 Kern Street Taft CA

**Tuesday, May 22nd
12:00 PM - 6:00 PM**



**Make an Appointment:
Call: 661- 616-2505**

Those donating at this blood drive must:

- 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

5901 Truxtun Avenue
Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri: 9AM-6PM
Thur: 11AM-7PM
Sat: 9AM-2PM Sun: Closed

11515 Bolthouse Drive
Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri: 9AM-6PM
Thur: 11AM-7PM
Sat: 9AM-2PM Sun: Closed

HOUCHIN
COMMUNITY BLOODBANK
"People Love When People Give"

Chamber Happenings

Downtown Merchants Present
TAFT DOWNTOWN MERCHANTS - A COMMITTEE OF THE TAFT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Car Show Pre-Party!!
Friday May 4th
Live Music 6pm - 10pm
Sons of the Sixties
at 5th St Plaza



50/50 Raffle!!

Tickets are \$1 each or \$20 for an arms length!
Drawing will be 8:45 PM at 5th St Plaza
All proceeds go to Downtown Improvement & Marketing

Taft District Chamber of Commerce presents
10th annual
Car, Truck, & Bike Show
Rails to Trails
Taft, CA



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Pre-Register \$25 / Day of \$30
ENTER 7AM TO 9AM—AWARDS AT 2PM
Register online at www.taftchamber.com
or visit 400 Kern Street

Dash Plaques	Raffle Prizes
Awards in Each Class	Poker Run
Food & Craft Vendors	Live Music
Kids Area	Beer Garden
Downtown Shopping	Free Admission

Pre-Show Cruise Night
Friday, May 4
Center Street
Live Music by: Sons of the Sixties

661.768.2165

Taft Fireworks 2018

Fund the FIREWORKS

Friday, May 4, 2018
Friday, June 1, 2018
8am—12pm
4th & Kern Street

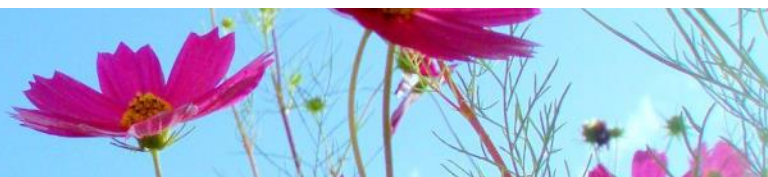
TAFT FIREWORKS SHOW
WEDNESDAY, JULY 4, 2018
4PM—10PM
RAILS TO TRAILS (6TH & MAIN ST)
FIREWORKS 9PM



FREE Admission	Face Painting	Beer Garden
VIP Seating	Food Vendors	Live Music
Bounce Houses	Crafts	

Taft
District Chamber of Commerce

May 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6pm, City Council Meeting	2 9am, Sit n Sip, Justin Fleeman 4pm, Planning Commission 6pm, Industry Night @ Petroleum Club	3	4 8am, Fund the Fireworks 6pm, Car Show Pre-Party, Center Street Cruise Night	5 7am-3pm, Car Show on Rails to Trails 6pm, Mother Son Date Night 7pm, TUHS Jazz Band @ Fort
6	7	8 6pm, Taft Candidate Forum @ OT's	9 9am, Sit n Sip, Wendy Reed	10	11 West Side Little League Military Night	12 10am, WSRPD Cornhole Tournament
13 MOTHERS DAY	14	15 11am, Stinson's Expo 6pm, City Council Meeting	16 9am, Sit n Sip, Chad Louie	17	18 7pm, Taft College Graduation	19 9am, Soroptomist Garden Tour 5pm, West Hills Church Carnival 6pm, Chili Cook off @ First Baptist
20	21	22 12pm, Houchin Blood Mobile @ Taft Chamber	23 9am, Sit n Sip, Brandon Martin 4pm, Chamber Board Meeting	24	25	26
27 11am, Menudo Cook Off	28 MEMORIAL DAY	29	30 9am, Sit n Sip, Donny Youngblood 7:30pm, TUHS Graduation	31		



UPCOMING EVENTS

June 2018

1, Fund the Fireworks
7, Lincoln Graduation
9, Moron Golf Classic
27, Chamber Board Mtg

July 2018

4, Taft Fireworks Show

August 2018

School Starts
29, Chamber Board Mtg

September 2018

26, Chamber Board Mtg
29, Taft Chamber Golf
Tournament

October 2018

11, Bubba's Okie Dinner
24, Chamber Board Mtg
27, Chamber GalaWeen

November 2018

1, Fort Fall BBQ
14, Chamber Board Mtg
17, Trout Fishing Derby
22, Thanksgiving

December 2018

3, Taft Christmas Parade
6, Fort Gift Show
7, Photos with Santa
12, Chamber Board Mtg.



2018 Candidate Forum

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

6:00pm-8:00pm

OT Cookhouse, 205 N. 10th Street, Taft

Candidates for the following Offices
have been invited

CA State Senator
16th District

Shannon Grove*
Ruth Musser-Lopez*
Gregory Tatum*

U.S. Congress—23rd District

Mary Helen Barro
James Davis
Tatiana Matta*
Kevin McCarthy*
Wendy Reed
Kurtis Wilson

Kern County
District Attorney

Scott Spielman
Cynthia Zimmer

Kern County Sheriff

Justin Fleeman*
Donny Youngblood

KC Superior Court Judge
—Seat #10—

Chad Louie
Brandon Martin

KC Superior Court Judge
—Seat #14—

John Fielder
M. Cole McKnight

Measure C

Taft College Bond

**not confirmed

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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: _____

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



Chevron presents check for \$15,000 to West Side Recreation and Park District for STOP Scholarship Program

West Side Recreation staff were presented with a \$15,000 from Chevron Representative Robin Fleming on April 14.

The STOP program stands for “Strive to Optimize Participation” and is funded by donations. The Program assists local youth in paying for WSRPD sports, classes, and activities. Over the years, Chevron has donated over \$100,000 to the program which has provided hundreds of kids with the chance to participate.

Congratulations Maria Bunch for winning the Downtown Business Committee Shop Taft Raffle Night!



McCarthy Applauds Opportunity Zone Designations

Congressman Kevin McCarthy applauds the Trump Administration and Secretary of the Treasury Steven Mnuchin for designating portions of Kern, Tulare, and Los Angeles Counties located in the 23rd Congressional District of California as Opportunity Zones. These zones, established by the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, create and promote economic incentives for investors to invest in communities ripe for revitalization throughout the United States.

Under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, Governors are empowered to nominate areas within their jurisdictions to be Opportunity Zones to the U.S. Department of Treasury, which certifies these areas. As part of the State of California’s application to nominate Opportunity Zones, Congressman Kevin McCarthy urged Secretary Mnuchin in a letter on March 30, 2018 to select communities in California in the first round of Opportunity Zone designations.

All or portions of the communities of Bakersfield, Tehachapi, Mojave, California City, Boron, Ridgecrest, Rosamond, Taft, Porterville, and Lancaster were certified by Secretary Mnuchin to be Opportunity Zones. This designation will be for ten years. A comprehensive list of certified Opportunity Zones are available.

Congressman Kevin McCarthy issued the following statement:

“I commend Secretary Mnuchin for fulfilling the Trump Administration’s promise to rebuild our communities through jobs and renewed investment. With this new designation, there will be new opportunities for investment in communities throughout Kern, Tulare, and Los Angeles Counties—the places we call home. These new incentives will help revitalize underserved communities and neighborhoods, and will breathe new life into economic development projects. These opportunity zones will boost our local economy and I look forward to continue working with our state and our Federal government to make our communities stronger.”

MESSAGES FROM OUR MEMBERS



Class A Truck Driving

Central California Chapter

This 160 hour Class A Commercial Truck Driver Course meets industry standards for an entry level job as a Commercial Class A Truck Driver.

Field Training Includes

- CA CDL Pre-Trip Inspection Training
- CA CDL In-Cab Inspection Training
- CA CDL Vehicle Brake Test Training
- CA CDL Vehicle Skills Training
- Includes Straight and Offset Backing
- Behind the Wheel Training and Observation
- Three-Axle Trailer/46" Trailers
- CA DMV Behind the Wheel Drive Test

Classroom Training Includes:

- How to obtain a CDL Permit
- DOT Hours of Service
- DOT Vehicle Inspections
- CDL Endorsements
- Doubles/Triples
- Tanker
- Hazmat
- Inspection of Tractor/Trailer
- Optional- Safe Lease Driving (water trucks, dump trucks, bottom dump)

Fees and Registration

Training is held at:
ABC Central California Training Facility
19466 Flightpath Way
Bakersfield, CA 93308

Training scheduled as needed:
160 hours | Monday-Friday OR Saturday-Sunday
Reservations are **required** and payment is due in full for non-members.

\$2,500 for ABC Members
\$4,899 for Non-members

Cancellation/No-show Policy:
All cancellation requests must be received 48 hours prior to class date and are subject to \$100 cancellation fee. Any person who does not show up for the class they are enrolled in will be subject to the full class fee (members will be billed for students they enroll). Cancellations must be submitted in writing via e-mail training@abccentralcal.org or by calling 661-392-8729. No refunds or rescheduling for no-shows. NO EXCEPTIONS.



HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 20th Annual Latino Food Festival & MENUDO COOK-OFF

BUD LIGHT **CALIFORNIA RESOURCES CORPORATION** **PRESENTED BY** **JIM BURKE** **Dignity Health**

JEVELYN Champagne KING **TAPP**

MENUDO CONTEST **JALAPEÑO EATING CONTEST** **BEST DECORATED CONTEST BOOTH** **KIDS CAMP VENDOR AND FOOD BOOTH** **LIVE ENTERTAINMENT AND MORE!**

SUNDAY, MAY 27TH 2018
11:00 AM - 6:00 PM
KERN COUNTY MUSEUM 3801 CHESTER AVENUE • BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301
FREE PARKING! (ENTER THROUGH SAM LYNN BALLPARK)

\$12.00 IN ADVANCE • \$15.00 AT THE DOOR • KIDS UNDER 5 ARE FREE!

TICKET LOCATIONS
KCHCC Office 1601 H Street, #201 Bakersfield, CA 93301
CM Enterprises 1203 Main Street Delano, CA 93215
La Mina Cantina 4001 Auburn Street Bakersfield, CA 93306
La Mina Cantina 8020 District Blvd. Bakersfield, CA 93313
Bontleppers 955 Oak St. Bakersfield, CA 93304

JOIN THE FIESTA!
To become a sponsor, contestant, vendor or for more information, contact the KCHCC at 805-833-5485, or visit kchcc.org. For online ticket sales, visit www.kchcc.org/event/2018-annual-latino-food-festival

Stinson's EXPO 2018

Tuesday, May 15th
11AM - 2 PM
Stinson's Distribution Center
200 Sonora St, Bakersfield, CA 93305

Discover the Latest and Greatest from Vendors. Plus, Raffle Prizes & Samples!

Sack lunch provided. Come and Explore and take your lunch to go!

PH: 661-323-7611
www.Stinsons.com

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Host an international exchange student

Who will you welcome into your family?

Our host families represent the diversity of American culture, but they all share one thing: their lives have been changed by welcoming exchange students into their homes. Being a host family is as rewarding for you as it is for the exchange student. You learn about another culture, you provide a once-in-a-lifetime experience for a teenager from across the globe, and you form a relationship that will stay with you and your family forever.

Refer a caring family you know and we will pay you \$200 when they host with EF. Refer as many families as you like and earn more!

We'd love to hear from you!

Kenny Neher
Taft, California
Local Coordinator
T: 661-765-4191
E: Pittan66@aol.com
Toll Free: 1-800-447-4273

efexchangeyear.org/refer



High School Exchange Year

EF High School Exchange Year, is operated by EF Educational Foundation for Foreign Study, a non-profit corporation designated by the U.S. Department of State to operate a J-1 student exchange program.

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Taft Union High School

Thank you to new and returning members for April 2018

Membership renewal packets for 2018 are in the mail. Please consider joining us for another great year in Taft! If you would like a membership packet, please call us at 661-765-2165 or taftchamber@gmail.com. Memberships are affordable and allow your business the opportunity for exposure through our weekly emails, monthly newsletter, office, and referral services to residents and visitors to our community.

A Hint of Class Landscaping
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Route 33 Sandwich Co.
Seneca Resources Corporation**
The Bank Sports Lounge
West Side Mosquito & Vector Control District

**new members

Congratulations to the newest inductees to the Taft Union High School Hall of Fame: Larry Brown, Jan Ashley, and Dr. John Wood.



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

Director of Operations: Shannon Jones
shannon.taftchamber@gmail.com

10th annual Car Truck & Bike Show

Saturday, May 5, 2018

Rails to Trails

7am-9am—Registration

(Supply Row & Main Street, Taft)

Judging begins at 10am

Rails to Trails Bike Path, Main & 6th, Taft)

Pre-Register \$25, Day of Event \$30

Pre-registration includes T-Shirt & Goodie Bag (by May 1)

Pre-Party Cruise Night

Food, shopping & Cruisin' Center Street

Friday, May 4, 2018 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: _____

\$65 FOR YOUR NAME ON 3 PLAQUES

Register online or mail entry with payment to:

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CATEGORIES

- _____ Pre 48 Open Top
- _____ Pre 48 Closed Top
- _____ 48-73 Stock
- _____ 48-73 Modified
- _____ Foreign/European
- _____ Corvettes
- _____ Mustangs
- _____ Muscle Car
- _____ Modern Muscle
- _____ Project/Construction/Rat Rod
- _____ Special Interest/Custom
- _____ Pre 48 Truck, SUV
- _____ 49-58 Truck, SUV
- _____ 59 and up Truck, SUV
- _____ 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. For safety reasons, all umbrellas or pop-ups **MUST** have bags or weights or they will be required to be taken down.
4. 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.
5. Vendors are only allowed to set up in designated areas along the bike path closest to the intersection at Main Street and 6th St.
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 Tuesday, May 1 to be guaranteed a goodie bag & t-shirt.

Signature: _____ Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Taft District Chamber of Commerce presents:

VENDOR FORM

TAFT FIREWORKS SHOW

Wednesday, July 4, 2018

4:00pm-10:00pm

FOOD VENDORS CRAFT VENDORS

BOUNCE HOUSES BEER GARDEN

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

FIREWORKS SHOW 9PM VIP SEATING

Rails to Trails, Taft

Name of Vendor: _____ Contact: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Items Sold: _____

Food Vendor? ____ Yes ____ No (If yes, must provide copy of permit) **Fee: \$50 per space**

Make checks payable to the Taft District Chamber of Commerce and mail to:

Taft District Chamber of Commerce

400 Kern Street

Taft, CA 93268

(661)765-2165 phone (661)765-6639 fax

Liability Release: The undersigned, desiring to participate in the Taft District Chamber of Commerce Fourth of July event on Wednesday, July 4, 2018 does hereby tender his/her application. In consideration of this application, the undersigned does hereby release the City of Taft, the Taft District Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau, other vendors and all respective staff, volunteers, and agents from any and all liability arising from the event. Cancellations must notify the Chamber by June 28 to be eligible for a refund.

Signature: _____ Print Name _____ Date _____

- \$50 Vendor space fee is for use of the property for Wednesday, July 4, 2018
- Vendor spaces are 12x12—**Trailer parking is NOT available for this event**
- All vendors are responsible for providing awnings, tables, chairs, power, water, etc.
- Vendor spaces are assigned based on when the application is submitted and the product sold.
- We limit the number of a specific vendor. 1 for a specific brand, 2-3 of same item, and a variety of several food & drink vendors. First come, first serve!
- In order for you to sell any food or drink, you **must** have a temporary food facilities permit. **A copy must be attached.**
- You **must** obtain a City of Taft business license—Call Maudene at 661-763-1222. A copy must be attached.
- You are only allowed to sell the items listed on your application. If there is an issue and your item is not listed on your form, you may be asked to stop selling that item(s).
- You will be contacted the week of the event to get your vendor assignments—please provide your email so you can receive the map.
- Questions? Call 661-765-2165 or shannon.taftchamber@gmail.com