Total November 2016 Newsletter



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Executive Directions

By: Dr. Kathy Orrin, Executive Director

It is difficult for anyone to look ahead to November 8, 2016, with anything other than relief. The American people have been subjected to what may easily be (and has been) described as the longest-running, mediadriven, divisive, messiest, just plain nastiest Presidential campaign ever waged between two candidates that no one really has trusted, warmed-up to, or stayed excited about for more than twenty-four hours. I am not sure, but I think when the primary campaigning started, Ron and I did not have grandchildren. And now, Reagan is in Kindergarten. Just sayin'... it feels as though we have been in the throws of this election turmoil for *years*.

Although the Chamber is bound by their By-Laws to stay apolitical, meaning we may not engage in political action, there are a few observations I would like to make about the whole political process. These observations are general in nature and have to do only with my involvement in running for local office. More importantly, they come from the experience of a *first-timer* into the whole world of running for public office:

- The beginning of the campaign is exciting and validating. People who you know well, those you know only slightly, and complete strangers will congratulate you on your decision to run for office. Those you know well will tell you they wish to assist you in your campaign, those you know slightly will ask you your Taft lineage, and the strangers will ask for a yard sign.
- 2. As you enter the sign stage of the campaign, the part where the signs begin to pop up like weeds in a newly-tended garden, you begin to realize that this campaign is really happening, and in order for people to know who you are and for whom to vote, 1) you must have your name—in really big letters--on the sign, 2) your signs must be big, and 3) your signs must be strategically placed. I have heard of stars of stage and screen wanting their names in lights. I was intimidated the first time I saw my name in cardboard!
- The walking door-to-door decision is both a challenge and a privilege. When I applied to the County for precinct sheets, I had no idea how large the voting area for the district for which I was run-

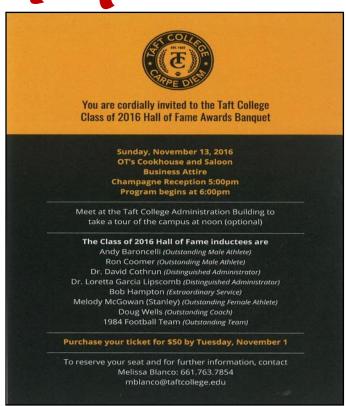
ning actually was. (I since have found out it is around 750 square miles.) Since walking door-to-door had to begin early on in the campaign, my walking buddy and I found ourselves going from door-to-door in middle 90-degree weather. During most of the walks, I probably looked as if I needed resuscitation. Perhaps that is why folks were so friendly! Precinct-walking was an eye-opener to many issues facing our community; it also made me very proud to be part of this community. To date, only two doors have been shut in our faces!

- 4. Paperwork! Of course! Politics is a government activity! You must file to be on the ballot; you must file to become a candidate that will spend money or accept contributions; you must file to let the government know how much money you have spent, how you spent it (if it reaches a certain threshold), and who gave it to you (again, if it reaches a certain threshold). And there are schedules for these filings. Hillary and Donald have legions of folks; I have a blue pen and a copy machine.
- 5. Speaking: People want to know what your platform is! Every candidate has a reason for running. It is too difficult a process to do simply for fun. And people really do ask you what your platform is . . . yes, using those exact words! So your message has to be clear, well-formulated . . . and concise! And then there is this: People like their candidates for reasons that have nothing to do with their platforms. We have all voted for someone because we grew up with them, or because a friend said they were voting for them, or because they aren't the other guy. Do not forget this truth: your campaign is not so important to anyone but you!

Though these nuggets of insight are not always positive, they are probably typical conclusions of a novice to the process, and are not intended to discourage anyone from running for public office. This experience has been educational and heartening at its best, discouraging and exhausting at its worse. What started as a desire to bring my skills and experience to a new venue has ended the same way. The process has not disillusioned me; instead, I am more committed to how our elections are successfully run while being wiser about how to work within them.



ESSAGES FROM OUR MEMBERS







Chevron Valley Credit Union Rusiness Mixer

Where:

Chevron Valley Credit Union 1092 Kern Street, Taft

When:

November 10, 2016 5:15 PM

- Friendly faces
- · Food & Drinks
- Raffles Prizes

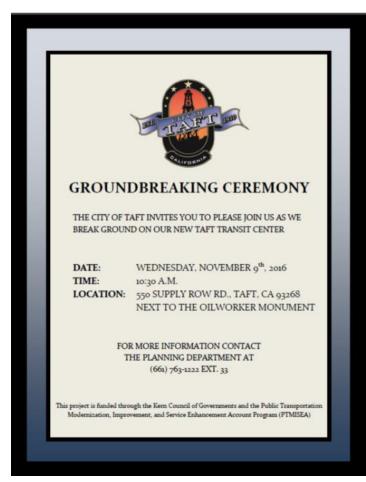
Chevron Valley Credit Union has been providing financial services to its valued members since 1935. Since then, the credit union has grown to over \$120 million in assets and is now servicing over 13,000 members. As a member-owned financial institution, Chevron Valley offers lower service fees, competitive loan and deposit rates and convenient online banking options

fees, competitive loan and deposit rate and convenient online banking options to its members, but still maintains the highest of credit union philosophies; "people helping people."



Food and beverages will be provided by the Chevron Valley Credit Union.

Please bring your business cards in order to be entered in to the Raffle prize giveaway





2016 Thanksgiving Food Drive

Dear Community Members,

Due to the hard economic times more families than ever will struggle to provide a Thanksgiving meal this holiday season. The West Side Community Resource Center is once again coordinating the annual community Thanksgiving Food Basket Drive for local families. Your support, along with the combined, collaborative efforts of local business, churches, and agency partners will ensure that the maximum number of families and Sr. Citizens will enjoy a holiday meal.

How can you help?.

- Collect food at your church, business, or agency.
- Bring food to the Westside Community Resource Center.
- Donate funds to purchase foods for baskets

When?

- Non-perishable food: Donate from now through November 19 (Monday Friday 9-3)
- Donate funds to buy turkeys From now til Nov 19.
 See information below.
- Perishable foods (Frozen turkeys) Because we do not have a freezer for storage we cannot accept perishable foods until the day we distribute, Tuesday Nov. 24.

<u>Please make checks payable to:</u> <u>Salvation Army</u>

Where? Drop donations off at

- Westside Community Resource Center at The Fort, 915 N. 10th St., Suite 20 93268
- Or mail donation to: West Side Community Resource Center 915 N. 10th St., Suite 20, Taft, CA 93268

Should you choose to collect and distribute food baskets within your own organization we ask that you please contact the Resource Center with the names of the families you plan to serve so that we can avoid duplication of efforts.

Thank you for making a difference in our community!

For more information call 763-4889 or 765-7281





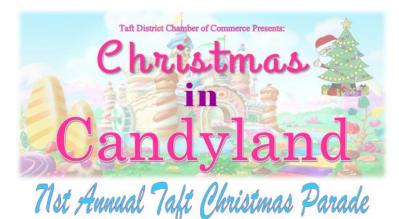
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 5:30pm, Relay for Life Mtg, UMC 5:40pm, Club Connect, TC 6pm, City Council Meeting	9am, Sit n' Sip 10:30am, Grand Opening, Vick's Treas- ures 5pm, All Star Band @ Oilworker Monument	3 5pm, The Fort Fall Dinner	4 6-10pm, First Friday Cruise Night	5
6 Daylight Savings Ends	7	8 ELECTION DAY 12pm-6pm Houchin Blood, Taft Chamber	9 9am, Sit n' Sip 10:30am, Ground Breaking, City of Taft Transit Center	5pm, Chamber Mixer @ Chevron Valley Credit Union	VETERANS DAY 10am, Veterans Day Celebration, City of Taft Veterans Park	12
13 5pm, Taft College Hall of Fame Awards & Dinner, OT Cookhouse	14	15 6pm, City Council Meeting	16 9am, Sit n' Sip 12pm, All Service Club Lunch 4pm, Chamber Board 6pm, Planning Commission	5pm, Center Street Downtown Merchants Holiday Open House	18 West Side Recreation Craft Fair	19 6am-2pm Trout Fishing Derby West Side Recreation Craft Fair Clay Shoot
20	21 CHAMBER CLOSED	22 CHAMBER CLOSED	23 CHAMBER CLOSED	24 CHAMBER CLOSED Happy Thanksgiving	25 CHAMBER CLOSED	26
27	28	29 12:10pm, Club Connect, TC	30 9am, Sit n' Sip 10:30am, Coffee with a Cop @ Starbuck's			

December 2016

SUN	MON	THE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 5pm, The Fort Gift Show	6-10pm, First Friday Cruise Night & Photos with Santa	3 7am, Taft Disc Golf Winter Open
4	5 6pm, Taft Christmas Parade	6 12:10pm, Club Connect, TC 6pm, City Council Meeting	7 9am, Sit n' Sip	8 4-7pm, Taft College Bookstore Open House 5pm, ARC Christmas Party	9 6pm, City of Taft Christmas Party	9am, Soroptimist Home Tour & Fashion Show
11	12	13 8a,. Chamber Planning Mtg 6pm, TCF Christmas Party	9am, Sit n' Sip 4pm, Chamber Board Meeting & Holiday Party	15	16	17 10am, Santa Run 5K



Monday, December 5, 2016 at 6:00 P.M.
Deadline: Thursday, December 1, 2016

Entry forms available at: Taft Chamber of Commerce 400 Kern Street Taft, CA 93268

Questions? Call 661-765-2165

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Candy MAY NOT be thrown from the vehicles. It is not safe for children as they tend to run up to the vehicles. You may have walkers hand out candy, but <u>please</u> do not throw candy from any floats.

No float shall have any person dressed up as Santa or they will not be allowed to participate!

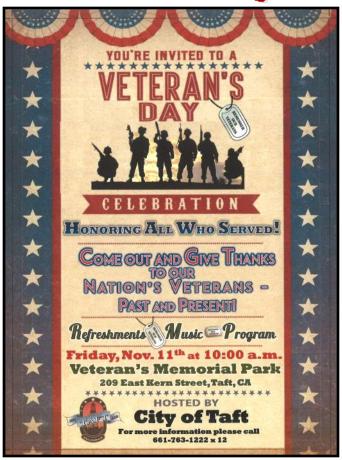
Trophy winners will be announced immediately following the parade at 5th Street Plaza. Please send a representative from your entry to the judges booth. Thank you to everyone who attended the Kern Green Energy Upgrade California presentation.

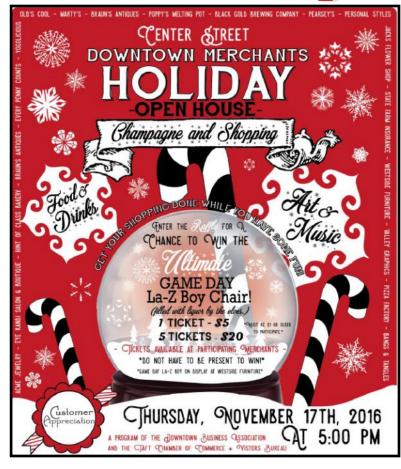
Special Thank you to Best Western Taft Plus Inn for allowing us to use your facility.

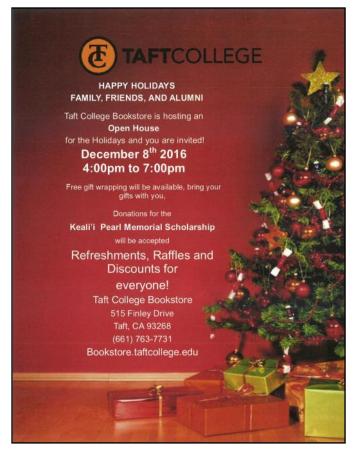


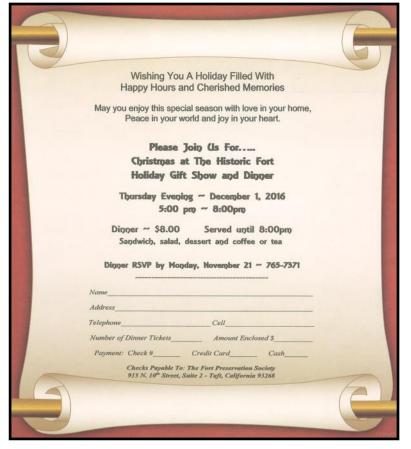


Holiday Happenings









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Groundbreakings

EXPRESS PHARMACY

900 Kern Street, Taft





307 Main Street, Taft





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Groundbreakings

TUHS CTEC

515 9th Street, Taft



1050 Wood St, Taft





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428 Center St, Taft









2016 **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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TAFT POLICE DEPARTMENT CITIZEN VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Actively recruiting highly motivated and responsible people to join our team!



MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



Citizen Volunteer Program

We are very proud and excited about our Citizen Volunteer Program! As we are a small police agency, we have to balance the resources of the department, manpower and finances with the concerns and demands of the community. Of course one of the best ways to balance manpower and finances within any police agency is through a volunteer program.

The Citizen Volunteer Program is a crime prevention program exercising proactive law enforcement principles. The program is expressly compromised of volunteers having an interest in helping their local law enforcement agency. All members have attended a Citizen Volunteer Training Academy and attend monthly meetings.

Volunteer work is a challenging and rewarding experience and provides the volunteers with the opportunity to meet many other dedicated people who unselfishly serve the citizens of Taft. The Citizen Volunteer Program is comprised of adult citizens who are familiar with the local areas. Our volunteers are utilized to enhance vital crime prevention services and community awareness. Citizen Volunteers may perform vacation house checks, conduct business and residential security surveys, provide traffic control for special events, assist in programs initiated by the Taft Police Department such as Neighborhood Watch activities, Crime Prevention and Child Identification Programs. Volunteers also conduct other duties as assigned by the Chief of Police.

Citizen Volunteer members do not take any enforcement action, carry any weapons, or make custodial arrests. Any suspicious activity observed is immediately reported to the Police Department.

Why should I volunteer?

If you have a few extra hours a week to spare, a willingness to get involved and a desire to make a difference in your community, then volunteering is for you! You may discover new talents, explore new career options, or just enjoy the camaraderie!

Volunteering can be a very rewarding and educational experience! You will learn about the structure and activities of the department, a "behind-the scenes" look at the Taft Police Department. You will work side by side with sworn officers in almost every aspect of law enforcement, from administration to investigation. As a volunteer, you can help to improve our city, give something back to the community, and make our city a better place to live, work and play.

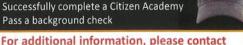
Volunteer work in the department takes a very special kind of person. One who is motivated to serve the community and who understands the necessity for confidentiality; one who is patient and willing to be called upon in an emergency

How do I become a Citizen Volunteer?

Just call us at the numbers referenced below, or stop by and pick up an application from our Communications Center located at <u>320 Commerce</u> Way or at Taft City Hall. We may have a new academy starting soon, so call right away!

The requirements to become a volunteer are:

- Reside in 93268 Zip Code or Neighboring Communities
- At least 19 years of age
- No arrest records
- · Successfully complete a Citizen Academy
- · Pass a background check



Sgt. Corey Beilby Taft Police Department 661-763-3101

Email: CBeilby@cityoftaft.org

Belinda Cole Taft City Hall 661-763-1222 Ext. 12

Email: BCole@cityoftaft.org

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



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Membership Coordinator: Maddison Rubadeau maddison.taftchamber@gmail.com TAFT DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND VISITOR'S BUREAU

2016 Trout Fishing Derby

Saturday, November 19, 2016/6:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. Lake Evans @ Buena Vista Aquatic Recreation Area

2,000 lbs of trout will be stocked prior to the derby



More Cash Prizes!!
ALL Ages

(Heaviest Trout)

Registration forms available at:

Taft Chamber of Commerce (400 Kern Street, Taft, CA 93268-661-765-2165)
Bob's Bait Bucket (2131 S. Chester, Bakersfield, CA 93306-661-833-8657)
Cope's Tackle and Rod (1654 Calloway Dr, Bakersfield, CA 93312-661-679-6351)

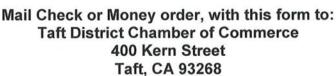
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\$1,000 Heaviest Trout Caught \$100 Heaviest Non-Trout Caught Adult Category-1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th Place Awards Ages 10-13 Category-1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Awards Ages 9 and Under Category-1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Awards



2015 Winner Travis Shaw 6 lb. 5 oz.

Name:		Age:
Address:		
	State:	
Phone:	Email:	
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2016 Trout Derby Saturday, November 19

REGISTRATION STUB PLEASE KEEP

\$20.00 Adult (14 and Older) \$10.00 Child (13 and Under)

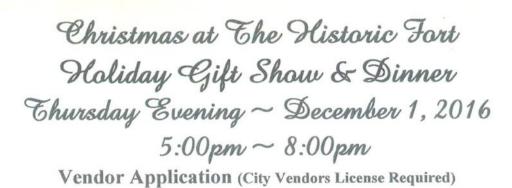
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Age

This is your official entry into the Derby and must be in your possession during the Derby. Keep this portion to verify pre-registration. Read accompanying rules carefully. Questions? Call 661-765-2165

GOOD LUCK!

Wristbands distributed when registration is submitted. Information on the back.



Name Address Email____ Telephone - Day Evening Cell Display or Product Sold Number of Tables _____ Yes _____No Set-up Thursday - 10:00am Fees: All tables must be paid in advance. Table fees are based upon a 6 foot table. Tablecloths Not Included \$20.00 per table \$_____\$8.00 Dinner ~ Sandwich, salad, tea or coffee & Dessert. Total amount \$ Dinner RSVP by November 21 Payment Method: Check # Credit Card# Cash_____ Checks payable to: The Fort Preservation Society

915 N. 10th Street, Taft, California 93268 ~ 661-765-7371

We agree that we enter this agreement at our own risk and the undersigned will make no claim against The Fort Preservation Society, its officers, directors or members for any property damage liability or if any property loss occurs: nor shall the undersigned or anyone in the undersigned's party take any legal action for any personal injury liability arising from any incident connected with this event.

By signing this agreement, I hereby agree to abide by all the rules of The Fort Preservation Society.

(Must be over age 18) Date Signed

> First twenty-five applications with payment will be accepted. Duplicate vendor products will not be accepted.

Taft Disc Golf Winter Open Central Valley Series

Time:

Check in 7:00 a.m. Begins at 8:30 a.m.

Location:

Franklin Field Complex 281 East Cedar St, Taft Saturday, December 3, 2016



- * Pre-Registration is mandatory!
- * Register as soon as possible because spots fill up quickly!
- * Registration Deadline is Wednesday, November 23 at Noon
- * Register at West Side Recreation & Park District: 500 Cascade Place, Taft 93268 (661)763-4246 (661)765-6677
- * Make checks payable to: WSRPD

Lunch will be provided

Raffle Prizes

Player Packages

T Shirts

Closest to Basket

Format will consist of 2 rounds of 18 holes of Disc Golf, Shotgun start.

The field will be limited to 90 players.

Sponsored by:







Name	 	Phone_	
Address	 		City
Zip Code	 Email		
Juniors \$30	 Division		
AM \$40	 Division		WEST SIDE
Open/Pro \$45	 Division:		RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT



Taft Christmas Parade Number Monday, December 5, 2016

Monday, December 5, 2016 6:00 P.M.

Center Street

Entry donation recommended: \$10 (goes towards 2017 Fireworks Show)

Name of Organization/Individual:							
Contact Person:							
Mailing Addre	ss:		City:	State: Zip :			
Email: Phone: ()		# Participants:		# of Vehicles:			
Please select only <u>one</u> category. Design your float to the theme or the holidays! We will assign the division and number above once all entries have been received.							
	FLOATS School and School Sponsored Adult Fraternal and Service Clubs Youth Fraternal (Scouts, etc) Religious Organizations Non-Profit Organizations ANIMALS		MARCHING Elementary Junior High High School Fraternal/Serv CHEERLEAD Elementary	rice Clubs/F	Religious		
	Mounted Single Equestrian Mounted Group Equestrian 4H / Animals / Pets		Junior High High School Recreational				
	AUTO Auto Club or Group Single Vehicle Commercial Auto or Truck Motorcycles		Choral Group Walking Grou	ROUPS			
Please provide our announcer with a script for your entry that will be read as you pass the grand stand. Make sure to include specific information, a brief history, awards won, and/or other outstanding information about your group or business.							
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