

## 7 members run for director; meet them on Oct. 17th

Seven members are running for the three open positions on the Kern City Board of Directors for the 2021-2022 term, Steve Parks, board president, announced.

The candidates are: Dave Alderette, Brian Holloway, Roger Kirby, Flame Mercola, Rhonda Messersmith, Donna Hansen McMillin, and Norma Stephenson.

Ballots will be mailed out early this month so members have time to meet and listen to candidates at a free pancake breakfast on Saturday, Oct. 17. Reservations must be made for the breakfast. See the "free breakfast" story on this

page for more information.

Election results will be revealed at Kern City's Annual Meeting which is currently expected to be held on Tuesday, Nov. 10, immediately following the regular board meeting starting at 5:30 p.m.

The regular board meeting will be kept short with strict social distancing. Masks and temperature checks will be required. If people prefer not to attend the meeting, election results will be available the next day on Nextdoor Kern City, posted in the glass case outside the office and emailed to any members who wants to provide email addresses to the office.

Parks said that ballots must be returned by mail to ensure privacy and must be received in the post office no later Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2020.

There will be a self-addressed envelope for members to mail their secret ballot in, and it requires a stamp on the envelope. Otherwise, if members cannot mail their ballot, they can call the Inspector of Elections, Mike Plowman, at 427-9549 and arrange for the ballot to be picked up.

PLEASE NOTE: Do NOT turn in any ballots to the Kern City office. This is to ensure privacy.

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## Sundale CC's latest news

In their ongoing efforts to keep residents informed about club changes, Sundale Country Club owners Dr. Girish Patel and Jay Patel visited with the Kern City Board of Directors last month to share their latest news.

Although the news

media beat them to it, they wanted to personally announce that they recently signed a partnership

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RSVPs necessary!

## Come hear director candidates, enjoy free pancake breakfast

Saturday, Oct. 17, will be a perfect opportunity for an alfresco Pancake Breakfast and a chance to meet and greet the candidates for the 2021-2022 Board of Directors. An added bonus is that the current board has voted to pick up the cost of everyone's breakfast which will be served from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. on the patio behind the Town Hall. Reservations are necessary!

The patio will be open

for seating and coffee beginning at 8:30 a.m. Volunteers will serve breakfast to seated guests starting at 9 a.m. Because of COVID-19 regulations the standard breakfast line has been changed to optimize safe distancing. All guests will be served at their tables.

Promptly at 9 a.m. there will be a short presentation by each of the candidates

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## President's update: Pool's Open

"The busiest time of the year is upon us," said Steve Parks, president of the KCCA Board of Directors. "We now are preparing to hold an election, finalize the 2021 budget, and update and mail out the annual Policy Statement to all members. On top of that, we are following the governor and new laws

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## Social Club News Residents: Are you interested? Let us know!

The Social Club is considering offering Lunch on the Patio on Sat., Nov. 7, but only if enough of you show an interest.

The lunch will be Mexican style with rice and beans, enchilada casserole, and a beverage. The cost will be \$9 and will require reservations.

Interested residents should call Terry Wiersum at (661) 832-7990 and let her know that you would like us to have such a lunch.

We also hope that you join us for the free Pancake Breakfast on Sat., Oct. 17. You will be able to hear from the members running for the board of directors at the same time. Don't forget that breakfast requires reservations, too. See Page 1 of this newspaper for more information and to RSVP.

I hope you are all having a wonderful fall!

Scott Ford, president

## Reminder: get flu shot

Editor's note: The following information is courtesy of the Kern County Department of Health and the CDC.

This is the month that many physicians are offering flu shots to their patients. Also, many pharmacies are offering them, too.

Influenza, commonly known as the flu, is a contagious respiratory illness that is caused by a virus. Symptoms of illness include fever, cough, sore throat, chills, fatigue, body aches, and headache. Illness can range from mild to severe and can result in hospitalization or death. Some people, such as older people,

young children, and people with certain health conditions, are at high risk of developing severe flu and complications.

The best method to prevent getting the flu is by getting the flu vaccine every year, washing hands frequently, and avoiding those who may be ill. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends an annual flu vaccine for everyone over six months of age. At press time, the Kern County Department of Health said it expected to offer free or low-cost flu shots at different times and locations around Bakersfield. To learn where and when those might be, call the department at (661) 321-3000.



## LORENE'S RANCH HOUSE

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## Manager's Report

#### On a lighter note

We love to help our residents but sometimes we can't. I thought I'd list some of the funnier requests we have received in the office (but could not help with) to give you a laugh.

- Can you please come stake out our property at 5:00 a.m. to catch whoever is letting a dog make a mess on my yard?
  - I'd like you to fix the problem with my cable company for me.
- Can you tell my neighbor not to let his grandkids visit? Sometimes I can hear them and I hate kids.
- There's a tree that's dropping a lot of leaves and makes it difficult for walkers. Us: What address is the tree at? Caller: I don't know. I walk all over.

And here are a couple of requests we could help with.

- Can you tell the man across the street not to walk his garbage can to the curb in the nude? Us: Sure. (We did put an end to that. We called his wife.)
- I'm lonely. Do you know anyone who can visit me? Us: Yes, we'll send someone over.

Note: If any resident is lonely and would like visitors, let us know in the office. We have had some wonderful residents offer to visit and talk with others here in Kern City.

## **Condolences**

The Board of Directors and staff of the Kern City Civic Association offer their thoughts and prayers to the families and loved ones of the members/residents here who passed away recently:

Alice Merenbach, Bill Packard, Judy Poole

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and rules regarding when we can open facilities due to COVID-19."

"The good news is that the pool is open again, but we need people to follow the COVID restrictions so it can stay open," he said. "Also, because they have so few residents using them at one time, the Woodshop and Library are available with monitoring and the church can also meet outside.

"We look forward to being able to open up all facilities again, and we are hopeful that might be sooner rather than later. The U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Jerome Adams visited Kern County last month and said he felt we were in the 'final stretches of the coronavirus pandemic' and that if we all practice wearing masks, washing hands and watch social distancing, things could reopen. So I encourage everyone to follow restrictions."

Parks also announced that the board does not recommend raising assessments next year. He said the board approved the draft 2021 budget and it will be mailed out

shortly so members can review it. "If members have comments or questions, we'd love to see them so please send them in writing to the office."

In other business, Parks said an architectural committee, consisting of directors Buster Beebe, Kyle Ray and Carol Ann Toms and member Brian Holloway, will look at updating Architectural Rules. They will consider issues such as sheds, canopies for cars, paint colors and more. After the committee has a draft set of updated rules, they will be sent to members to review and comment on.

He reminded people that any comments, questions or ideas may be submitted to the office, and it is most helpful if they are in writing. The office is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and people can drop notes through the mail slot on the street side of the office. The mailing address is KCCA, 1003 Pebble Beach Dr., Bakersfield, CA 93309.



## **Sundale CC**

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with the Petroleum Club, an elite private club in Bakersfield, and they brought its president, Dave Plivelich, with them to help answer questions.

According to Dr. Patel, "We are in the early stages of this venture, but we want your residents to know what we know now, and we'll continue to share information as we solidify plans."

Plivelich, who has been president of the Petroleum Club for 10 years, said that due to COVID-19, their options looked bleak, unable to accommodate indoor or outdoor dining and to-go food. They needed to do something fast or continue to lose members

after nearly six months of being inaccessible by their membership. Then he thought of his friend and fellow Rotarian, Dr. Patel.

"I felt we could form a partnership that could also be a good match for our community;" Plivelich explained. "I proposed it to Dr. Patel and while he was originally stunned at my suggestion, he became giddy about the idea."

The Petroleum Club will be responsible for all food and beverage operations for the downstairs 19th Hole Bar & Grill, the lower Veranda, and the upstairs dining room, lounge and Terrace where the Tavern by the Green restaurant was.

"The new name for the restaurant is Petroleum Club at Sundale," Plivelich said." Keith

Barnes will be the general manager, and we'll bring most of our employees over but unfortunately not all. The space is a little smaller so we can't accommodate everyone from our former location."

He said their executive chef, Michael Kelly, formerly from the Bistro is coming. "If you thought the food was good before, wait until you try the food now!" Dr. Patel said, "We're excited about this venture, and we feel tremendously fortunate that the course has turned around. Many prior members have come back, and we have almost doubled our membership in eight months."

He also shared what the club is working on."We are considering offering special Petroleum Club membership rates to Kern City residents and hope to finalize that soon.

"Our next projects will be adding solar panels in our parking lot and fixing tee boxes. Longer range plans will include the irrigation system."

Plivelich added that while the Petroleum Club is private for members only, currently the grill downstairs will be open to everyone. Kern City residents will have an opportunity to join the Club at a significantly discounted rate, and he is also considering different ways to include non-members and possibly offer catering and brunches.

The restaurant expects to be ready to offer food in October.



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## **POOL RULES**

#### Pool area is NON-smoking

## HOURS: Monday-Sunday – 9:00 am to 10:00 pm

1. The Kern City Swimming Pool, Locker Rooms and entire pool area are for the use of Kern City members AND residents only. NO GUESTS OR CHILDREN ARE ALLOWED.

#### ALL PERSONS USING THE POOL AND OTHER FACILITIES DO SO AT THEIR OWN RISK AND MUST SIGN A WAIVER FIRST. LIFEGUARD SERVICES ARE NOT AVAILABLE.

- 3. All residents entering the Pool area must enter with their pool key card. Residents in good standing may pick up a card in the office for a deposit.
- 4. All persons MUST take a shower before entering the Swimming Pool even if they showered before arriving.

#### **COVID -19 RESTRICTIONS**

- 5. Bring your own towels and hand sanitizers.
- 6. Sanitize any area you've touched while at the pool.
  - 7. Wear mask when outside of the pool.
- 8. Stay 6 feet apart outside of pool and more if exercising.
- Sign a waiver before swimming if you haven't already done so. Bring the waiver into the office (open M-F between 9a-2p) or drop it through the mail slot on the street-side of the office.
   Sign in upon entering the pool area.
  - 11. Absolutely NO DIAPERS in pool.
  - 12. Rafts, balls and toys are not permitted in the Pool Area.
    Fins, Snorkels and Safety Aids are permitted.
  - 13. Games, Stunts, Running, Diving, jumping in and all types of horseplay are prohibited in the Pool and Pool area.
    - 14. Food, oils and lotions are not permitted in the Pool area, except waterproof lotions and sunscreens. No glass is allowed in the pool area.
      - 15. Pets are not permitted in the Pool area at any time.
- 16. Nudity and partial nudity are not allowed in the pool or pool area, and only swimming attire -- no street clothes (except for sun protection) -- are allowed in the pool.
- 17. MEMBERS WHO REFUSE, OR FAIL TO CONFORM TO, THESE RULES MAY LOSE THEIR RIGHT TO THE USE OF THESE FACILITIES FOR THE BALANCE OF THE YEAR.



These rules are for your protection and to ensure your safe enjoyment of our Kern City aquatic recreation area. Your Cooperation is always appreciated. -- The Kern City Board of Directors

## **Neighborhood Watch**

Amazon phone scams -- Two residents reported receiving calls saying their Amazon accounts were in default. Do not fall for this! Amazon does not do that.

There are other telephone scams going on now, too. If you receive a call saying your PayPal is overdue, your credit card has a problem, your grand-child is in trouble and needs money sent, etc. do not fall for those!!

In August we warned residents about someone listing homes for rent on Craig's List and asking people for money to view the property. It happened again last month. A Kern City property that was put up for sale was listed on Craig's List as a rental. Member Sharon Parks saw it and warned the homeowner. If you are selling a property, watch Craig's List to make sure

your address is not on it under Rentals. Also, neighbors, please keep an eye out for vacant properties. This is a scam going on all over town!

Also, as it gets closer to Christmas, there will be more scams and thefts so please be careful about all sales calls and visits and keep everything on your property locked up.



### **Pancakes**

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and a brief question and answer period with the audience. Diners can enjoy their breakfasts while listening to candidates.

As always, Mindy and Albert Garza will oversee food preparation and ensure that all COVID-19 rules are followed by a dedicated crew of kitchen volunteers. Besides the Garzas, the volunteer helpers include: Don Cornett, Willie Flaherty, Scott Ford, Judy Harris, Fred and Diane Hufnagel, Dan Imes, Sam Mata, Del Medlin, Sharon Parks, Annette Silvey, Chris Stahl, Rose Tessandori and Terry Wiersum. The menu will include the ever-popular pancakes, egg casserole, sausage, Mindy's delicious potatoes, and beverages.

The breakfast will be served in a box. Residents are asked to dine with proper social distancing and to wear masks when not eating. Of course, no event would be complete without the "door prizes," which are donated by members and friends of the social club.

To adequately prepare for the correct number of breakfasts, reservations are necessary and are requested by Oct. 15. To reserve, call Mindy at 805-3642 or Albert at 342-6055 between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

## **KERN CITY BOARD MINUTES**

I. CALL TO ORDER: Vice President Joe Newton called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Other directors present: Buster Beebe, Kyle Ray, Jolene Simons, Carol Ann Toms and Donna Tyner and Manager Jill Foley. Absent: President Steve Parks. Director Newton welcomed attendees and member Roger Kirby led the flag salute.

II. MINUTES: Director Ray requested that the August board meeting minutes include his request to have a director sign time cards. The minutes were approved with that addition.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT: Director Tyner reported that as of Aug.1, the Checking Account had \$169,735.40 and the Reserve Account had a balance of \$447,840.25. The CD Account had a balance of \$103,857.30. The total of our bank accounts is \$721,432.95.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Director Newton said that to keep the meeting short due to the bad air quality outside there would not be any committee reports. However, he said that he had a painter cut some of the outrigger boards at the top of buildings to remove dry rot, ensure they're even and paint them. Director Toms reported that the water line from the street to the pool area had to be replaced because, like other water lines in the past, it had rusted and the water in the pool restrooms had become rust colored. She said that she and Director Simons planted in some areas where cement had been dug up to keep the water valve and water lines accessible in case of future projects. Director Newton added that two loads of dirt had been brought in for filling in landscape areas and the trees behind the Town Hall had been trimmed.

V. MANAGER'S REPORT: Jill Foley reported the following: The office has collected over 99% of annual dues. We lost members Alice Merenbach and Judy Poole. For the national elections in November, some residents will again be able to vote in the Sewing Room. Check your ballots to see where your voting site is. The county will practice social distancing and if voters don't wear masks, they will have to vote outside or in their cars.

#### VI. OLD BUSINESS

a. Reopening Facilities -- Director Simons said many requests had been received to open the pool daily, and because it is a private pool and we're following COVID-19 restrictions, she moved to open the pool every day of the week from

9:00 a.m. to 10 p.m. The restrictions will include social distancing, wearing a mask outside the pool, signing a waiver before swimming the first time, and signing in each time they visit the pool. Other rules will have to be followed, also. Vote: Passed, Yeas: 5, Nays: 1 - Director Ray. Discussion was held on whether to open the Library, Exercise Room and church. Member Brian Holloway said that according to the governor gyms cannot open yet and asked directors to please check that before voting on it. Director Simons moved to open the gym when the law allows it, and she will check on that. Vote: Passed, unanimous.

Director Tyner moved to allow the church to meet outdoors. Vote: Passed, Unanimous.

#### VII. NEW BUSINESS

Action on Accepting Nominating Committee's Director Candidates -- Director Tyner reported that the Nominating Committee, consisting of Directors Newton, Ray and Tyner, have checked qualifications for the following candidates: David Alderette, Brian Holloway, Roger Kirby, Donna Hansen McMillin, Flame Mercola, Rhonda Messersmith and Norma Stephenson. Qualifications include being a Kern City resident and not having anything, such as a criminal record, that could affect KCCA's insurance coverage. She moved that the board approve the candidates to run for a director position. Vote: Passed, unanimous.

VIII. SOCIAL CLUB: Member Fred Hufnagel said there would be another drive-thru Pancake Breakfast on Sept. 19 for \$5 per person and asked people to make reservations by Sept. 17 and have exact change when driving up for the food. Strict COVID - 19 restrictions will be followed.

IX. AUDIENCE: Member Caroline Thiel asked if the solar could be turned on when the nights get cold. Director Simons said the solar can't really warm the pool enough.

X. ADJOURNMENT -- Director Newton adjourned the meeting at 9:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Tyner, Secretary-Treasurer

Meeting attendance: 28 (includes 6 directors, manager and 21 members)

## DRAFT 2021 BUDGET Kern City Civic Association

INCOME	\$		<b>EXPENSES</b>	\$
2021 Assessment	435,200		Hall Rental	1,200
Hall Rental	0	Library		1,500
RV/Garden Rental - Member	13,000	RV/Garden & Security		7,000
RV/Garden Rental - NM	24,000		Non-Compliance	3,000
Transfer Fees	10,000	Insurance		35,000
Miscellaneous	1,000		Professional:	
Parking Lot (Eagle Mountain)	0		Legal	10,000
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			HOA Membership/Edu	1,000
			License/Fees	500
* The Annual Assessment	will remain at \$	125 per	Reserve Study Update	1,000
* The Annual Assessment will remain at \$425 per member in 2021. That includes general expenses plus			Interior Maintenance	10,000
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## Here are the candidates for director

Below are the members who are seeking a position on the Kern City Board of Directors. Come meet them on Saturday, Oct. 17, at 9:00 a.m. at a free Pancake Breakfast behind the Town Hall. Reservations are necessary so see the story on "free pancakes" on page 1.



David Alderette

Currently I am on the Manor Executive Board for my church, First Assembly of God. I work as a crossing guard at William Van Horn School.

I have lived in Kern City for 1-1/2 years.

I retired after 33 years working for AT&T in Bakersfield and Sacramento. I was a representative for the Communications Workers of America and the Pioneers of America in Visalia, Sacramento and Bakersfield.

I served three years in the U.S. Army from 1968-1971.

I'm interested in the decision-making process of Kern City residents.



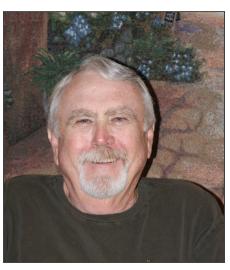
Brian Holloway

My name is Brian Holloway. It has been an honor to serve for the past 2 years on the budget committee for Kern City Civic Association. I would like to serve in a larger role on the Board of Directors. My time on the budget committee taught me a great deal about our home owners association and its financial layout. It has been a goal the moment I moved in my home to be an active and involved member for the betterment of my community.

I was born and raised in Bakersfield, graduated from North High School and Bakersfield College. I have 20 plus years of owning and running my own businesses. I have been in practice since 2003 as a self-employed certified massage therapist that specializes in traumatic brain-injured clients. In my work I am required to pay close attention to detailed information regarding traumatic injuries on clients and their treatments.

I have also been a volunteer head cook at the Guild House Restaurant for the past 9 years. I served 2 years on the board of directors. I used skills of restaurant cooking, teaching classes, team building, and staff management/training to help the organization.

I moved to Kern City in 2017 after looking at many of the 55 and over communities in Bakersfield and fell in love with this little community. I believe that I can be an asset to our board with my experience and I would like the opportunity to serve.



Roger Kirby

My name is Roger Kirby and I would like to serve another term on the KCCA Board of Directors which is allowable under our bylaws. My wife and I have lived in Kern City for 20 years and would like to see our community continue to thrive.

In my many years of employment with Mobil Oil, the experience of managing employees was a great challenge which I believe I met with integrity and sensitivity. Planning a budget and working within that budget was also an area in which I feel that I was successful.

As a board member, my goals continue to be to ensure that age requirements are met by ALL the residents in Kern City, property is maintained, and all assessments are paid in full and on time. Another goal, which I feel is very important, is for the board to be good stewards of all association monies and to be held accountable for such. Thank you.



Flame Mercola

I am Flame Mercola and I am running for a position on the Board of Directors. I have a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from UCLA. My late husband, Vincent Mercola, and I were married 44 years.

I am an animal lover, and I have a dog named Pablo.

I especially want to help people who live here in Kern City with transportation, for example, to the doctor's and marketing, etc.

Thank you for your consideration.

Carr Robyn

Strayed, Cheryl

Phillips, Michael

Tada, Joni Eareckson

## **Library News**

We're hoping that everyone knows by now that we are back to being open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. It's been so nice to see your smiling faces again. At least I think you're smiling...hard to tell with a mask! If that's what it takes to be open we'll suffer through it. In case you aren't aware there is a Covid Waiver on the front counter that needs to be signed the first time you come in. It covers all the activities in Kern City so only needs to be signed once. If you've already signed one for the pool then it's not necessary to sign another one. Thank you.

I'm still getting donations of newer books and they are all so appreciated. As you know we pretty much survive on donations so keep them coming! Also appreciated are newer movies and Books on CD.

Just a reminder about the larger size paperbacks on the west wall. Lots of newer books and great authors. Unfortunately the only way to display them is by author so take the few extra minutes to check them out and you'll be surprised at what you might find.

One of my features is a 2018 release by Lee Child. Entitled PAST TENSE, it is a Jack Reacher novel. Family secrets come back to haunt Jack Reacher in this electrifying thriller. He hits the pavement and sticks out his thumb. He plans to follow the sun on an epic trip across America from Maine to California. He doesn't get far. On a country road deep in the New England woods he sees a sign to a place he has never been: the town where his father was born. He thinks, what's one extra day? He takes the detour.

Robyn Carr gives us THE BEST OF US, a 2019 release. Dr. Leigh Culver loves practicing medicine in Timberlake, Colorado. It's a much needed change of pace from her stressful life in Chicago. The only drawback is she misses her aunt Helen, the woman who raised her. But it's time that Leigh has her independence, and she hopes the beauty of the Colorado wilderness will entice her aunt to visit often. All that changes when they visit Sullivan's Crossing.

Happy Reading!
Donna Tyner

#### OCTOBER ADDITIONS & DONATIONS

#### **DVDs**

Case Histories Jason Isaacs
Dreamer Kurt Russell and Dakota Fanning
Scrubs – 6th Season Various

#### AUDIO - BOOKS ON CD

Cussler, Clive The Assassin
Moore, Edward Kelsey The Supremes at
Earl's All-You-Can-Eat

#### **BOOKS**

M = Mystery LP = Large Print \*\* = Christian/Religious Novels NF = Non-Fiction N = Novel ML = Military OP = Oversize Paperback

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N	Johnson, Todd	The Sweet By and By
N	Lipman, Elinor	The Pursuit of Alice
		Thrift
N	Picoult, Jodi	Sing You Home
M	Costillo, Linda	After the Storm
M	Child, Lee	Past Tense
M	Matthews, Jason	Red Sparrow
M	Parker, Robert B	. Painted Ladies
M	Sandford, John	Easy Prey
ML	Makos, Adam	Devotion
NF	Byrne, Gary J.	Crisis of Character
NF	Patterson, James	All American

The Best of Us

Murder

Heaven

Angel Harp

Wild

# Greeting cards now available in Library

Residents wishing to purchase greeting cards can find them in the Library. The cards cover just about every occasion, and the cost is 10 cents per card

and 25 cents for each calendar.



The Library is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and requires a mask and social distancing. A volunteer will be in the Library if people need assistance.

NOTE: Christmas cards will be available for purchase the end of this month. Don't miss this selection at great low prices!

Kern City Klarion October 2020



## **Patty Gray for City Council**

I was born and raised in Kern County. My husband Everett and I raised 3 sons and have owned DreamMaker Bath & Kitchen for the past 17 years. My father, Victor Killingsworth, 99 & veteran WWII naval officer, lives next door to us.

Some of my community activities include serving as a Board member of Youth for Christ, the Better Business Bureau, & obtaining a seat in the 'Leadership Bakersfield' program;

I agree with all who call Bakersfield their home that our city government must be there to:

- Protect our neighborhoods & commercial centers from crime
- ✓ Keep up on repair and construction of streets and roads
- ✓ Make it easier for business owners to keep and create new jobs

"Our city needs to get back to work as soon as we can -- I know you share that goal. With your vote and prayers, I hope to give the leadership and attention to detail that we need as we get 'Ready to Rebuild'!"

## We Stand Behind Patty Gray for Bakersfield City Council



Congressman Kevin McCarthy



Senator Shannon Grove



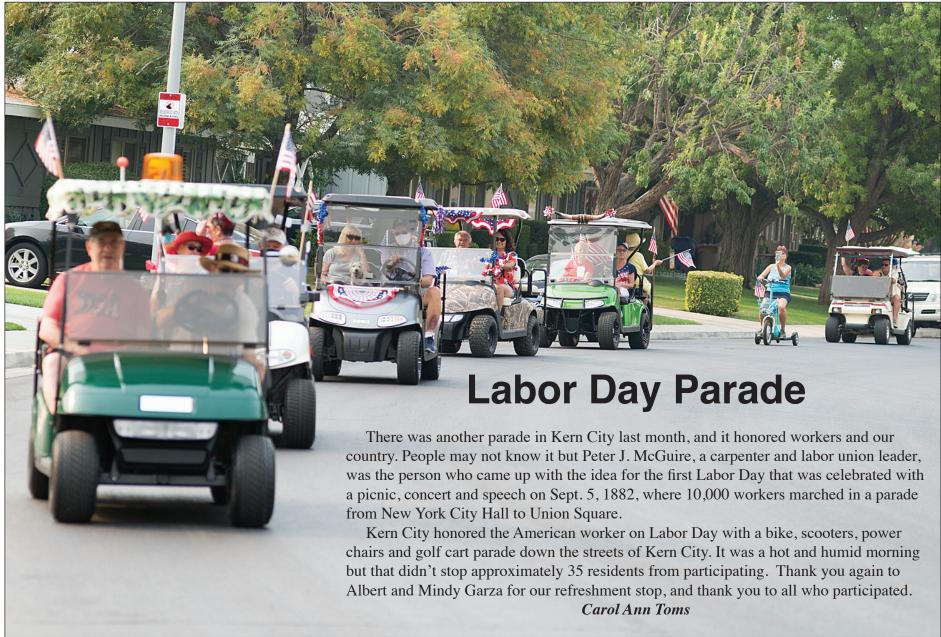
Assemblyman Vince Fong

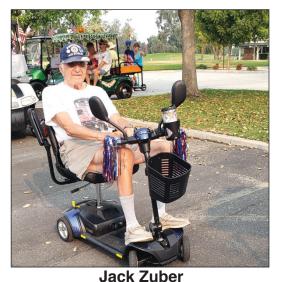


District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer



Councilwoman Jacquie Sullivan











Maureen Jones

#### **Future Bike Rides**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR **UPCOMING BIKE PARADES!**: November/December HOLIDAY Ride featuring a special guest, scheduled for Dec. 12, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. combining Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays; and Jan. 1, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. ROSE PARADE with floats if you so desire, to welcome in the New Year!! Hope to see you!







**Laurie Silvius & Annette Silvey** 



Debbie Evans, Doug Abbott, Wendy Amerine

## **Halloween Ride!**

Saturday, Oct. 31, 3:00 pm Meet in south parking lot

This should be a fun one!! WEAR A COSTUME (or not), decorate your wheels if you want to and join me in the fun of a Halloween ride on Saturday, Oct. 31 at 3:00 p.m. Please notice the time change from previous bike rides.

This holiday started when immigrants from Scotland and Ireland brought it to America. The commercialization of Halloween started in the 1900's when postcards (anyone remember those!?) and die-cut paper decorations were produced. Halloween costumes appeared in stores in the 1930's and the custom of trick-ortreats appeared in the 1950's. Anyone want to guess what town in the U.S. is the Halloween Capital of the World? It is Anoka, Minnesota!

Hope to see you all there!

Carol Ann Toms



Valerie Hampton & Kelley Lee



Bill, Nola Allen and Daly

## Here are the candidates for director

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Rhonda Messersmith

My name is Rhonda Messersmith and I am running for a Director position for the Kern City Civic Association.

I have been a resident since July 2019. I relocated here from Ventura County where I raised my two daughters with my husband of forty years and began my first career, in banking. I then moved onto the Automotive field and retired after twenty-five years there, having worked my way up to Service Manager for a large dealership.

Although I have always wanted to be an active community member, I have not had the freedom to participate in previous years. Being a Kern City resident and being retired, I feel this is a perfect opportunity for me to become more involved.

Sincerely, Rhonda Messersmith



Donna Hansen McMillin

My name is Donna Hansen McMillin. My husband and I have lived in Kern City for over 1-1/2 years, although I grew up playing in the empty fields on which Kern City is built on. We love living in Kern City and take advantage of the activities and resources when we can.

My husband and I have five children and eleven grandchildren. Quite the group. They keep us young.

I obtained my Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Psychology from California State University Bakersfield. I ran my own business for over 20 years and held a supervisor role at a clinic for a few years. In the course of my work experiences I have learned how to manage finances, work closely with others, and problem solve. I have also held various positions in several volunteer organizations.

One of the things I enjoy is riding my bike around the neighborhood and looking at the well-maintained yards and houses. This is definitely one of the reasons we live in a neighborhood that has CC&Rs. I have attended association meetings since moving into Kern City and I am impressed with the Board and their passion for Kern City. I believe that a person should give back whenever they can and by being on the Board of this wonderful community perhaps I can give back.



Norma Stephenson

I am motivated and take initiative with a result driven attitude.
I am a team player and seek to bring my dedication and talent as Board of Director to Kern City Civic Association.

I have been a native of Bakersfield all my life going to school here at Fairfax Elementary, Foothill High School and Bakersfield College. Growing up in this great city has been the best. I have been a resident in this great unique neighborhood of Kern City for three years now.

My skills are in categories of leadership and management skills, professionalism, organizational and team building, customer service people skills, communications, multitasker with participation and respect for the people.

I have been an employee for Sundale Country Club as Office Assistant and Assistant to the General Manager at Rio Bravo Country Club. I am a member of the Sundale Ladies Golf Club and have served on the board as Vice President.

As we approach the US election, I want to provide clarity and support to our unique neighborhood here in Kern City with a positive impact and work to make our community Stronger, Kinder and United.



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~ Assemblyman Vince Fong

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- ✓ Keeping California Affordable
- ✓ Protecting Our Energy Jobs
- ✓ Making Sure Government Works For You



### Here's help to provide your CENSUS info

Roughly 64% of U.S. households have responded to the 2020 census as of Aug. 14, according to the Census Bureau. Because the government provides important things to communities, it is still trying to get the rest of the population to respond.

To help the process along, Census takers started going door to door to collect responses in mid-July and were instructed to wear protective gear, practice social distancing, and follow public health guidelines to minimize the spread of COVID-19.

In Kern City, member Laurie Silvius has been helping the government by visiting residents to encourage them to fill out the 2020 census questionnaire. It is very simple this year, and Silvius can help people do that or show them how to provide the information online, by phone, or by mail.

Data collected in the 2020 census will drive decision-making, political representation, and economic development across the U.S. The results give

a detailed statistical view of the demographic makeup of the country and are used to determine the changing needs of communities—making it paramount that an accurate count of each household is achieved.

"Whether or not the data is accurate, real estate developers and policymakers will continue to use census data," says Olivia Snarski, program manager for local democracy at the National League of Cities, a membership association that advocates for the interests of over 19,000 cities, towns, and villages nationwide. "If they're basing their decisions on how to develop land and how to build their cities on inaccurate data, that's going to be poor decision-making for the population that lives there."

More information on how to respond to the 2020 census, why answers matter, privacy, and security is available at www.2020census.gov. Or residents can call Kern City's Laurie Silvius at (661) 662-6000.



Long time Broker, Jim Dandy, has retired. Please join us in wishing him well!

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## A MOMENT WITH PASTORS AL & BARBARA

There is so much going through all of our thoughts! A few words come to mind -- anxiety, confusion, worry, fear, loneliness, boredom, to name a few. There are so many things that are rolling around many of our minds these days -- the Presidential election, the economy, the unrest on the streets of America and much more.

Proverbs 3:5-6: Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

We need to trust Jesus and not worry! We are sure many of you have heard this before but it bears repeating. There are 365 days in each year and there are 365 times the Bible tells us to "Not fear."

A "Fear Not" for every day of the year. We

want to share a few of these Scriptures with you.

Psalm 118:6: The LORD is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me.

Proverbs 19:23: The fear of the LORD tendeth to life: and he that hath it shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil.

Matthew 10:31: Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.

Luke 12:32: Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

2 Timothy 1:7: For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

In closing, we want to tell you to:

Keep your chin up Smile Think on good things Stay positive

Trust the Lord (He knows exactly what He is doing)

Barbara has said to me that the Bible says "It came to pass." It didn't come to stay. It came to pass.

All that we are going through will pass and we will be stronger, better people because of it.

"It's all going to be OK!"

Pastors Al and Barbara Rountree

P.S. We will be having church either in the Town Hall or outside under the trees on the front lawn.



## CLASSIFIEDS

Advertisers, please note.

1 - If you want your ad to run more than one month, you must notify the office by the 15th of the month prior to each month you want it to run.
2 - Please provide us with your ad in writing with your name, address and phone number. You can bring it to the office M-F between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., email it to kerncity1003@gmail.com, drop it through the mail slot on the street side of the office or mail it to KCCA, 1003 Pebble Beach Dr., Bakersfield, CA 93309. -- Editor

All telephone numbers in ads are in area code 661 unless otherwise listed.

#### WANTED

Wanted: Old PHONOGRAPH RECORDS, any size. Call Bonnie, 398-3004. Will pick up.

Wanted: Schwinn Airdyne stationary bike. Excellent condition and reasonable price. Call Juanita Zuber at 319-270-1228.

Wanted: The animal shelters are not open to the public, but they are accepting donations for the animals. I have had a tremendous response and donations during this COVID-19 quarantine time. A big thank you for not throwing out old towels, etc and calling me to pick up your items. Call Judy at 831-7613 and leave a message or text 331-2229. If you are interested in adopting a dog or cat, during this time, you can call the shelter and make an appointment. SPCA 323-8353, Bakersfield Animal Care Center 832-7387.

Wanted: All sporting goods, including old and new golf clubs, all fishing items old and new, old knives, and antiques. I live in Kern City. 397-0234.

#### FREE

Free: Hearing Aid batteries (+13) Kirkland. Call 834-7092.

#### FOR SALE

For Sale: Black fridge, Euro Gold, 34" high, 19" wide, 21" deep, \$75 or best offer. 833-1480 or 345-6494.

For Sale: Nice living room sofa, \$45. 564-1845.

For Sale: Brown Lazy Boy lift chair, about 9 months old, excellent condition, \$300. Call 831-1436 or 246-9917.

For Sale: Red cedar chips bedding 500 CU inches expands to 1200 CU. Sealed package, \$3.412-8988.

For Sale: Heating pad, \$3; hard hat, \$3; 1 new ceiling fixture, \$3 and one used, \$1, 412-8988.

For Sale: Oak coffee table like new was \$300, now \$150; 2 oak round side tables, like new, was \$250 for the pair new, now \$125 (all 3 match if you want the full set). Also oak dining table w/6 chairs, extra matching leaf was \$899 when new, sacrifice for \$250. I can text email you a pix of all. Email is trek66@gmail.com or text 661-747-4647.

For Sale: Dog fiber collar, 6" lead, choke chain, \$5; puppy dog items: round bed, \$2, carrying cage cloth, \$8.412-8988.

For Sale: One gold fancy framed bathroom wall picture of an old bath tub, \$3; 8 different flower vases, \$1 each. 412-8988.

For Sale: 1 desk -- can be a small work desk or student desk for a computer or ??? about 40" wide side to side, 30" tall, top 20" deep, has 7 drawers, 1 in the center and 3 on each side, the bottom drawer on each side is tall and deep, like 2 drawers stacked on top of each other. reduced to \$25; 3 working color TVs with remotes, 26 & 28", \$100. Email is trek66@gmail.com or text 661-747-4647 or call and leave a voicemail message. Can text you or email you a pix of any of the items.

For Sale: 2 Coleman Max 5 in 1 sleeping bags, tall size 33 x 85" fits up to 6'2", \$12 each. 412-8988.

For Sale: New shelf brackets, heavy duty, white, 4 for \$7; roll of under gravel parchment paper, 4' wide, undetermined length but a lot, \$7.412-8988.

For Sale: Two cremation plots side by side at Hillcrest Cemetery. Price consists of the plots and opening and closing at ceremony time. Cremation and urns are not included. Price is \$6,000, much lower than today's costs at mortuary. Call Roberta at 331-3236.

For Sale: Many purses & large bags & various women's shoes sizes 7 & 8, a variety of magazines and books, send an email for list of books & monthly magazines, several new in the boxes of men's shoes, never worn sizes. Can text you or email you a pix. of any of the items. Email is trek66@gmail.com or text 661-747-4647 or call and leave a voicemail message. Can text you or email you a pix of any of the items.

For Sale: GE Profile side by side refrigerator, water and ice in door, \$125. 564-1845.

For Sale: Rubbermaid coolers: 1-gallon: \$1.50, 2-gallon: \$2, 30-qt: \$7, cooler jug: \$1.50; 3 gas cans -- 2 gal 8 oz; \$2, 5 gal: \$4, 1 gal: \$1.412-8988.

For Sale: Levi's, 4 pair, 36x30" one new pair, \$15; 3 pair in great condition, \$7 each. 412-8988.

For Sale: Genesis Gold B Weber LP gas grill, great condition with gas container, complete instructions and cookbook, complete over cover, \$80 or OBO. 412-8988.

For Sale: Wood plane, new, 9" smooth, Bucks Brothers brand, \$8; skill saw, \$9. 412-8988.

For Sale: Burial plot, Greenlawn at Panorama & River Dr., Rock of Ages, \$2,250, 837-1757.

For Sale: Hillcrest Memorial Park Lake View Lawn, Lots 2320 and spaces 1 & 2 beautiful area by the Lake, last plots in that area. Sell together, \$10,000 for both. 832-8861.

For Sale: Round glass top kitchen table, \$35. 564-1845.



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For Sale: Swiss backpack w/multiple pockets, \$20. Roll of wire fencing, 50' x 3' \$25.412-8988. For Sale: 1 round tinted front door light fixture, \$5; 1 large table lamp, \$5; 1 brief carrying case, \$3.412-8988.

For Sale: 20 CDs, all different, Christmas and more, \$5.412-8988.

For Sale: 3 varieties of cacti, many different sizes, Olivia button, aloe vera, and ? Come see for prices. 412-8988.

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HOUSE CLEANING – Kern City resident with lots of experience and references cleans houses and makes them shine. Reasonable prices. Please call Elsie at 706-9082.

AVON -- Avon has come out with a lot of new products, and discontinuing some of the old ones, especially makeup and skin care products. To find out if your product has been discontinued or for a sample of one of the new products, call Judy Harris at 831-7613, or email ibejudyh@sbcglobal.net or text at 331-2229.

CONVERT VINYL RECORDS TO CD OR THUMB DRIVE: 12-inch 33-1/3 RPM, \$6 each; 45 RPM, \$1 each. Len Mercure, 412-4103.

CAT SITTER: Anyone in need of someone special to baby-sit their precious kitty? I live in Kern City, and I LOVE cats! Please call me. I used to work for Dr. Stern at Southwest Veterinary Hospital on Brundage many years ago. I've had over 20 kitties in my lifetime. I can give references. Call Debbie at 342-5033.

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# October Calendar

NOTE: Pool is open every day from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. using COVID-19 restrictions. Check the glass case on the street side of the

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inference call.	2 Friday	6	16	23	30
be in person or via co	1 Thursday	8 Street Sweeper	15	22	29
ne board meeting will !	Wednesday	7 Bible Study, 10a, Call <b>331-6977 for</b> <b>location</b>	14 Bible Study, 10a, Call <b>331-6977 for</b> location	21 Bible Study, 10a, Call <b>331-6977 for</b> location	28 Bible Study, 10a, Call <b>331-6977 for</b> location
enings and whether th	Tuesday	6 Bd Meeting, 9a (prob be on patio behind Town Hall. Check glass case outside office.)	13 Blue cart pickup	20	27 Blue cart pickup
Town Hall to check on other facility re-openings and whether the board meeting will be in person or via conference call.	Monday	2	12	19	26
Town Hall to chec	Sunday	4 Church svc, 9:30a, Call 331-6977 for location	Church svc, 9:30a, Call 331-6977 for location	18 Church svc, 9:30a, Call 331-6977 for location	25 Church svc, 9:30a, Call 331-6977 for location

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