



Kern City Klarion

January
2024

Special this month

Police speak at free breakfast, Meet and Greet, 2nd Friday Potluck

The KCCA board has arranged for police representatives to share information on crime in and around Kern City and give tips on how to be safe on Saturday, Jan. 13, at 10:00 a.m. in the Town Hall. A free continental breakfast will be included but reservations are requested in the office by calling (661) 831-2035.

The Social Club has three events this month:

- A 'lucky' New Year's Breakfast on Jan. 1, with black-eyed peas (for luck), biscuits and sausage gravy, steamed cabbage (for money), country fried steak, carrots, and 12 grapes (for health). Beverages include champagne, sparkling water for a New Year's Day toast. Coffee and juice will also be available. A \$50 door prize will be given.

- The popular 2nd Friday Potluck Lunch on Friday, Jan. 12, at 12:00 noon, and all residents are invited to bring a

dish to share.

- Its quarterly Meet and Greet get-together on Saturday, Jan. 27, at 10:30 a.m. in the Town Hall. Residents can learn about the facilities, including activities and groups, and can ask questions about the community. People can also tour the common area, if desired, and there will be light refreshments.

"We hold a Meet and Greet because we love to meet our newcomers and see our longtime residents again," said member Patti Reed, who will oversee the event with Director Jill Wolf.

"We will have available a list of activities people can participate in, and there will be a door prize, too. But you have to attend to win."

Reed hopes many will drop by. For questions, call her at 246-8380 or Jill Wolf at 496-1810.

Free tax preparation available to residents

Residents, begin gathering your tax documents now if you would like to take advantage of the free tax preparation held here. Appointments will be available from Feb. 6 through April 10 this year.

Mike Bradley will be back with his team on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in the Sewing Room. They are again working with the Citizens Action Partnership of

Kern (CAPK) and Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA).

According to Bradley, appointments will need to be made soon because they can fill up fast. Call (661) 302-1875 to make an appointment. Besides offering help with taxes, residents who would like to volunteer to help with the tax program can call him at the same number.

IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 1 – New Year Breakfast, 8-9:30a
Jan. 2 – Social Club Mtg, 2p, TH
Jan. 5 – Volunteer Hours due
Jan. 9 – Board Mtg, 9a, TH
Jan. 12 – 2nd Friday Potluck, 12 noon
Jan. 13 – FREE breakfast, POLICE speak on crime in Kern City, 10a, TH
Jan. 27 – Meet and Greet, 10:30a, TH

Note: We will be closed on Jan. 1 (except for breakfast in TH), Jan. 15 for MLK Day, and office will be closed Jan. 19 all day.

President's message

Thank you all!

To all of our KCCA members and residents,

I hope that all of you had a very fulfilling holiday season with your families and friends. It is amazing to me how fast time has gone by this year. The 2023 year has been a fast paced and busy year with a lot of great accomplishments. I'm proud to have served on this board and to have had the opportunity to work with some very dedicated volunteers. Kern City is very healthy financially, and in the care of a great diversified group that do the work for the community and not for themselves.

We have done some major repairs to our facilities and
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Members, what time should a.m. board meetings be?

At the December board meeting, a suggestion was made to move the morning board meeting time to 10:00 a.m. After much discussion it was decided to ask members if the current 9:00 a.m. time is good for them or if a 10:00 a.m. time would be better.

To see what time members might like best, it was decided to put a survey on page 12 asking members if a 9:00 or 10:00 a.m. meeting is better.

"The goal is to increase the attendance at

the morning meetings so if you vote for a 10:00 a.m. time, you are saying you will attend the board meeting if it is held at that time," said Brad Seymour, board president. "If you do not plan to regularly attend the morning meetings, please do not vote for a change from the current 9:00 a.m. time."

Seymour added that the board meetings are held at night once each quarter, also.

Members who plan to

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Opportunities

NEW YEAR, NEW YOU? Kern City has a variety of groups and opportunities for residents who would like to try something new. Below is a list of what is available. For those wanting to be healthier, these groups may help: Overeaters Anonymous, TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), Senior Exercise, Aquasize (in summer), and Line Dancing. There is also an Exercise Room. See the office for a key. Check your Kern City directory on the next to the last page for names and phone numbers of those in charge of groups.

Room abbreviations and groups:

CM: Community Room

CR: Del Webb Conference Room in Town Hall

ER: Exercise Room

L: Library

P: Pool

PR: Pool Room

SR: Sewing Room

TH: Town Hall

WS: Wood Shop

- Aquasize swim exercises: In summer: 9-10a, M,W,F and 4-5p, M-F, at pool
- Bible Study, 10-11a, Wednesdays, CM
- Bridge, 1st & 3rd Thursdays of month, 9:30a-2:30p, SR
- Bunco, 3rd Monday of month, 6-9p, TH
- Canasta, Thursdays, 1-5p, CM
- Church Service, 9:30-10:30a every Sunday
- Driving Safety Course, TBA
- Exercise class, M,W,Th at 10a, TH
- Left Right Center, T, 6p, CM
- Library, M-F, 9a-3:30p, L
- Line Dancing, M,W 1p, TH
- Music Makers (karaoke), M, 3p, CM
- Overeaters Anonymous, W, 12noon, SR
- Painting Class, Saturdays, check Klarion
- Pinochle, W, 6p, CM
- Poker, T,Th, 9:30a, PR
- Pool, open daily, until 10p, see Klarion for children's hours
- 2nd Friday Potluck Lunch, 12noon, TH
- Scrabble, 3rd Tuesday each month, 1p, CM
- Social Club Mtg, 2nd Tuesday except July & Aug, 2p, CR
- TOPS, Th, 9a, CM
- Veterans Group, TBA, watch Klarion
- Woodworking, Woodshop

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Kern City Klarion

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through Friday
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We get letters.....

The social Club and its volunteers thank all the residents who attended the Christmas Dinner. It was a huge success! See you at the New Year's Breakfast!

Terry Wiersum, president

Is your better half bothering you to get rid of those old (or new) golf clubs taking up room in the garage?

Want to help teach some deserving high school students the great game of golf? Then consider donating your clubs and other golf equipment to the Shafter High School golf team!

Shafter's boys' golf team won just its second league title in more than 50 years of the program in 2019 and was poised to win three in a row before COVID hit. After a rebuild, the Generals are the overwhelming favorite to win their third league title this year, hoping to advance to the Central Section championship for the first time in school history.

Shafter's girls' golf team has never won a league title but has placed in the top three in the league two years in a row with multiple all-league honorees in the season that just ended.

Despite this recent success, Shafter High is far from the country clubs, and only some students own golf clubs. Most are learning the game from scratch and falling in love with the game, and your old golf equipment could help yet another Shafter General learn this game they can play for the rest of their lives.

Please call me and I will be happy to pick up the equipment.

Thank you,

Chris Stahl, KC Resident
(661) 246-8006

Dear Kern City Community,

On behalf of Westside Church of Christ, please accept our thanks for the generous outpouring of items to help Kern City Seniors have a very Merry Christmas. Your generosity will truly be a blessing to our neighbors who receive these gifts.

We look forward to serving you in the coming years.
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Westside Church of Christ
7300 Stockdale Hwy
Bakersfield CA 93309
(661) 831-4460

Manager's Report

Ways KCCA communicates

I occasionally hear or read online that a resident is asking a question about an event or something else going on in Kern City. I can only say that we try hard to publicize everything happening here, so here is a reminder of where to look for information.

First is the monthly newspaper, the Klarion, which is hand delivered to every home in Kern City. If you take the time to look through it, you'll find some helpful information.

We also mail a package every year to every homeowner that provides information on the annual budget, elections, collection policy, and much more, including members' rights in an HOA.

We also post announcements around the common area. That is the area just north of Sundale from the parking lot to north of the library. There is a glass case on the streetside of the office, and there are bulletin boards in the Town Hall, the library (by the computers) and across from the community room. The bulletin board in the library has financial information and board minutes on it.

People can also access our website at kerncity.org, and it has additional information, including CC&Rs and forms.

People can also call the office at (661) 831-2035 or email us at kerncity1003@gmail.com with questions Monday through Friday (except holidays) from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This month, the office will be closed on Jan. 15th for Martin Luther King Jr. Day and on Jan. 19th to move 2023 files and prepare for 2024.

Jill Foley

*The Kern City Board of Directors, staff
and volunteers wish you all a very happy,
healthy, safe and blessed New Year!*

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 residents here who passed away recently:

Bernice Fiolle, Gloria Humes

DRAFT KCCA’S REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 12, 2023 9:00 a.m.
The meeting will be videotaped and recorded. The tape recording will be erased after the minutes are done.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

a. Welcome: President Brad Seymour called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Other directors present: Buster Beebe, Donna Hansen McMillin, Kelley Lee, Joe Newton, Carol Ann Toms, and Jill Wolf and Manager Jill Foley. President Seymour welcomed attendees and member Roger Kirby led the flag salute.

b. Announcements: President Seymour stated the board would not take action on any items until next year when the new board will be seated. Last month an executive board meeting was held regarding personnel. The new board members were provided information regarding their director roles, and the board chose areas of responsibility.

II. MINUTES: Director Hansen McMillin asked if there were any corrections to the Nov. 14, 2023 regular board and annual meeting minutes. There were none so the minutes were accepted as presented.

III. TREASURER’S REPORT: Director Hansen McMillin reported that as of Nov. 30, 2023, the Checking Account had \$18,420.28. There is \$481.16 of the checking account money that is in a Money Market Account that earns 2% interest. There is \$363,877.00 of our Reserve Account in a nine-month CD which earns 4% at Mechanics Bank. Therefore, the total in Mechanics Bank as of Nov. 30, 2023 was \$382,778.44.

At Valley Strong there is \$133,624.10 of the swimming pool money in a nine-month CD earning 4.150 % interest. In Alta One, the 10-month CD earning 4.84% interest, has \$245,813.61. Between the three banking institutions, there is \$762,216.15.

IV. MANAGER’S REPORT: Manager Foley reported the following: The deadline to turn

in letters to the editor or classified ads for the Klarion is Wednesday, Dec. 13th, by noon. She reminded everyone that if they wanted something in the Klarion it needed to be in the office no later than the 15th of the month for next month’s issue. The 2024 assessments bill and the Annual Policy Statement package were mailed out last month so if you haven’t received yours, please contact the office right away. Monthly payments can be made so please contact Jennifer in the office if you want to do that. We were sad to hear of the passing of Bernice Fiolle. Manager Foley said the office appreciates letting it know when someone passes away.

Cinnamon rolls will be available for pick-up on Thursday between 12:00-2:00, in front of the office.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a. Pool – Director Lee stated the pool is open all year round for swimming, but it is not heated in the winter and is cold. She plans to do research as to what kind of heating system might work for the pool. Director Lee is also working on adult activities to have during the summer around the pool. President Seymour said they would be getting bids on replacing the grout in the pool as the tile doesn’t need to be replaced and it is felt the algae hides behind the tiles where the grout is worn down. The pool will need to be emptied for that, and the pool lights will be checked, the lines re-painted on the bottom of the pool, and it will be checked for other issues that can be addressed while the pool is empty.

b. Inside Maintenance – Director Wolf reported the heater is not working in the sewing room and a part has been ordered. In the meantime, two portable heaters are in the room to help keep it warm. The ‘auto’ door for the library broke and will be repaired on Thursday. The exercise room equipment had its quarterly inspection and no issues were found.

c. Outside Maintenance – President Seymour

thanked member Daryl Wolf and Director Wolf for repairing broken sprinklers. After the first of the year a sprinkler company will be under contract for \$155 a month to monitor the sprinklers, parts will be an extra cost. President Seymour said that starting in January, the lawn service will change to Valley Lawn Service.

d. RV Storage – Director Beebe reported there are four spaces with non-recreational vehicles in them, and they are being addressed. After the first of the year, he will order a load of gravel and have it dumped at the front of the lot for people to use to help level low spots. He thanked Roger Kirby for leaving the RV Storage area in such good shape at the end of his tenure as a board member.

e. Special Projects – Director Toms reminded everyone about the cinnamon roll pick-up on Thursday. She said the last community ride for the year was held this month. There were eight riders, but they had a great time. The next ride will be sometime in the spring. Director Toms thanked the Social Club for making the Town Hall look so good with all the Christmas decorations.

f. Library – Speaking about the library, member Donna Tyner said there are a lot of Christmas cards available as well as calendars. She said the library donated calendars to “Christmas for Seniors,” which she said is very worthwhile since all the donated items go to Kern City residents. She also thanked the Social Club for the donation of the lovely poinsettia in the foyer. She confirmed that the Bakersfield puzzle was not completed and encouraged residents to come in and help put it together. President Seymour reported the Lorna Long sign is now hanging in the library and encouraged residents to go to the library to check it out.

VI. OLD BUSINESS: None – President Seymour said New Business will be the last item on the agenda this time.

Library News

Welcome to another year of reading, puzzling and just visiting friends in our little Library. Hope to see a lot of you taking advantage of all that we offer. Remember that we can always use donations of newer books, especially hardbacks. That’s how we replenish our shelves -- with donations.

#1 New York Times bestselling author Janet Evanovich returns with the launch of a blockbuster new series that blends wild adventure, hugely appealing characters, and pitch-perfect humor. THE RECOVERY AGENT marks the start of an irresistible new series that will have you clamoring for more and cheering for the unstoppable Gabriela Rose on every page.

John Grisham brings us THE BOYS FROM BILOXI. For most of the last hundred years, Biloxi was known for its beaches, resorts and seafood industry. But it had a darker side. It was also notorious for corruption and vice. This is a sweeping saga of two sons from immigrant families who grow up friends but ultimately find themselves on opposite sides of the law. Life itself hangs in the balance.

*Happy Reading,
Donna Tyner*

Senior Laughs

I don’t mean to interrupt people. I just randomly remember things and get really excited.

When I ask for directions, please don’t use words like “east.”

Don’t bother walking a mile in my shoes. That would be boring. Spend 30 seconds in my head. That’ll freak you right out.

JANUARY ADDITIONS & DONATIONS

DVDs

Braveheart	Mel Gibson
Sully	Tom Hanks
Wallander	Kenneth Branagh

AUDIO – BOOKS ON CD

Higgins, Jack	The Graveyard Shift (5 CDs)
Strayed, Cheryl	Wild (11 CDs)

**BOOKS: M = Mystery LP = Large Print ** = Inspirational/
Christian Novels NF = Non-Fiction N = Novel ML = Military**







N Clark, Mary Higgins	All Dressed in White
N Evanovich, Janet	The Recovery Agent
N Hannah, Kristin	The Four Winds
N Oates, Joyce Carol	48 Clues into the Disappearance
of My Sister	
LP Van Lustbader, Eric	The Bourne Ascendancy
M Baldacci, David	Walk the Wire
M Child, Lee	Gone Tomorrow
M Connelly, Michael	The Black Box
M Grisham, John	The Boys from Biloxi
M Petrie, Nick	Light It Up
** Perino, Dana	Everything Will Be Okay
NF Kelley, Kitty	Oprah



New Year cards, 2024 calendars

Do you need greeting cards? Or 2024 calendars? The Library has those and an assortment of greeting cards, including New Year, Birthday, Thank You’s, Get Well, Sympathy, and more. If you’re looking for a specific type of card and don’t see that category, look under Miscellaneous.

Member Pat Kirby categorizes the cards -- that’s a job -- and thank you to all of you who donate them. Some cards are very expensive ones but residents get the bargain! The money goes to the Library.

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<div>14</div> <div>Church 9:30-10:30, TH</div>	<div>15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</div> <div>Closed</div>	<div>16 Blue Cart PU </div> <div>Poker, 10a-2p, PR</div> <div>Scrabble 1-3:30 CM</div> <div>Left, right, center 6p, CM</div>	<div>17</div> <div>SR Exer. 10-12, TH</div> <div>Bible Study, 10a CM</div> <div>Overeaters Anon, 12 -1p, SR</div> <div>Line dancing, adv 2-4, TH</div> <div>Pinochle 6-10p CM</div>	<div>18</div> <div>TOPS 9-11 CM</div> <div>SR Bridge, 9:30 SR</div> <div>SR Exer. 10-12, TH</div> <div>Canasta 1-5p, CM</div> <div>Poker, 10a-2p, PR</div> <div>Overeaters Anon, 12 -1p, SR</div> <div>Writing group, 3-5, Info: call 487-9875</div> <div>RSVP for paint class on 1-20 @ 472-9193</div>	<div>19 OFFICE CLOSED</div>	<div>20</div> <div>Painting Class, SR, 10a-12</div> <div>RSVP by 12-7 to Kat @ 472-9193</div>
<div>21</div> <div>Church</div> <div>Coffee & Donuts 8:30a</div> <div>9:30-10:30 church</div> <div>Service with special speaker and music, TH</div>	<div>22</div> <div>SR Exer. 10-12, TH</div> <div>Line dance, new 1:20-2:15; intermed, 2:30-4,TH</div> <div>Music Mkrs 3, CM</div> <div>Bunco, 630p, TH</div>	<div>23</div> <div>Poker, 10a-2p, PR CM</div> <div>Left, right, center 6p, CM</div>	<div>24</div> <div>SR Exer. 10-12, TH</div> <div>Bible Study, 10a CM</div> <div>Overeaters Anon, 12 -1p, SR</div> <div>Line dancing, adv 2-4, TH</div> <div>Pinochle 6-10pCM</div>	<div>25</div> <div>SR Exer. 10-12, TH</div> <div>TOPS 9-11 CM</div> <div>Canasta, 12:30p, CM</div> <div>Poker, 10a-2p, PR</div> <div>Overeaters Anon, 12 -1p, SR</div> <div>Writing group, 3-5, Info: call 487-9875</div>	<div>26 Nostalgia</div> <div>Night Dinner at Petroleum Club, 4-6p</div>	<div>27</div> <div>Meet and Greet, Free, 10:30a, TH</div> <div>Lite refreshments</div>
<div>28</div> <div>9:30-10:30 church</div> <div>service, TH</div> <div>Church Lunch 11a-1</div>	<div>29</div> <div>SR Exer. 10-12 TH</div> <div>Line dance, new, 1:30- 2:15; inter-med,2:30-4, TH</div> <div>Music Mkrs 3, CM</div>	<div>30 Blue Cart PU </div> <div>Poker, 10a-2p, PR</div> <div>Left, right, center 6p, CM</div>	<div>31</div> <div>SR Exer. 10-12, TH</div> <div>Overeaters Anon, 12 -1p, SR</div> <div>Line dancing, adv 2-4, TH</div> <div>Pinochle 6-10p CM</div>			

President's Message

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have seen some great milestones. Thanks to the Social Club and many volunteers, some of these milestones are: A very large 4th of July breakfast that had just shy of 200 people; a larger group in the pool this year, both weekdays and weekends; and more participation at our functions here in Kern City, from the 2nd Friday Potlucks to even just recently a Christmas Dinner that had 115 attendees. Participation is up and I hope it continues. These are all of our facilities to learn, share, and be active with friends and neighbors to know more about what is happening in Kern City.

We also held elections in November that re-elected Jill Wolf and me (Brad Seymour), but we did change over two board of director seats. The outgoing directors who termed out are Joe Newton and Carol Ann Toms. Both have served many years for Kern City so please help me in thanking them for their volunteer service for the Kern City members and residents. And please say hello to the newly elected and incoming directors, Margie Schwartz and Darryl Slavin. The new members will be seated at this month's board meeting on Jan. 9th at 9:00 a.m. in the Town Hall. At that meeting the board will nominate and vote on the 2024 officers. Also, at this time we will reveal the new duties for all directors for this year.

The Social Club has done phenomenal work all year. I personally can't thank that group enough. Its members have helped to bolster our attendance at so many functions. This group of people work a lot of hours to make great events happen. If you see them around, please thank them, too. To our veterans: We can never thank you enough for your sacrifice and service to this country. Your heroic actions and sacrifices are the reason for our freedoms that all can enjoy and we experience today.

In closing, "thank you" for believing in my service to Kern City Civic Association and the opportunity to get to know so many of you. Please help all of us to continue the growth and participation of all members and residents. Best wishes for 2024!

Brad Seymour

Kern City Community Church

There's always hope

I am not a connoisseur of great art, but from time to time a painting or picture will really speak a clear, strong message to me. Some time ago I saw a picture of an old burned-out mountain shack. All that remained was the chimney...the charred debris of what had been that family's sole possession. In front of this destroyed home stood an old grandfather-looking man dressed only in his underclothes with a small boy clutching a pair of patched overalls. It was evident that the child was crying. Beneath the picture were the words which the artist felt the old man was speaking to the boy. They were simple words, yet they presented a profound theology and philosophy of life. Those words were, "Hush child, God ain't dead!"

That vivid picture of that burned-out mountain shack, that old man, the weeping child, and those words "God ain't dead!" keep returning to my mind. Instead of it being a reminder of the despair of life, it has come to be a reminder of hope! I need reminders that there is hope in this world. In the midst of all of life's troubles and failures, I need mental pictures to remind me that all is not lost as long as God is alive and in control of His world. (When God Was Taken Captive, W. Aldrich, Multnomah, 1989, p. 24.)

What an incredible and much needed illustration for us to remember as we enter this new year. Life is filled with ups and downs. We see trouble and turmoil around us from time to time, but there is a God who cares and is by our side. Moses had led the children of Israel out of Egypt and was to take them into the Promised Land. Moses wanted to know who God was going to send with him to lead the way and God told him in Ex.33:14, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest" (NIV).

To the prophet Isaiah, God said, "When you pass through the waters, I will be there with you ..." (43:2).

I would like to encourage you, that no matter what you go through in this new year, God ain't dead! Just call on Him as you need Him. As in Psalms 145:15, "*The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.*"

Pastor Tim Zemanek

Church Schedule

- 1-7: 9:30 a.m. Communion Sunday Service. Start the new year with worship & fellowship**
- 1-14: 9:30 a.m. Regular service. Here's a great opportunity to meet some great people and develop new friends.**
- 1-21: 8:30 a.m. Social hour, donuts & coffee followed by regular service at 9:30 a.m. with special guest speaker Brooke Lawrence & music by Kris Lawrence.**
- 1-28: 9:30 a.m. Service. January is about new goals and objectives. Come worship and fellowship with us.**
- Wednesday Bible Study in the Community Room. 10:00 a.m. Great study and great people.**

Congratulations, Winners!

Thanks to the very generous Social Club, here are the winners for the Holiday Home Decorating Contest and for the \$450 paid annual assessment for 2024. The winners are: Best decorated condo – Howard Tucker and Patrick Provencio at 5901 Indian Wells; best decorated house – Kelley Grantham at 6227 Sundale; and paid assessment winner – Leslie Eyraud.

At left, BEAUTIFUL KERN CITY – Board President Brad Seymour took photos around the community, and these are only a couple of the colorful trees he photographed.




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Around Kern City

We had a very busy end of the year! The Community Ride in early December had great weather and several decorated people and vehicles. The next ride will be in the spring.

The Christmas Dinner was a resounding success with 115 people in attendance. By all accounts, Mossman's Catering served a Michelin-worthy dinner with delicious hors d'oeuvres included, and Sharon Unruh won the ugly sweater contest. Social Club President Terry Wiersum and club members Debbie Brown, Mindy Garza, Fred and Dianne Hufnagel, Evelyn Jackson, Margie Schwartz and Jill Wolf decorated the Christmas tree and the Town Hall to perfection. Thanks to Daryl and Jill Wolf and Dan and Donna Hansen McMillin for hanging the lights!



Compliance

Here are some of the restrictions Kern City has that relate to complaints the office has received recently. We appreciate everyone’s efforts to comply.

Declaration of Restrictions

Trailers, RVs

Section 1,H,7. Effective Jan 1, 2014. No house trailer, utility trailer, boat on or off trailer, truck bed camper, motor home, recreational vehicle (commonly called an “RV”) or other similar mobile accommodation (the “Mobile Accommodation”) may be allowed on any lot or on the street to be occupied as living quarters for anyone for a period of more than seventy-two (72) hours. Any unoccupied Mobile Accommodation must be maintained at least twenty-five (25) feet from the front lot line, except that they may be temporarily closer than the aforementioned twenty-five (25) foot restriction for not more than forty-eight (48) hours for loading, unloading, washing, and other routine preparation.

- A. Commercial/Large Vehicles:
Effective Jan 1, 2014. Commercial and large trucks and vans – those rated over one ton – with the exception of pickup trucks, cannot be parked on streets, in driveways or on Kern City lots unless they are at least 25 feet back from the street and not visible from the street and golf course. Such a vehicle may be parked inside a garage or carport or in a rear fenced yard not on the golf course as long as it is parked on concrete. Vehicles actively engaged in unloading of persons, goods, or merchandise shall be allowed to complete their business.

Vehicles

Section 1H,14A: The number of operable vehicles permitted for each Owner to allow to be on his or her lot at any one time is three (3). Inoperative vehicles and vehicles not currently licensed must be removed within thirty (30) days.

Noise, Nuisance

Section 1H,15. No noxious, offensive or illegal activities shall be conducted within Kern City. Nothing shall be done on or within Kern City that may be or may become an annoyance or nuisance to the residents or Owners, or that in any way interferes with the quiet enjoyment of residents or Owners.

Garbage containers

Section 1H,14A: No rubbish or debris of any kind shall be placed or permitted to accumulate on or adjacent to any lot, and no odors (excepting commercially sold manure when used as a lawn fertilizer) shall be permitted to arise or emit from any lot, so as to render any such lot or any part of it, or any activity on it, unsanitary, unsightly, offensive, or detrimental to any other lot or the Common Area in the vicinity of the lot or to the occupants of such other lots. Trash, garbage and other waste shall be kept only in sanitary containers and shall be regularly collected or shall be deposited in bins or other trash collection receptacles located throughout Kern City and intended for trash collection purposes. No Owner shall permit or cause any trash or refuse to be kept within any part of Kern City other than in customary receptacles. Except on the scheduled day for trash pick up, these receptacles shall be located only in places specifically designated for such purposes.

Opportunities

Sundale Country Club events

Nostalgia Night is Back Again

Join us on Friday, Jan. 26, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the 19th Hole Grill for a great dinner at an old-fashioned price. We will serve Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Rolls, Butter and Salad for \$15.95 for reservations made up until Jan. 25 and \$17.95 on Jan. 25. Delicious desserts and beverages are available to purchase.

Jazz Night

The Bakersfield Jazz Workshop has been bringing amazing talented musicians, for no charge to the public for the last 17 years, all while supporting youth pursuing a musical education. Come and join us every Tuesday from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. for amazing music, and great food and beverages are available.

January Artist/Ensemble Schedule Performances are 7:30-8:30 p.m.

- 1-2: Joe White (vocals) and Friends*
- 1-9: The Joseph Stratameir (sax)*
- Band-Featuring: Bob Woods(bass), Kyle Burnham (drums), Tony Rinaldi (keys).*
- 1-16: The Izzy Foster (trombone/vocals) Group*
- 1-23: The Sherna Armstrong (vocals) Band*
- 1-30: Studio “O” (The O’Hearn Family Band)*
- Keith Barnes, General Manager*
- Petroleum Club at Sundale*

Members, what time should a.m. board meetings be?

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attend the board meetings should complete the survey and either drop it off in the office, mail it to 1003 Pebble Beach Dr., Bakersfield, CA 93309, or email it to kerncity1003@gmail.com.

To be counted, the survey must be completely filled in and sent back to the office by Jan. 31.

HAPPY NEW YEAR



Members: What time should morning board meetings be held?

Please circle or underline the time below that you will attend the meeting.

Preferred time: 9:00 am 10:00 am

*Name: _____

*Address: _____

*Phone Number: _____

Comments: _____

Signature: _____

Again, please don't vote unless you plan to actually attend the meetings. Thank you!

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VII. DIRECTORS FORUM:

Director Toms proposed that the new board look into having 10:00 a.m. meetings next year, maybe give it a try in April and May. She stated she has had requests by residents that the time be moved to an hour later. She feels the attendance may be better if the time is changed. President Seymour said this needs more discussion. Manager Foley said a questionnaire was put in the Klarion in the past about changing the time but only a small number of people responded. She said she would put the questionnaire again in the January 2024 Klarion, and this time will ask residents if the time is changed will they actually attend. Another member stated if the residents wanted to attend the meeting they would regardless of the time, and added that typically there are only large numbers of residents attending if there are ‘problems.’ A member suggested holding all the meetings in the evening. Another member stated that if members don’t bother to vote they won’t attend the meetings. Director Beebe stated he was against any evening meetings in the winter due to the darkness and the cold and feels 9:00 a.m. is a good time especially for those who need to make doctor appointments.

Director Hansen-McMillin thanked Donna Tyner for all her hard work in the library, as well as thanking all those who volunteer in the library. She also thanked Terry Wiersum and the Social Club for everything they have done and their contributions to Kern City. Attendance at all events is up and that is due to the hard work members of the Social Club do. Director Hansen-McMillin thanked Daryl and Jill Wolf and Dan McMillin for putting up the Christmas lights on the outside of Kern City.

VIII. AUDIENCE:

Social Club – Social Club President Terry Wiersum reported the Christmas Party on Dec. 15th is the first time the Social Club has had donations for door prizes. She thanked Susan Reed, Debbie Brown and Paul Strand, and Brad and Terry Seymour for their donations. She stated her stepson donated See’s candy

for the ugly sweater contest prize as well as a prize for the Christmas dinner and the New Year’s Day breakfast. Terry Wiersum announced the winners of the Christmas decorating contests. Winner of the house contest was 6227 Sundale, and 5901 Indian Wells won the condo decorating prize. She thanked everyone for decorating their homes and said she has noticed more and more Kern City residents decorating their homes for the holidays. She encouraged residents to drive around to see all the decorations.

The Social Club also held its annual drawing to pay one lucky member’s \$450 annual assessment for 2024. Member Leslie Eyraud at 908 Bermuda won the prize.

Social Club President Wiersum said the New Year’s Day breakfast would include all the ‘lucky’ foods. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. and tickets will be sold at the door. President Seymour thanked the Social Club for everything they do.

Audience – Member Roger Kirby thanked Daryl Wolf, saying he was the ‘best volunteer.’ Donna Tyner thanked Director Hansen-McMillin for her due diligence with Kern City’s finances.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

Action on Renewing a CD – Director Hansen McMillin stated the CD at Valley Strong was going to mature on Dec. 29, and she recommended that it roll over for another nine months. The new interest rate will be 3.75, but that is the going rate at Valley Strong right now. Since this is the swimming pool money, Director Hansen-McMillin stated she would like it to continue to earn interest. At maturity, the current CD will have earned \$4,041.31 in interest in nine months. Director Hansen-McMillin made a motion to keep the pool money in the CD at Valley Strong when it matures for another nine months. Vote: Passed, unanimous.

Discussion on New Year – President Seymour stated again that the new lawn service will

start in January, and they will cut the lawn on Fridays instead of Mondays. Valley Lawn Service just walked the property again and the workers are aware of all the areas that need weeding and trimming. He asked residents to let the office know if they see something that needs to be taken care of around the property. President Seymour said the pool service is also under a contract and he will do more cleaning on Mondays and Fridays.

President Seymour welcomed Darryl Slavin and Margie Schwartz to the 2024 Board of Directors. President Seymour said Directors Newton and Toms would be leaving the board at the end of this year. He thanked them both for the time they had put into Kern City and presented each of them with a plaque. Director Newton said each board member is committed to making Kern City a better place and has never seen the amount of cooperation this board has. Director Toms stated she has seen a lot of changes at Kern City and that it has been a pleasure serving Kern City. A previous board member stated that Director Newton was very helpful when he was on the board and hopes that Director Newton will continue to be around to answer questions and provide support. Director Newton stated Kern City is in the ‘people’ business and we all strive to make Kern City a safer place. He also said the one asset everyone has to give is time and even the attendees are giving their time by being at the meeting. Jill Foley thanked Bonnie Newton for taking pictures at all the events. Sharon Parks reminded everyone to turn in their volunteer hours. President Seymour encouraged the audience to stay to congratulate and thank Directors Newton and Toms.

X. ADJOURNMENT -- President Seymour adjourned the meeting at 9:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Hansen McMillin, Secretary-Treasurer

Attendance: 28 (includes 7 directors, manager and 20 members)

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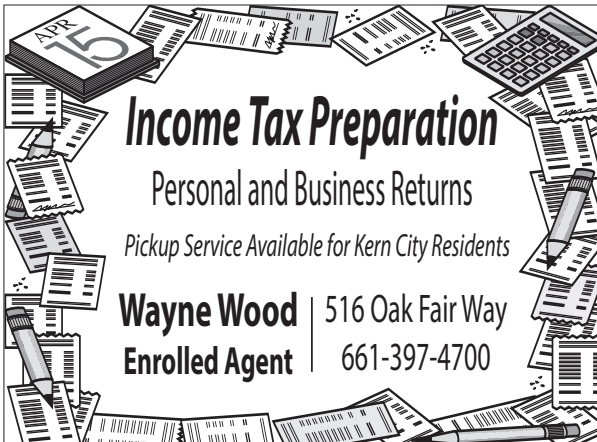
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