



Kern City Klarion

October
2025

IMPORTANT DATES

Oct. 5 - Last HOT DOG lunch & CHILI COOKOFF, come vote! 2p
Oct. 6 - Volunteer Hours due
Oct. 7 - Social Club Mtg, 1p
Oct. 8 - MEET THE CANDIDATES, 5:30p
Oct. 10 - 2nd Friday Potluck, 12 noon
Oct. 14 - Board Mtg, 9:00a
Oct. 16 - KCAI Annual Mtg, 5:30p
Oct. 18 - Pancake Breakfast, 8-9:30a
Oct. 21 - City sewer mtg, 6p
Oct. 24 - HALLOWEEN PARTY, 6p

Meet candidates Oct. 8 Five members run for the board

Five members are running for the four open positions on the Kern City Board of Directors for the 2026-2027 term, Brad Seymour, board president, announced.

The candidates are: Gary Corbell, Donna Hansen McMillin, Joe Newton, Darryl Slavin and Carol Ann Toms. Residents will have an opportunity to hear them speak briefly and

then answer questions on Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Hall. The candidate biographies are on page 7.

Directors whose terms expire at the end of this year are: Kelley Lee, Brad Seymour, Jill Wolf and Darryl Slavin who is running for a second term.

Ballots were mailed in late September, and they must be mailed to the ad-

dress on the return envelope so they are received in the post office by Nov. 10, 2025. The ballots will be opened and counted at the Annual Meeting which will be held on Veterans Day, Tuesday, Nov. 11, immediately following the regular board meeting starting at 5:30 p.m.

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President's message

Dear KCCA Neighbors,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to bring to your attention an issue that has been affecting our community: The feeding of feral cats and the unintended consequences it is creating, particularly with skunks and other wildlife.

Many of us love animals and want to help them. It is natural to feel compassion for a hungry cat that shows up at our doorstep. However, placing food outdoors for feral cats may cause more harm than good—for both the cats themselves and for our neighborhood. We have recently identified what properties are putting out food and we will be sending out notices which can lead to potential hearings and fines under the Health and Safety monetary fines which can get quite expensive.

The feeding areas include Burke Way, Birkdale, Pebble Beach, Desert Hills and Sunny Palms. When food is left out, it does not only attract feral cats. Skunks, raccoons, and other wild animals are drawn to the easy meal. Skunks in particular can become a serious problem. Once they find a reliable food source, they tend to stick around. This can result in unpleasant odors, damage to lawns and gardens as they dig for grubs, and even potential risks to pets. Skunks are also known carriers of rabies, which makes their presence especially concerning.

Feeding feral cats also contributes to an ever-growing cat population. Without regular veterinary care or spaying and neutering, these cats continue to breed, leading to more kittens that face difficult lives outdoors. **While many people think they are helping by offering food, the cycle of overpopulation and suffering only worsens.** Cats living outdoors face dangers from cars, pred-

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City sewer meeting in KC, Christmas Bazaar, more coming!

City Councilman Zach Bashirtash would like to hold a Town Hall meeting in Kern City on Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2025 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. The subject will be paying for the city's pro-

posed sewer increase. Many residents and Bakersfield citizens protested the large proposed sewer increase earlier. The councilman wants to hear your concerns and questions.

That annual event that so many residents look forward to will be back Saturday, Nov. 1, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Christmas Bazaar, which features 40-

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Key to Kern City nominees sought

Residents, if you would like to nominate someone to receive the Key to Kern City award this year then you should send in your nominee(s) before Oct. 15th. Please see the criteria

and a nomination form on page 3.

This year, the Key Committee will consist of Terry Wiersum and Scott Ford from the Social Club, Brad Seymour and

Jill Wolf from the KCCA Board of Directors, and last year's Key winners Sharon Parks and Daryl Wolf.

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Manager's Report

Have you bought any Christmas presents yet? Time goes by so quickly that it's good to be prepared. I'm looking forward to the Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 1, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. I like unique gifts, and that is one place where you can find original presents.

I'm keeping the message short this month so we can run extra photos. And I'm sending a big Thank You! to Bonnie Newton who takes so many of them for us! She's amazing. Also, thank you to the others who occasionally send in photos.

I hope you all have a wonderful fall

Jill Foley

President's Message

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ators, disease, and harsh weather conditions. We are planning two trapping events as I write this. Locations will be released soon.

Additionally, outdoor feeding stations can create health and sanitation issues. Leftover food quickly spoils, attracts flies and rodents, and increases the risk of spreading disease among animals. This not only harms the cats and wildlife but also poses potential health hazards for our community.

We are not suggesting that anyone stop caring about animals -- far from it. There are safer and more effective ways to help. If you are concerned about feral cats in your neighborhood, one of the best solutions is to contact local animal welfare organizations that run trap-neuter-return (TNR) programs, or you can contact the office and we can investigate the area and act accordingly. These programs humanely trap feral cats, have them spayed or neutered, and then return them to their outdoor home. Over time, this reduces the number of cats living on the streets while allowing existing cats to live out their lives without producing more kittens.

Another option is to support local shelters or rescues. These groups often need volunteers, supplies, and donations to continue their work. By directing our efforts toward organized programs, we can make a lasting, positive difference for cats without unintentionally creating skunk or raccoon problems. We have a feral animal committee and for us to perform TNR, you and your neighbors must help. We cannot do it all.

We understand that feeding feral cats comes from a place of kindness. However, we ask that everyone consider the broader effects on the community. By avoiding putting food outdoors, we can reduce the presence of skunks, protect our property, and help guide feral cats toward healthier, more sustainable outcomes.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Together, we can balance compassion for animals with care for our neighborhood's safety and well-being.

Warm regards, Brad Seymour



\$100 Sweepstakes winners

Congratulations to members Jan and Mike Ashmore, who won the second drawing for a \$100 gift card in August.

"The Social Club was very generous to offer two \$100 sweepstakes in July and August," said KCCA Board President Brad Seymour.

"Having those drawings in the Library helped more people become aware of just how great our library is, and hopefully, they will continue to visit it," said Director Donna Tyner who oversees it.

"The Library has so many things to offer, including books, magazines, puzzles, computers and a place to relax and be cool on hot days." She added, "We are very grateful to the Social Club for offering something that benefitted residents and increased the Library's visibility."

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DRAFT KCCA'S REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Sept. 9, 2025, 5:30 p.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 Seymour called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Other directors present: Buster Beebe, Kelley Lee, Ilene Schechter, Darryl Slavin, Donna Tyner and Jill Wolf and Manager Jill Foley. President Seymour welcomed attendees, and Roger Kirby led the flag salute.

b. Announcements: President Seymour welcomed everyone to the meeting. He said there are five candidates running for a position on the board for the 2026 – 2027 term. He introduced Gary Corbell, Joe Newton, Darryl Slavin who is running for a second term, and Carol Ann Toms. Donna Hansen McMillin is also running but is on vacation. He thanked them for being willing to serve. The date for Candidates Night has been changed to Wednesday, Oct. 8, at 5:30pm.

Those whose terms are expiring this year are: Brad Seymour, Jill Wolf, Kelley Lee, and Darryl Slavin.

There will be a Candidates Night on Tuesday, Oct. 7, at 5:30 pm in the Town Hall and candidates will speak briefly and residents can ask them questions. There will be light refreshments.

II. MINUTES: Director Tyner asked if there were any corrections to the Aug. 12, 2025 minutes. There were none so the minutes were accepted as presented.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT: Director Tyner reported that as of Aug. 31, 2025, we had the following amounts in our banks: In Mechanics Bank, we had \$17,152.66 in our checking account, plus \$227,092.33 in our money market account, and \$137,333.19 in our Reserve CD. Therefore, our total in Mechanics Bank is \$381,578.18.

In Valley Strong, we had \$103,545.36.

In Edward Jones, we had \$229,970.10 in one CD and \$60,028.80 in the other CD and \$232,408.21 in the money market account for a total of \$522,407.11.

So in total, we have \$1,007,530.65 in our accounts.

IV. MANAGER'S REPORT: Manager Foley reported the deadline to turn in letters to the Editor or classified ads is Friday, Sept. 12, by noon for the October *Klarion*. She told residents there were no condolence reports this month. Ballots will be mailed out later this month and she asked members not to bring completed ballots to the office. They must be mailed to the post office in the enclosed envelope.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a. Pool – Director Lee said the pool temperature is 78 degrees. President Seymour said the lights inside the pool aren't working and Rankin Electric will give them a bid and that will be presented at the next board meeting.

b. Inside Maintenance -- Director Wolf reported that member Joe Newton found an old newspaper reporting on the opening of Kern City. She had it framed and it now hangs in the Town Hall. She also said one of our outlets in the Town Hall sparked when a laptop was plugged in. Rankin Electric came right out and found a loose wire and repaired that. She said she put occupancy signs in the different rooms around the common area so people will know the maximum number of people the rooms should hold according to the Fire Department. She also said thank you to Debbie Brown and Valerie Hampton for helping her keep the flowers and landscaping in shape.

c. Compliance – Director Wolf said she and Director Schechter continue to drive around the community and note compliance issues and which properties are for sale or for rent. We also recently had the backyard of a problem property cleaned up and the owner has been billed for that.

d. Outside Maintenance – Director Slavin said President Seymour eliminated two more wasp hives. Because we have a pool, wasps are attracted to the water. That's the 4th hive we've eliminated.

e. RV Storage -- Director Beebe said someone took our large garbage container and replaced it with a small one. Also, the wind occasionally blows the lid off a garbage can so he will drill a hole in it and secure it to the container.

f. Special Projects – Director Tyner said the next special project will be the awarding of the Key to Kern City which will occur at the Annual Meeting in November. The 'Early Bird' dinner at the 19th Hole will be Friday, Sept. 26, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. and will feature boneless pork loin, Garlic Rosemary Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, Rolls & Butter. The cost is \$15.95 with reservations by Sept. 25. Without reservations the dinner is \$17.95.

Director Schechter said the country club and its 19th Hole Grill will be closed for the week of Sept. 15th while it reseeds its grass.

g. Library -- Director Tyner said the Library needs newer books, and she invited residents to come in and work a new puzzle.

h. Local Associations – Director Schechter reported she as well as President Seymour and Director Wolf have been attending local association meetings and will continue to do so. KCCA wants to help the locals when they need it.

VI. OLD BUSINESS: None

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Action on Approving Revised Schedule of Monetary Penalties – President Seymour said the monetary penalties form has been revised to reflect the new law which says that fines are \$100 for each new violation. We used the wording on the form provided by the attorney and sent it to all members for review. Director Schechter moved to accept the revised form. Vote: Passed,

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Library News

OCTOBER ADDITIONS & DONATIONS

DVDs - None

AUDIO – BOOKS ON CD - None

BOOKS: M = Mystery LP = Large Print

** = Inspirational/Christian Novels NF = Non-Fiction

N = Novel ML= Military

N	Berry, Steve	The Last Kingdom
N	Homer	The Odyssey
N	McCauley, Stephen	You Only Call When You're in Trouble
N	Wiggs, Susan	The Lost and Found Bookshop
M	Box, C.J.	Battle Mountain
M	Greaney, Mark	Relentless
M	Iles, Greg	Cemetery Road
M	Patterson, James	Triple Cross
M	Sanford, John	Toxic Prey
NF	Birkbeck, Matt	The Life We Chose
NF	Borneman, Walter R.	The Admirals
NF	Fendrick, J. R.	The Other Music of Bakersfield
NF	Karl, Jonathan	Tired of Winning
LP	Bradford, Barbara Taylor	Cavendon Hall
LP	Brockmole, Jessica	Letters from Skye

and devastating secrets in his latest book entitled CEMETERY ROAD. Marshall McEwan is one of the most successful journalists in Washington, D.C. But a chaotic presidential administration lifts him from print fame to television stardom. After discovering that his father is terminally ill, he must return to his childhood home – a place he vowed he would never go back to.

If you had to start over, what would you do and who would you be? New York Times best-selling author, Susan Wiggs, explores the meaning of happiness, trust and confidence in her new release THE LOST AND FOUND BOOKSHOP.

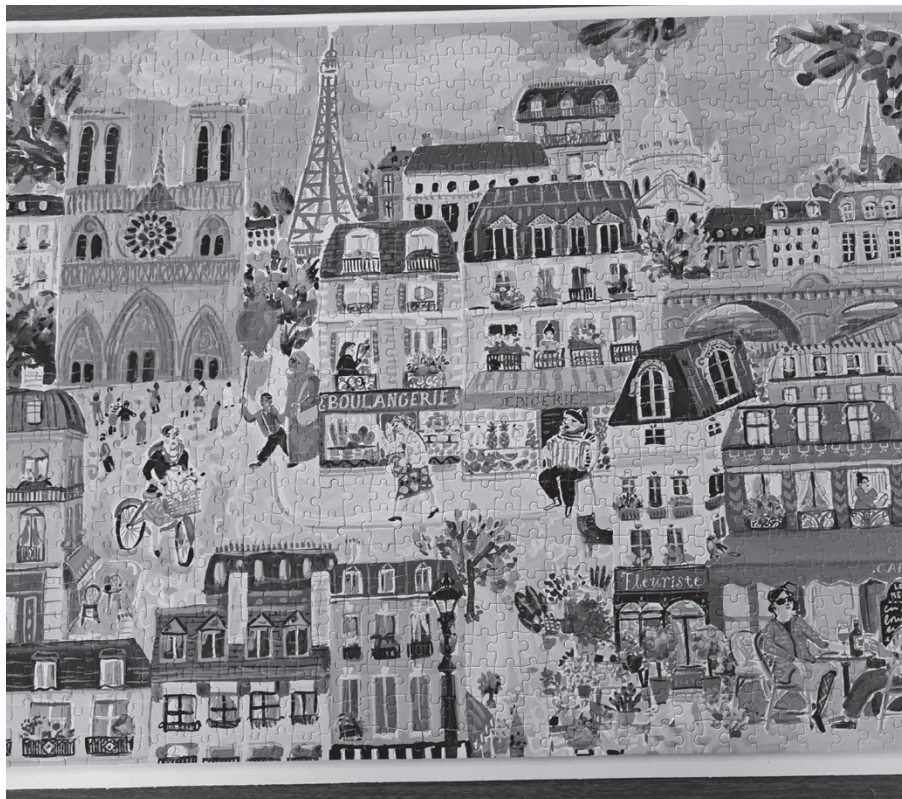
*Happy Reading,
Donna Tyner*

I want to thank all of you who have donated books recently. Not only do I appreciate it but our residents do, as well. Keep them coming.

J.R. (Randy) Fendrick has donated an awesome book, written by him, entitled THE OTHER MUSIC OF BAKERSFIELD. I would review it for you but I couldn't do it justice. You'll need to come in and check it out for yourself. He has put information in it on how to purchase your own copy if you're interested. It won't fit on the shelf on the counter where I usually put new books so you'll need to look on the large round table where the rock 'n roll bios are. It does need to be checked out.

Greg Isles brings us an electrifying tale of friendship, betrayal

HERE'S LATEST COMPLETED PUZZLE



GREETING CARDS CALENDARS

The Library has Greeting Cards and Calendars, and they may be the best bargain in town. Greeting cards are 10 cents and calendars are 25 cents! We have some beautiful and expensive cards that sell for quite a bit more in card shops. Come see what's available!



Sun <u>ABBREVIATIONS</u> CM: Comm Room CR: Del Webb Conference Room in Town Hall ER: Exercise Room P: Pool PR: Pool Room SR: Sewing Room TH: Town Hall WS: Woodshop	Mon AQUASIZE: PM: M-F, 4p, P (Class will end when it's too cold. Check w/the leaders.)	Tues	1 Wed SR Exer 10a TH Bible Study, 10a CM  Overeaters Anon, 12 -1p, SR Line dancing, adv 2-4, TH Pinochle 6-10pCM	2 Thurs SR Exer 10a TH TOPS 9-11 CM Poker, 10a-2p, PR Canasta 1-4:30p CM	3 Fri	4 Sat Beginning Sewing 10a-12 noon, SR RSVP: (661) 364-3365 
5 TH Church 9:30-10:30 Communion * * * <u>TH -- Last Hot Dog lunch of season & a Chili Cookoff! \$8</u> Vote for best chili, enjoy brats, dogs, sauerkraut & more	6 Volunteer Hours due SR Exer. 10-12 TH Line dance, 2:00p Improvers 2:30 Intermed TH	7 Blue Cart PU  SOCIAL CLUB MTG, 1:00P, CR Poker, 10a-2p, PR Writers group SR 1p LRC, 6p, CM	8 SR Exer 10a TH Bible Study, 10a CM  Overeaters Anon, 12 -1p, SR Line dancing, adv 2-4, TH Pinochle 6-10pCM CANDIDATES NITE! 5:30P TH	9 St Sweeper  SR Exer 10a TH TOPS 9-11 CM Poker, 10a-2p, PR Canasta 1-4:30p CM Chur board 5p CR	10 2nd Friday Potluck Lunch, 12noon Pls bring dish to share. Let's Color, 1 -2p, CM 	11 Painting class, 10a SR. RSVP to (661) 472-9193 by 9-18. 
12 Church 9:30-10:30, TH	13 Columbus Day SR Exer. 10-12 noon TH Line dance, 2:00p Improvers 2:30 Intermed TH	14 <u>KCCA BOARD MTG</u> 9:00am, TH Poker, 10a-2p, PR Writers group, SR, 1-2:30p Left, right, center & LRC31, 6p, CM	15 SR Exer. 10-12 TH Bible Study, 10a CM  Overeaters Anon, 12 -1p, SR Line dancing, adv 2-4, TH Pinochle 6-10p CM	16 SR Exer. 10-12 TH TOPS 9-11 CM Poker, 10a-2p, PR Canasta 1-4:30p cm KCAI ANNUAL Mtg, 5:30 TH Jewelry class, 6p, SR, RSVP by 10-15 To (661) 472-9193	17	18 Pancake Breakfast, 8-9:30a, \$8, TH 
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26 Church Svc 9:30-10:30a	27 SR Exer. 10-12 noon TH Line dance, 2:00p Improvers 2:30 Intermed TH Music Makers, 4p, TH	28 Poker, 10a-2p, PR Writers group, SR, 1-2:30p Left, right, center & LRC31, 6p, CM	29 SR Exer 10a TH Bible Study, 10a CM  Overeaters Anon, 12 -1p, SR Line dancing, adv 2-4, TH Pinochle 6-10pCM	30 SR Exer 10-12 TH TOPS 9-11 CM Canasta 1-4:30p CM Poker, 10a-2p, PR	31	Sat., Nov. 1 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR! 9A-2P 

Candidates

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Gary Corbell

My name is Gary Corbell and I am 84 years old. I moved to Kern City more than a year ago. During that time I married Catherine Christensen, known to her friends as Kitty.



I started my career in the oil field in Odessa, Texas. From Odessa I moved to Bakersfield for the first time in 1967. In approximately 1970, I was transferred to Anchorage, Alaska and worked in the Cook Inlet. From Anchorage, I transferred to Sale, Victoria, Australia for about 18 months. After Australia, I was transferred to Great Yarmouth, England and then to Glasgow, Scotland. Finally in 1989, after a 10-year stay in the Houston area, I moved to Bakersfield for the last time. In 1997 I purchased a Water Well Company and sold it when I retired in 2007. In 2010 I was invited to join a social organization, SIR (acronym for Sons in Retirement). I served as Secretary, Little SIR, Big SIR and finally as House Chairman.

I have grown to love Kern City and I am proud to have chosen Kern City for my final journey.

Donna Hansen McMillin

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce, or re-introduce, myself to you. I served on the board twice before and during those two terms I served as the Secretary/Treasurer. As the Secretary I took the board meeting minutes, signed necessary paperwork and completed other duties as needed. As the Treasurer I kept track of the bank accounts. I also was instrumental in having the board move money into Certificates of Deposits or Money Markets in different banking institutions. As a result, our accounts made over \$28,000 interest and were safer as they were insured by the FDIC.



Currently I do some volunteering in the Kern City office and help out with various activities in the Kern City community.

My husband and I moved to Kern City six years ago and love living here. We enjoy the people and atmosphere here. I am a retired Marriage Family Therapist and I have worked in agencies and in private practice, which has provided me with years

Here are the candidates who are running for the 2026-2027 board of directors term.

of business experience.

If I'm elected my goal will be to continue to seek improvements that keep Kern City such a desirable place to live. Thank you for taking the time to read this and I would appreciate your vote.

Sincerely, Donna Hansen McMillin

Joe Newton

It is truly an honor to serve on the Kern City Board of Directors and I would love that opportunity again. Serving with other individuals who bring their life experiences, skills, abilities and compassion while asking for nothing in return is such a privilege. Directors receive friendship, appreciation and satisfaction for helping Kern City become a better place to live.

My background is in Real Estate. I have served as a broker, taught Real Estate at Bakersfield College, and was the ombudsman (similar to a mediator) for the Bakersfield Board of Realtors when buyers, sellers and Realtors had problems. I'm happy to say that many serious property concerns were resolved during those years.

Having served previously as a Kern City director since moving here in 2003, I know the duty of every director is to honor and follow the fiduciary duty that legally entrusts one with care and protection of the association's and member's best interests.

Every director should know the bylaws and governing documents and pledge to become a "working" board member. I am very willing to dedicate the time and effort that being a director requires. Working directors help keep costs and assessments down. Our association's success also is due to the top-notch management and staff as well as the many volunteers who deliver daily and weekly service to our many residents.

To everyone voting, I would greatly appreciate your support. Thank you for your consideration.

Joe Newton



Darryl Slavin

I am very interested in serving on the Kern City Board of Directors. My background is:

- 20+ years Public Safety/

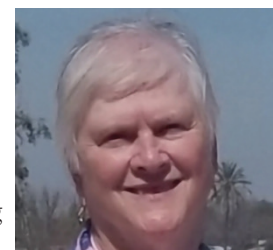


Service with Simi Valley, CA Police Department.

- 13+ years Alarm/Security System Installer/business owner - CSLB licensed
- 30+ years competent experience in basic construction, trades and home repairs
- 5 years KCCA homeowner/resident
- 2023 – Vice President of my local HOA
- 2+ years Volunteer service with various animal rescues, Santa Clarita, CA
- Arizona Trade School graduate

Carol Ann Toms

I'm Carol Ann Toms and I'm running for the 2026-2027 Board of Directors. Having served as a board Director for over 5 years I am familiar with the governing documents and the Davis Sterling Act that provides guidance in the overall process of how to manage a Home Owners Association. I have been President of the Meadowlark Apartments HOA since 2017 and currently serve as the President for Kern City Apartments Inc (KCAI) providing guidance and support to the 17 condo associations.



My background in contract administration and law enforcement with the Department of Justice as well as many various phases of life gives me a good perspective in dealing with people and a variety of situations.

My objective since moving to Kern City in 2014 is to be an involved resident to keep our community a place where we are all proud to live through participation in the Social Club activities and volunteering in areas where I am able to support the community and help make it a welcoming place to live.

Since my husband and I moved here I've had the privilege of meeting and helping many residents of various ages and I'm proud to be a member of the Kern City community.

If you elect me as a Director I will continue to do my best to keep our community a good place for us all and a community to be proud of.

Thank you for your support of our community through your vote!

Carol Ann Toms

Around Kern City



SENIOR EXERCISE – This class is for everyone! It meets Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Town Hall. It is for seniors who are agile, on walkers or even in scooters. You can exercise standing or sitting. This is a great group for those wanting to improve their health.



WELCOME HOME! Bakersfield Mayor Karen Goh welcomed Veteran and resident Bill Glaspie home after he returned from a Valor Flight to honor World War II veterans. The valor program is supported by movie star Gary Sinise and his foundation and was held at The National World War II Museum in New Orleans.



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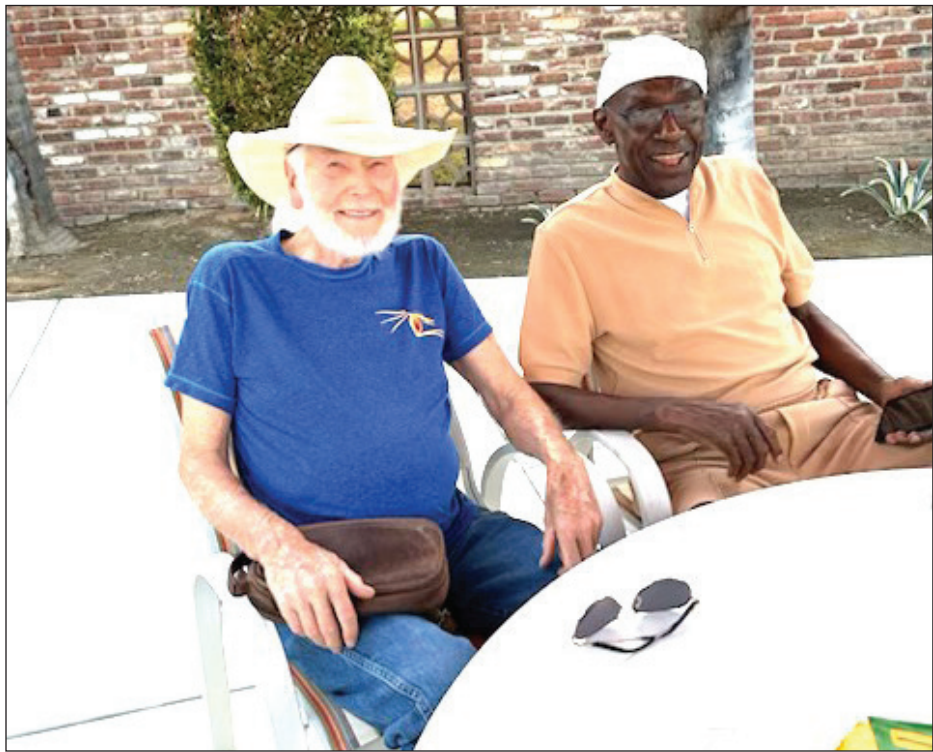
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Residents sat around the pool, chatted with friends, and enjoyed box dinners while the John and Jesse Gomez Band played a variety of music. Thank you to the board and the Social Club!



55th
Annual Fall Faire Luncheon
and Craft Faire

Hosted by the **Grace Lutheran Church Ladies Guild 2025**

Grace Lutheran Church
2530 Drake Street
Bakersfield, CA
(661) 324-4315
gracebakersfieldca@gmail.com

Saturday, November 1st, 2025
Lunch served from 11:00-2:00
Crafts & baked goods sold from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Donation
Adults \$15.00 - \$10.00 for children under 12
(Dine-in and Take Out Available)

LUNCH INCLUDES:
Swedish Meatballs on Rice
Variety of salads, dinner roll & dessert
Drinks (for dine-in only)

Homemade Items for Sale:
Baked Goods * Craft Items * Fall * Christmas * Raffle Baskets



POOL RULES

Pool area is NON-smoking

1. The Kern City Swimming Pool, Locker Rooms and entire pool area are for the use of Kern City members/residents and their Guests only. Members/residents must accompany their Guests.

2. ALL PERSONS USING THE POOL AND OTHER FACILITIES DO SO AT THEIR OWN RISK.

LIFEGUARD SERVICES ARE NOT AVAILABLE.

3. An Association resident or member must accompany his or her Guest(s) and must have a pool key card. There is a limit of four (4) guests per resident's property who can accompany the resident to the pool and pool area each time.

- All residents entering the Pool area must enter with their pool key card. **Do not open the gate for someone or allow someone to enter behind you. They must use their own key.**
- Residents in good standing may pick up a pool key card in the office for a deposit.
- **EVERYONE MUST TAKE A SHOWER** before entering the Swimming Pool even if they showered before arriving.

HOURS Swimming Pool hours for Members and Adult Guests over 18:

- Monday through Friday – 10:00am to 10:00pm.
- Saturday and Sunday – 9:00am to 10:00pm
- Note: Early morning exercisers are permitted except during pool cleaning from 7:30 to 9:00am on Monday/Wednesday/Friday (or on Tuesday after a three-day holiday weekend). No one may interfere with Aquasize classes which meet 9:00-10:00am MWF and 4-5pm M-F.

HOURS for Guests between ages 3-18 (who must be with a resident) are:

- Every day (Sunday through Saturday) from 10:00am to 2:00pm.
- All children must be gone from the pool and pool area by 2:00pm each day.

4. No child under 3 years of age will be permitted in the Pool.

5. Absolutely NO DIAPERS (children's or adult's) are permitted in the pool.

6. Rafts, balls and toys are not permitted. Fins, Snorkels and Safety Aids are permitted.

7. Games, Stunts, Running, Diving, jumping in and all types of horseplay are prohibited in the Pool and Pool area.

8. **No foods and beverages, except water in plastic bottles, are allowed in the pool area.** No glass or breakable plastic is allowed in the pool area. Ice chests and other containers with food are NOT allowed in the pool area.

9. Oils and lotions are not permitted in the Pool area or Pool.

10. **Waterproof sunscreen is allowed but must be dry on the skin before getting into the pool.**

11. Pets are not permitted in the Pool area at any time.

12. 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. Also, please don't wear jewelry into the pool.

13. RESIDENTS WHO REFUSE OR FAIL TO CONFORM TO THESE RULES MAY LOSE THEIR RIGHT TO USE THESE FACILITIES. A FIRST-TIME OFFENSE IS 30 DAYS AND LONGER THEREAFTER.

14. 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 pool and surrounding areas are video monitored.

POOL EXERCISE

The morning class has ended, and the afternoon class from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. will end as soon as participants feel it's too cold.

Kern City Community Church

Self-Esteem

At the Pan American Games, Greg Louganis was asked how he coped with the stress of international diving competition. He replied that he climbs to the board, takes a deep breath, and thinks, “Even if I blow this dive, my mother will still love me.” Then he goes for excellence.

At the beginning of each day, how good it would be for each of us to take a deep breath, say, “Even if I blow this dive, my mother will still love me,” and then, assured of grace, go into the day seeking a perfect 10! (Keith Brown).

Remember that regardless of

where you are or what you are doing or have ever done, God loves you! Look at what the Bible says in Romans 5:8, “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (NIV).

God loves us regardless of our failures, mistakes or sins. Jesus Christ took our sins upon himself on the cross and died for us. God loves you!

Join Kern City Community Church in worship every Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. We are not perfect people but we are loved by God!

Church Schedule

10-5 Communion Sunday. Wonderful worship & music

10-12 A special sermon and music

**10-19 8:30am Social Hour with coffee and donuts
9:30am Worship and music**

10-26 The California Melody Boys will bring wonderful Southern Gospel music and the Word.

We will enjoy our monthly lunch and fellowship after our service.

Wednesdays: Weekly Bible Study, 10:00am, Community Room

Everyone is invited to all our services, classes and lunch!

Key to Kern City

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KEY CRITERIA: The person(s) chosen for the award must meet all of the following:

1. Resident of Kern City for at least five years and involved in Kern City for at least five years.
2. Has contributed to multiple areas, not just one activity, unless one contribution is so outstanding and/or longstanding that it cannot be ignored.
3. Has contributed leadership, broad areas of service to the betterment and beautification of our facilities, providing, arranging and/or conducting community social activities/ events or classes which benefit our residents.
4. Cannot be a sitting member of the KCCA Board of Directors at the time the key is awarded.
5. The key should not be awarded on the basis of personal popularity, which is why the award is not put up for community vote. It is intended to be a true award of appreciation and honor.
6. Must be in good standing with KCCA meaning no liens or unpaid assessments or unresolved violations or complaints.
7. Has never won the award before.

KEY TO KERN CITY AWARD

**I nominate the following person(s) for the 2025
Key to Kern City Award:**

For their help with: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____ **Phone:** _____

Opportunities

FRIENDSHIP LINE – The California Department on Aging has established a free telephone line for people feeling lonely or down. They can call up to three times a day and will always find a friendly voice willing to listen. The number to call is 888-670-1360.

The Sundale Country Club invites residents

Jazz Night -- Every Tuesday night there is an evening of fun music, great food, and drinks.

6:30PM-Workshop, 7:30PM Featured performance and 8:30PM- Jam Session

Open to everyone, no charge. Great dinner specials!

BakersfieldJazzWorkshop.org (BJW) Featured Artist Schedule:

10/7-The Joseph Stratemeier (Sax) Band, 10/14-The Shafter Big Band--*Outdoor on The Veranda, 10/21-The Bakersfield College Jazz Combos, 10/28-The Sean Balingit (Guitar) Group

OKTOBERFEST! Sunday, Oct. 5, 1 to 4PM, on the Veranda. Authentic Oktoberfest German Band, Traditional Food, German Beer and Fun & Games.

Thursday, October 23, Steppin' On The Grass Bluegrass Band. Enjoy an evening of fun, high energy, for only \$20 which includes music, dinner, tax and gratuity. Beverages and desserts are available to purchase.

The 19th Hole Grill:

Early Bird Dinner, Oct. 24, 4 to 6PM at the 19th Hole Grill. House made Chicken Pot Pie Dinner. \$15.95 for reservations made by Oct. 23, and \$17.95 after.

19th Hole has full breakfast and lunch menu. Open 7AM-3PM.

Taco Tuesdays: 10AM-2PM, 3 tacos and a Margarita, only \$12.

Thursdays, BBQ and delicious lunch from 11AM-2PM. (Call ahead, we sell out every week!)

Fish Friday, Fish & Chips, Fish Taco, or Fish Sandwich and the very best Clam Chowder.

Saturday and Sunday: Personal size pizza with a choice of toppings and a draft beer or your choice of fountain drink for only \$14.

Phoenix Dining Room (upstairs)

Open to everyone 11AM- 8PM Tuesday- Friday, 5-8PM Saturday

Wine Wednesday: Free first glass of select wine for members,* Half price for non-members*

Thirsty Thursday: 1/2 off select bottles of wine for members,* 1/3 off for non-members*

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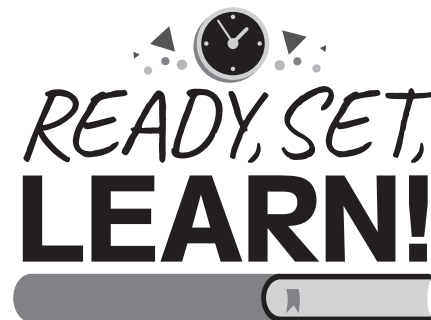
Some Spanish-speaking members are seeking the following:

- 1) *Spanish-speaking men residents to play dominoes with on a regular basis.*
- 2) *Spanish-speaking women to get together for tea, walks, and to attend Kern City activities together, and/or more.*

If you'd like to participate in either of these, please call Nina at 719-492-7803.

Para residentes de habla hispana, comuníquese con Nina at 719-492-7803 o la oficina

@ (661) 831-2035 o (email) kerncity1003@gmail.com.



MINUTES

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unanimous.

b. Action on Approving Revised Pool Rules

– Director Lee said that we limited the number of guests residents can bring to the pool to four people because of some problems we've had with larger numbers. The rule was sent to members and we only received two comments against the new rule. Director Lee moved to accept the revision. Vote: Passed, unanimous.

c. Action on Repairing Town Hall Walls

– President Seymour said some of the top of the walls (soffit) around the Town Hall is slipping. The area over the front doors under the roof's peak in front is really bad and can fall. We received bids from Custom Build Construction for \$5,460, Nate Yarbrough Plastering for \$4,300, Perez Construction for \$350, and Prestige Plastering for \$2,800. He noted that Prestige included a long list of what he wouldn't do, including removing debris and more, Perez did not provide a complete bid and only wanted to put screws into the wall over the front doors and that won't

take care of the problem, and Nate did not provide what is included and excluded. Director Wolf moved to hire Custom Build Construction, which several residents recommended. Vote: Passed, unanimous.

d. Action on Approving New CPA

– Director Tyner said our current CPA has turned in monthly reports and invoices late for a long time. She said we sent out six requests for bids, and two denied us, two didn't respond, and two provided bids. Brown Armstrong in Bakersfield bid \$15,000 for preparing the monthly reports, taxes and annual review. It is local but our accountant there specializes in non-profits. Synergy CPAs is in Burbank and bid \$6,100 for the same items. Synergy is recommended by the CAI (Community Associations Institute) organization, which helps guide HOAs, and Synergy specializes in HOAs. Director Tyner moved to accept the Synergy CPAs bid. Vote: Passed, unanimous.

e. Action on Approving Key to Kern City

– President Seymour said the Key is voted on by a committee each year. The committee consists on two people from the board of directors, two from the social club, and last year's winners. Therefore, he asked the board to

approve the committee which will include him and Jill Wolf from the board, Terry Wiersum and Scott Ford from the Social Club, and Sharon Parks and Daryl Wolf who were last year's winners. Director Tyner moved to accept the committee members. Vote: Passed, unanimous.

VIII. DIRECTORS FORUM:

Director Schechter said the August pool party was fun, and the musicians were great.

President Seymour reported that we've had several calls about skunks. He said they cannot be trapped and rehomed but the Fish and Game Department said they can be shot. A big problem is that residents who feed cats outside draw skunks, possums, raccoons and kit foxes. We are trying to get residents to stop that feeding because the feral animals will go elsewhere to find food.

IX. AUDIENCE:

Social Club: Terry Wiersum said that Nonie King won the club's \$100 Sweepstakes gift card in August and Jan Ashmore won it in September. She said the club will hold its 2nd Friday Potluck Lunch on Sept. 12, and Around the Clock

will be there to discuss its services. The Pancake Breakfast will be Sept. 20,

and there will be a Halloween Party on Oct. 24. She said the final hot dog lunch will be on Sunday, Oct. 5, and there will be a Chili Cookoff that day if at least five people volunteer to participate. Five members agreed to cook.

Members: One member asked about the \$500 directors have use of. Manager Foley said each director has responsibility for a specific area, such as Inside Maintenance and Outside Maintenance. If the director needs to have something repaired in their area and it's under \$500, or if they want to do something special for residents, they check with the president and then have can proceed. There's no need to have items under \$500 approved by the board.

X. ADJOURNMENT – President Seymour adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Tyner, Secretary-Treasurer

Attendance: 38 (includes 7 directors, manager and 30 members)

We get letters . . .

Thank you to everyone who helped make the KCAI Vendor Expo a great success, with over 100 guests and about 24 vendors. Duro-Last Roofing vendor added more fun to the day with a raffle drawing of 3 gift cards. Although some vendors couldn't make it, those who attended expressed their gratitude for the invitation and were pleased with the turnout.

It was a lot of work, but the KCAI Board of Directors was privileged to bring this first-time event to our wonderful community.

Thank you!
Carol Ann Toms
2025 KCAI President

SCHEDULE NOW

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plus vendors, sells a variety of unique items that are perfect for gifts. Don't miss this Social Club event!

Another special event the Social Club has this month will be the Halloween Party on Friday, Oct. 24, starting at 6:00 pm in the Town Hall. This is always a fun event, and residents have fun dressing in costume (if they wish).



The John and Jesse Gomez Band played a variety of music at the Cool Night at the Pool last month. Many residents requested that they play again at an event.

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

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

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WANTED: Kern City resident in need of a gently used pickup truck. Looks are secondary to reliability. Yosi Fischer, (818) 731-6433.

WANTED: The need is greater than ever for blankets, food, toys, anything except knits and/or pillows for the animals in the shelters. There is also a need for laundry soap, dog and cat food. Torn items, ragged, stained are all needed. Don't throw away, call Judy Harris at 331-2229 for pick up. Thank you for all of your support of the animals.

WANTED: Any sterling silver items, including coins, any military items, all sporting goods, including old and new golf clubs, all fishing items old and new, old hunting and pocket knives, and antiques. I live in Kern City. 805-828-5089.

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FOR SALE: Amazing guitar 1995 Martin JC 40 perfect. Sounds fantastic. Case and guitar, \$4,000. Call 301-1852.

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CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: Lite Rider motorized scooter, like new, only used 2 months, 2 baskets, 300-pound capacity, adjustable speed setting, long life batter, comfortable leather seat with handle bars. \$1,000. Call 303-6368.

FOR SALE: Adjustable bed base, remote + premium mattress, \$1,000. Selling my brand-new adjustable bed base with remote control plus a high quality mattress. Paid \$1,700, asking \$1,000. (310) 634-6424.

FOR SALE: One white screen door with glass sliders, 80"x36", like new, very attractive \$125 OBO. Call 809-3699.

SERVICES

PAINTER: 35 years' experience. I do external, internal, garage doors, wrought iron gates. Jobs guaranteed, great rate. Kern City resident. Call Rick at 477-7676.

LOCKSMITH SERVICE: Locks repaired, locks rekeyed. Buster Beebe, 833-1600.

NAILS: Retired manicurist with 30 years' experience. I do gel-like nails, manicures, pedicures, or simply cut toenails. I can come to you. I'm a Kern City resident. Call me at 904-9396.

HOUSE CLEANING: Resident of Kern City has much cleaning experience and reasonable prices. Call Emma at 304-9388.

AVON: Lots of new products for beauty, health, household and clothing. To buy, sell or get a catalog, call or text Judy Harris at 331-2229.

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RIDES/OTHER HELP: Resident will give you a ride to the store, doctor appointment, bank, etc. For references and prices, please call Lori at 805-216-9832.

HANDYMAN: Veteran Pro Services, fully insured Kern City resident does painting, electrical, plumbing, carpentry, furniture assembly, light moving, fencing, gates, appliance installation. Contact Frank Contreras for quote at 714-905-2591 or by email at ctring01@gmail.com.

APPLIANCE REPAIR: I am a Kern City resident with 40 years' experience (31 years at Sears Roebuck) in Appliance Repair. Call me for repair service on washers, dryers, refrigerators, ranges and ovens. Larry Wong @ 364-2640.



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