



Kern City Klarion

December
2025

How to pay sewer costs? Have your say on Dec. 3

Ward 6 Councilmember Zach Bashirtash visited Kern City in October to discuss the need for a large city sewer repair costing approximately \$1.3 billion, and he will be back at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2025, to ask your opinions on how residents should pay the costs.

Many Kern City members and other Bakersfield property owners decried the \$950 rate increase last spring as being



too high an amount to pay in one year so this time the city council is asking property owners what their opinions are about how to raise the needed money.

Councilman Bashirtash, Director of Water Resources Kristina Budak, and

Assistant Water Director Evette Roldan explained the dire state of the sewer system and the need to catch up with repairs. They said the system should have been

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IMPORTANT DATES

Dec. 2 -- Social Club Mtg, 1p

Dec. 3 – City SEWER COSTS mtg, 6p

Dec. 5 – Volunteer hours due

Dec. 6 – Community Ride, 1:30p

Dec. 9 -- KCCA BOARD Mtg, 9a

Dec. 12 – CHRISTMAS PARTY,

Coconut Joe's, 6P

Dec. 17 – Early Bird Dinner, CC

Note: We will be closed at noon on 12/24 and 12/31, and all day 12/25 and 12/26

President's message

Holiday Greetings and Year-End Appreciation

Dear KCCA Members, As the Christmas season approaches, I want to take a moment to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of our Directors, Volunteers, and Residents for your dedication and service throughout the year. Your time, insight, and commitment have been instrumental in maintaining the strong sense of community and cooperation that defines our neighborhood.

The holiday season is a special opportunity to reflect on what we've accomplished together— whether it's improving our shared spaces, addressing community needs, or simply strengthening the bonds among neighbors. Your efforts have made our HOA a welcoming and well-managed community we can all be proud of.

As we enjoy this festive time, I encourage everyone to take a well-deserved break, spend time with loved ones, and celebrate the season in your own special way.



Christmas for Seniors

The board of directors will hold Christmas for Seniors again this year and donations for the gift bags will be accepted until Dec. 17 at noon.

The program collects items many seniors can use, and they will be packaged in baskets or bags and delivered to Kern City seniors who may appreciate some extras.

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AND THE WINNER IS: Rose Tes-sandori was chosen to receive this year's Key to Kern City. See her story on page 7.



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- PORK CHOPS \$16
- CHICKEN FRIED CHICKEN \$16
- Salmon \$16
- MEATLOAF \$14
- 1/2 POUND GR BEEF STEAK \$14
- RIB EYE STEAK \$22
- TOP SIRLOIN STEAK \$17
- NEW YORK STEAK \$21

Sides choice

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Manager's Report

I always appreciate it when volunteers are recognized because they make Kern City the wonderful community it is. One of the best parts of last month's Annual Meeting was the awarding of the Key to Kern City.

Announcing the key winner was lovely, but the reaction of winner Rose Tessandori was awesome. The surprise and shock on her face showed who she is as a person: Humble.

It is so wonderful to see a hard-working person who just helps out without wanting recognition or awards. (That's all I better say because she'll be mad!)

A big thank you to all volunteers!

And I wish everyone a very happy holiday season! If you celebrate Christmas, I pray you remember the reason for the season.

Jill Foley



*Directors and staff
wish you all wonderful
holidays and a New Year
filled with love, health,
peace and prosperity.*

President's Message

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May the holidays bring peace, joy, and renewal to you and your families. Looking ahead, I'm excited for what the new year will bring as we continue working together to make our community an even better place to call home.

Dear Friends and Neighbors, As I complete my term as President of our HOA, I want to extend my deepest thanks to each of you for your support, cooperation, and encouragement over the past three years. It has truly been an honor to serve this wonderful community and to work alongside so many residents who care deeply about our neighborhood's well-being. Together, we have made meaningful progress and achieved lasting improvements that strengthen both our property values and our sense of community.

During my term, we:

- Improved financial transparency with detailed budgets and investments.
- Streamlined HOA operations, having a compliance committee, feral animal committee and reducing costs while maintaining integrity in our services.
- Upgraded landscaping and common areas, enhancing curb appeal and community pride.
- Implemented an indoor and outdoor maintenance program to continue improving our common property.
- Improved communication through newsletters and a community website.
- Encouraged homeowner participation through open meetings and volunteer opportunities.
- Strengthened vendor relationships to ensure reliable and cost-effective services.
- Continuous work monitoring local HOA's to develop a failsafe plan to bring all HOA's into compliance.

These accomplishments reflect not only the work of the board but the collaboration, patience, and trust of our residents -- especially our senior members who bring wisdom, perspective, and a steady voice to community matters.

As I step down, I do so with gratitude and confidence that our neighborhood will continue to thrive under new leadership. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve our residents, with your kind words along the way, and for making this role such a rewarding experience. I will stay in contact with all of you and attend meetings to help ensure that KCCA continues on a path that was built for you the residents. Call me anytime to talk or discuss our current situations and concerns. I will always be about KCCA and help any board to stay on that path.

Sincerely, Brad Seymour

DRAFT KCCA'S REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 11, 2025, 5:30 p.m.

The meeting will be videotaped and recorded.

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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 Buster Beebe led the flag salute.

b. Announcements: President Seymour welcomed everyone to the Board Meeting and the Annual Meeting which will follow immediately afterwards. Director Beebe then thanked all the veterans in attendance and acknowledged each person and military branch. He also thanked the wives who had supported the veterans while they were in service.

President Seymour stated that the election ballot count for new directors would start when the Annual Meeting is convened. He also stated there was an Executive Board Meeting to discuss the October vote on the CD at Mechanics Bank, and Director Tyner will discuss that when she gives her report.

II. MINUTES: Director Tyner asked if there were any corrections to the Oct. 14, 2025 minutes. There were none so the minutes were accepted as presented.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT: Director Tyner reported that as of Oct. 31, 2025, the Checking Account had \$24,475.76. There is \$127,584.82 of the checking account money in a Money Market Account at Mechanics Bank. Therefore, the total in Mechanics Bank as of Oct. 31, 2025 is \$152,060.58.

At Valley Strong there is \$104,100.39 in a Money Market account. In the Edward

Jones account, there is \$230,027.60 in a CD, \$60,046.80 in a CD and \$138,001.38 in another CD. There is also \$234,198.99 in a Money Market account. The total in Edward Jones is \$662,274.77. Between the three banking institutions there is \$918,435.74.

Director Tyner reported that at the October meeting, the board voted to renew the maturing \$138,001.38 CD at Mechanics Bank. After listening to members concern, an Executive Board Meeting was held and the October vote on renewing the CD at Mechanics Bank was rescinded. The board then voted on moving the \$138,001.38 into a nine-month 3.75% interest CD at Edward Jones.

IV. MANAGER'S REPORT: Manager Foley reported the deadline to turn in Letters to the Editor or classified ads is Friday, Nov. 15, by noon for the December *Klarion*. The Annual Disclosure which discuss homeowners' rights in Kern City, along with the 2026 assessment invoice, will be mailed out at the end of this month. If a homeowner needs to break up payments, monthly payments are accepted with at least \$50 per month paid with the entire assessment paid off by October 2026. Manager Foley asked homeowners not to pay the assessment until they have received an invoice. The office has not heard of anyone passing and appreciates the office being notified when a resident passes away.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS: Will be Shared at the December Meeting

VI. OLD BUSINESS: None

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Action on Maturing CD at Edward Jones: Director Tyner stated a CD at Edward Jones will mature on Nov. 18. Director Tyner made a motion to renew the CD at Edward Jones when it matures into a six-month CD earning 3.75%. Vote: Passed, unanimous.

b. Action on Approving 2026 Budget: President Seymour stated the Budget Committee recommended keeping the 2026 assessment at \$525. Director Tyner made a motion to accept the 2026 yearly assessment of \$525. Vote: Passed, unanimous.

c. Key to Kern City: President Seymour and Social Club President Terry Wirsum announced Rose Tessandori as the 2025 Key to Kern City recipient. She was praised for her years of dedication and involvement in Kern City.

X. ADJOURNMENT – President Seymour adjourned the meeting at 5:47 p.m. The Annual Meeting will begin immediately after the Board Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Tyner, Secretary-Treasurer

Attendance: 45 (includes 7 directors, manager and 37 members)

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II. BEGIN BALLOT COUNT: President Seymour released the Inspector of Elections, member Linda Wong, and her team to begin the vote counting.

III. BREAK FOR DINNER: President Seymour said there would be a 15 to 20-minute break while everyone ate dinner.

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Library News

DECEMBER ADDITIONS & DONATIONS

DVDs

Boston Legal – Season One Misc. Cast (5 CDs)
 The Sean Connery Collection Sean Connery and others (4 CDs)
 The West Wing – Season One Misc. Cast (4 CDs)

AUDIO – BOOKS ON CD -- None

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

N	Goldbach, Eliese Colette	Rust
N	Hannah, Kristin	Winter Garden
N	Lawhon, Ariel	The Frozen River
N	Steel, Danielle	Against All Odds
LP	Archer, Jeffrey	The Sins of the Father
LP	Binchy, Maeve	Minding Frankie
M	Cussler, Clive	The Gangster
M	Grisham, John	Camino Ghosts
M	Perry, Thomas	Poison Flower
M	Preston & Child	Dead Mountain
M	Ware, Ruth	Zero Days
**	Hunter, Kristi	A Return of Devotion
**	Peterson, Tracie	The Way of Love

use, not to run your home office. We're running out of paper and ink faster than I can replace it and the 10 cents a copy that I hope you're putting in the box certainly doesn't cover the cost. This is for those who want to do a little research or make a few copies for IRS or PG&E or a fun recipe. Please don't spoil it for everyone else. Thank you!

On a happy note, we have a table of Christmas cards for 10 cents each and a few boxes of cards for a quarter. Also, some gift bags for Christmas or other occasions, also for 10 cents. Hope that makes your shopping a little easier. Oh, and the 2026 calendars are available now for a quarter.

And thanks to all of you who visit the library and brighten our days with your presence and your conversation. We want it to be a place you look forward to visiting.

*Happy Reading,
 Donna Tyner*

December is upon us and, as usual, where has the time gone? We were complaining about heat and now we need the heater. The Library is comfy and cozy so stop by and check out a book, read the paper or a magazine or work on a puzzle. You can take the puzzles to do at home at your leisure.

And now the RANT! Please don't remove the Californian newspaper from the library. Even if it's the end of the week. A lot of people don't get in to read it daily so some miss out.

Please don't leave your unwanted old books for us to dispose of. We don't want old text books or journals or work logs. I constantly say we prefer books no older than 10 years, and preferably 5. Novels, history, biography, war... And we're not going to donate your junk so someone else has to dump them! We truly appreciate appropriate books. Thank you!

And last but not least...please don't abuse our computer corner. The equipment is for casual

CHRISTMAS FOR SENIORS

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According to KCCA Board President Brad Seymour, "We are asking our residents two things: First, if you would like to receive a bag, or if you know of a resident who might appreciate some supplies, please give the office the name and address by Dec. 9, and a Christmas bag will be delivered to them before Dec. 25.

"Second, if you would like to donate items, they should be brought to the office by noon on Dec. 17. The office is open Monday through Friday, except holidays, between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m." he added.

Items should be new and can be paper towels, tissues, toiletries, paperback books in large type, shampoo, cleaning supplies, and more. We

are not collecting food items. But gift cards and cash are also welcome, and that money will be used for gift cards to a grocery or drugstore.









The bags will be given out until the donations are depleted.

Questions can be directed to the office at (661) 831-2035.

CHRISTMAS CARDS & 2026 CALENDARS ARE HERE!

The cards are 10 cents each
 and the calendars are
 25 cents.
 What a deal!



<p>Sun</p> <p><u>ABBREVIATIONS</u></p> <p>CM Community Room</p> <p>CR: Del Webb Conference Room in Town Hall</p> <p>ER: Exercise Room</p> <p>P: Pool</p> <p>PR: Pool Room</p> <p>SR: Sewing Room</p> <p>TH: Town Hall</p> <p>WS: Woodshop</p>	<p>1 Mon</p> <p>SR Exer. 10-12 TH</p>	<p>2 Tues</p> <p>SOCIAL CLUB MTG, 1:00P, CR</p> <p>Poker, 10a-2p, PR</p> <p>Left, right, center & LRC31, 6p, CM</p>	<p>3 Wed</p> <p>SR Exer 10a TH</p> <p>Bible Study, 10a CM </p> <p>Overeaters Anon, 12 -1p, SR</p> <p>Pinochle 6-10pCM</p>	<p>4 Thurs</p> <p>SR Exer 10a TH</p> <p>TOPS 9-11 CM</p> <p>Poker, 10a-2p, PR</p> <p>Canasta 1-4:30p CM</p>	<p>5 Fri</p> <p>Volunteer Hours due</p>	<p>6 Sat</p> <p>Community Ride, 1:30p, So parking lot (decorate yourself and your wheels for holidays if desired)</p> 
<p>7</p> <p>Church 9:30-10:30, TH</p> <p>Communion</p>	<p>8</p> <p>SR Exer. 10-12 TH</p>	<p>9 Blue Cart PU </p> <p><u>KCCA BD mtg, 9a, TH</u></p> <p>Poker, 10a-2p, PR</p> <p>Left, right, center & LRC31, 6p, CM</p>	<p>10 </p> <p>SR Exer 10a TH</p> <p>Bible Study, 10a CM</p> <p>Overeaters Anon, 12 -1p, SR</p> <p>Pinochle 6-10pCM</p>	<p>11 St Sweeper </p> <p>TOPS 9-11 CM</p> <p>Poker, 10a-2p, PR</p> <p>Canasta 1-4:30p CM</p> <p>Chur board 5p CR</p>	<p>12</p> <p><i>Soc Club's</i></p> <p>CHRISTMAS PARTY, 6-11P</p> <p>Coconut Joe's,</p> <p>Buy tkts in office by Dec. 10</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14</p> <p>Church 9:30-10:30, TH</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Bunco 6:00, TH</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Poker, 10a-2p, PR</p> <p>Scrabble, 1p, CM</p> <p>Left, right, center & LRC31, 6p, CM</p>	<p>17 </p> <p>Bible Study, 10a CM</p> <p>Overeaters Anon, 12 -1p, SR</p> <p>Pinochle6-10p CM</p> <p>* EARLY BIRD *</p> <p>DINNER, 4-6P,</p> <p>19th Hole Grill,</p>	<p>18</p> <p>TOPS 9-11 CM</p> <p>Poker, 10a-2p, PR</p> <p>Canasta 1-4:30p cm</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21</p> <p>Church 9:30-10:30, TH</p> <p>Teen Challenge</p> <p>Coffee & donuts, 8:30a TH</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 Blue Cart PU </p> <p>Poker, 10a-2p, PR</p> <p>Left, right, center & LRC31, 6p, CM</p>	<p>24 Ofc closes at noon</p> <p>Overeaters Anon, 12 -1p, SR</p>	<p>25 Christmas</p> <p>CLOSED FOR</p> 	<p>26</p> <p>HOLIDAY</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p> <p>Church Svc 9:30- 10:30a</p> <p>Lunch follows</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Poker, 10a-2p, PR</p> <p>Left, right, center & LRC31, 6p, CM</p>	<p>31 New Year's Eve</p> <p>Office closes at 12 noon</p> <p>Overeaters Anon, 12 -1p, SR</p>	<p>New Year's Day Dec. 1</p> <p>POLAR BEAR PLUNGE, 1P, pool</p> <p>Questions, call Debbie at 209-535-4029</p> <p>Ofc is closed.</p>	<p>All phone numbers are in area code 661 unless otherwise listed.</p>	

Key to Kern City

Rose Tessandori is quiet, efficient, effective, and she just gets to work on whatever she's helping with.

"That's why we voted for her to receive the Key to Kern City," said Terry Wiersum, Social Club president.

"She helps with almost every event, and she is so enjoyable to be around. She's always smiling. It's wonderful to have a volunteer like Rose."

Tessandori moved to Kern City in 2014, the year after her husband died. She had friends who lived here and they encouraged her to become involved in the community's many social events.

She was born in Madera, CA. and moved to Bakersfield in 1944 while in her teens. She met her husband here and they were married over 65 years.

They had two sons and a daughter. One son lives in Bakersfield and her daughter actually lives in Kern City, and the other son lives out

of town. When asked how many grandchildren and great grandchildren she had, the answer was "lots." Lol.

She worked for the Kern County Medical Society, an organization that almost all physicians here belong to, and eventually became its executive director. Over her 27 years there, she knew most doctors in the county and many of their wives and many other health care providers.

According to Wiersum and KCCA Board President Brad Seymour, the Key committee chose Rose because of her constant help with most Social Club events and many other events. "You've probably seen her at Pancake Breakfasts, the 2nd Friday Potlucks, and other meals," said Seymour. "She also attends and is supportive of many of our activities."

"Everything social here is what I love to do," she said. Her other activities include Senior Exercise, Canasta, Scrabble and helping with her local association.



The Key committee this year consisted of Brad Seymour, Terry Wiersum and Scott Ford in the Social Club, Director Jill Wolf, and last year's winners Sharon Parks and Daryl Wolf.



2026 POLAR BEAR PLUNGE

WALK IN FROM MID POOL STEPS TO SHALLOW END STEPS AND OUT.

JANUARY 1ST - 1:00PM

COSTUME CONTEST

**WINNERS CHOSEN BY OBSERVERS.
COME OUT AND CHEER THEM ON!!
NEW YEARS CHEER AND FUN**

COFFEE

HOT CHOCOLATE

SNACKS

**PLEASE LET DEBBIE KNOW IF YOU PLAN TO PLUNGE/ATTEND
209-535-4029**

Around Kern City

The Holiday Bazaar this year was another outstanding success! The Town Hall was filled with tables and pop-ups were all around the front grassy area. Over 40 vendors participated with unique crafts, and Tedi Smart and Patti Reed decorated their golf carts and became the “courtesy cruisers” who shuttled people between the parking lot across the street and the event.



Congratulations to resident Bill Glaspie who was Honorary Grand Marshal in the Bakersfield Veterans Day Parade this year. Resident daughter Brenda Faith rode with him.

In October, the Social Club had a Halloween Party, and Annette Silvey came as a tree while Michael Lackey was a cowboy. This month the Social Club will hold its annual Christmas Dinner at Coconut Joe's with a DJ and dancing available.



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HOLIDAY COMMUNITY RIDE



IT IS TO RIDE
Saturday, Dec. 6, 2025, 1:30 p.m.
South Parking Lot

We get letters . . .

Kern City 2025 Bazaar News

Another successful bazaar under our belt! It was a beautiful day in Kern City. Hope you had a chance to come stroll and explore all the fabulous, creative, and beautiful options that were there. Vendors are all so happy to share their creations and ideas. They expressed to me that they enjoy the park-like feel, golf cart rides, and the very friendly help they get here at our bazaar. "Thank you!" vendors. This event is crucial for the operation of the Social Club events. It's the financing behind our yearly community activities.

Also, a big shout out to my golf cart girls, The "Courtesy Cruisers," Patti, Sharon and Tedi. They were charged up, decorated for Christmas and raring to go. They are a big part of why vendors return each year. Tedi said, "the riders were all very grateful for what we did."

The 19th Hole at the Sundale Golf Course, stepped up last minute to sell hot dogs. I appreciate their effort to help. You can't have a bazaar without hot dogs! If you haven't tried the 19th Hole hot dogs, you are missing out!!

Our team arrived before daylight. They unpacked cars, trucks, and trailers. And then repeated the process in reverse at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon. We all got our steps in. I personally logged in 23,000 thousand steps (10 miles)! Altogether I think our team could have made it to the new casino at Tejon.

A HUGE "thank you" to my team! Bonnie, Daryl, Dave, Jill, Joe, Maritza, Nicole, Patti, Paul, Sharon, and Tedi. I couldn't have done this without your support! Each year when this event is complete, I am reminded how lucky I am to live here in Kern City, where neighbors have each other's back, and are willing to help each other out. Volunteering brings out the best in people. We have a fabulous community, and I feel very blessed to be part.

Bazaar Organizer Debbie Brown
Hope to see you next year, November 7th.

To the Residents of Kern City

I want to thank all the residents of Kern City who supported and voted for me. Your encouragement and trust truly mean a lot. It has been a pleasure to live in such a warm and caring community, surrounded by neighbors who make Kern City such a special place to call home.

This is a wonderful community to enjoy life in, and much of that is due to the dedication of the many Boards of Directors over the years. The 2025 Board, under the leadership of Brad Seymour, has done an outstanding job guiding Kern City with care and integrity. I am confident the new 2026 Board will continue that same tradition of service and excellence.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the important contributions of the

office staff. Their dedication ensures that the day to day operations run smoothly. Each of the staff is dedicated to Kern City and I thank them individually.

Thank you again for your kindness, your support, and for making Kern City the welcoming place it is.

*With heartfelt appreciation,
Gary and Catherine Corbell*

No
"LET'S COLOR"
In December
Have a Blessed Christmas
& New Year
New Time & place:
Hope to see you in 2026
Thursday Jan. 8th, 1-2pm
Del Webb Conference Room



Kern City Community Church

Think about it

If our greatest need had been information, God would have sent us an educator; If our greatest need had been technology, God would have sent us a scientist; If our greatest need had been money, God would have sent us an economist; If our greatest need had been pleasure, God would have sent us an entertainer; But our greatest need was forgiveness, so God sent us a Savior. (Source Unknown).

Think about it! Think about what the scripture told Mary what her child was to do for the whole world in Matt.1:21, “And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” Think about it!

Plus what Rom. 5:9 says, “But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us

while we were still sinners.” Think about it!

And Titus 3:5 says, “he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit.” Think about it!

That’s what Christmas is all about. God loving us so much that He sent Jesus as our sacrifice for our sins that we would be forgiven and receive a new birth into His Kingdom. That’s what it’s all about!

Join us each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. at Kern City Community Church in the Town Hall where love and joy is sensed.

Pastor Tim Zemanek

Church Schedule

- 12-7 Communion Sunday, worship and praise
- 12-14 Special Christmas music by Canyon Hills singers
- 12-21 Donuts & Jack’s famous coffee at 8:30 a.m.
Regular worship and praise at 9:30 a.m.
- 12-28 Worship & praise at 9:30 a.m.
Christmas lunch after services
- Wednesday Bible study will be 12-3, 12-10, and 12-17.
Christmas & New Year’s breaks will be 12-24, and 12-31.
- Everyone is welcome!

Opportunities

Would you like to volunteer?

Mike Bradley, who oversees the free tax preparation for residents here each year, said the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program (VITA) program needs more volunteers. There are different volunteer opportunities available. According to Director Ilene Schechter who has been volunteering with VITA for some time now, “I have been working with Mike Bradley preparing taxes for seniors for six years. I’m so grateful we have this service for free for seniors. We are all certified by IRS each year. We are always looking for volunteers to help out. If you’re not able to prepare the tax returns, we could always use greeters who welcome the people who come through our doors.” Mike Bradley can explain what volunteer positions are available, and he can be reached at (661) 301-8355

Would you like a mushroom class?

Hillside Mushroom Farms offers classes in how to grow mushrooms, which are good for lowering blood sugar, cognitive and neurological health, and fighting inflammation. For \$20, a farmer will bring supplies to grow oyster mushrooms in a bucket with its straw soil and will answer questions on putting in your own garden. You will take home a bucket with its soil and mushrooms. If interested, please make reservations by noon on Friday, Dec. 12, at the Kern City office, (661) 831-2035. The office is open Mondays through Fridays between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm.

Opportunities

Events at the Sundale Country Club

Be Our Guest! For reservations, please call 661-324-4859

Jazz Night at The Phoenix

Every Tuesday night we feature an evening of music, great food, and drinks.

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

Open to all, no charge. Great dinner specials!

BakersfieldJazzWorkshop.org December:

12/2-Bakersfield Jazz Orchestra along w/The First Presbyterian Church vocal ensemble.

12/9-The Tevis Jr High School Jazz Ensemble- Under the direction of Mrs. Kelly Willey.

*Holiday Special!

12/16-The Westchester Saxophone Quartet (Mark Meyer, Paul Perez, Mike Raney, Chuck Degan) *Holiday Special!

12/23-Stockdale HS Jazz under the direction of Amanda Sproul

12/30-Robert Woods-LaDue (director/vocals) and Friends

Special Events

Brunch with Santa! 12/15 Bring the little ones and the little ones at heart for a delightful morning brunch with Santa Claus where the children can share holiday wishes and enjoy a delicious breakfast buffet. Adults - \$27, Youth 5-12 - \$17 and Children under 5 - \$5.95

(Early Bird Dinner) Winter Wonderland Holiday Dinner 12/17

Celebrate the season with the family in the festively decorated Phoenix Dining Room for a very spe-

cial holiday meal. **Coulotte Steak** with a Creamy Peppercorn Sauce, House-made Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, Garden Salad, Roll & Butter, \$29

(Full menu available) Reservations highly recommended.

The 19th Hole Grill

Full breakfast and lunch menu. Open 7AM-3PM

Taco Tuesdays 11AM-2PM, enjoy 3 tacos and a Margarita for only \$12

Thursdays, BBQ, 11AM-2PM (Call ahead, we sell out every week!

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Saturday and Sunday, Pizza & Beer special. A large personal-size pizza with a choice of toppings and a draft beer or 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*

MINUTES

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IV. STATE OF THE UNION: President Seymour called attendees back to the meeting at 6:20 p.m. and stated the ballot counters would join the meeting when they have the election results. President Seymour reported on the State of Kern City. He stated that Kern City is doing well, the bank accounts and reserves are where they should be, and the Board is staying on top of repairs. He stated that like many HOAs across the country Kern City has an aging infrastructure. President Seymour said things like valves, wood, cement, pipes, lights and more continue to need replacing.

President Seymour stated this year the soffit all around the Town Hall was repaired as it was sagging. The stage was painted and new lights put up, and part of the sidewalk by the parking lot was replaced as it was a tripping hazard. Water pipes have also been repaired; the sump pit was cleaned and repaired and numerous water leaks outside have been repaired, especially sprinkler leaks. A water leveler for the pool was purchased and installed by President Seymour and member Daryl Wolf. It has proved to be effective in keeping the water at a consistent level, which is important to maintain the warranty on the pool plaster. President Seymour said the pool lights and water leaks will be addressed. He thanked Daryl Wolf for all his help with the many projects around Kern City.

VI. DIRECTOR FORUM:

Director Tyner thanked the board for working so well together and doing a good job. She also thanked Donna Hansen McMillin for establishing CDs when she was in office because that has earned extra interest money. President Seymour thanked the board and the members whose terms end this year.

VII. SOCIAL CLUB YEAR-END WRAP-UP:

Terry Wiersum, President of the Social Club, stated the Social Club has had a good year. She stated there will be a potluck on Friday and veterans do not need to bring a dish. On Dec.12th the annual Christmas party will be held at Coconut Joe’s banquet room and the cost will be \$25 per person. The Social Club has made numerous donations this year including money given to: The office to offset the cost of printing flyers, the Lion’s Club in Fred Hufnagel’s memory, Kern City’s garden club, and office staff for Professional Day. The Social Club also held a summer sweepstakes, bought a 100-cup coffeepot for the kitchen and a barbeque, and will participate in Wreaths Across America. Terry Wiersum also stated that for the fourth year in a row, the Social Club will hold a drawing at the December board meeting to pay the 2026 Assessment for one homeowner.

VII. MEMBERS FORUM:

A member had a question about the local associations and President Seymour directed the person to talk to Director Schechter. Another

asked about a heater for the pool, President Seymour stated he understood that residents would like the pool heated but at this time it is too expensive.

VII. ELECTION RESULTS:

President Seymour said there were 314 ballots, 7 ballots rejected for a total of 307 ballots counted. The results were:

Gary Corbel	149
Joe Newton	249
Carol Ann Toms	185
Donna Hansen McMillin	244
Darryl Slavin	201

Therefore, the new 2026-2027 directors will be Donna Hansen McMillin, Joe Newton, Darryl Slavin and Carol Ann Toms. President Seymour congratulated the new board members and thanked Gary Corbel for running and hopes to see him continue to be involved in Kern City. President Seymour said the results would be posted and publicized. He thanked Linda Wong and her team for all their work with the election and counting the ballots.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT -- President Seymour adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m. The next meeting will be on Dec 9, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Tyner, Secretary-Treasurer

Attendance: 45 (includes 7 directors, manager and 37 members)

Tips to stay well in winter

Editor's Note: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention provided the following tips.

The winter season can be a challenging time to stay active, with colder temperatures, slippery conditions, and fewer daylight hours. But staying physically active is one of the best ways to improve your mental and physical health and keep on track with your fitness goals. Physical activity can help you sleep better and reduce anxiety. Regular physical activity also helps:

- Improve your balance.
- Lower your risk of type 2 diabetes and many kinds of cancer.
- Strengthen bones and muscles.
- Lower blood pressure.
- Maintain or lose weight.
- Keep your mind sharp as you get older.
- Emerging research also suggests physical activity may help boost your immune function.

Regular physical activity is one of the most important things you can do for your health.

How much physical activity do you need?

Experts recommend that adults get at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity physical activity

a week. Many activities count, such as walking, running, or wheelchair rolling. You can break that up into smaller amounts, such as 22 minutes daily, 30 minutes on 5 days a week, or what works for your schedule. It all counts.

TIPS TO STAY ACTIVE DURING WINTER

1. Take nature walks. Weather permitting, schedule time during the day to enjoy nature. Take a stroll around a safe neighborhood or park.
2. Monitor the weather and plan ahead. Weather forecasts give several days' notice to prepare your week. Be sure to monitor the weather, dress appropriately, and plan your winter activity accordingly.
3. Wear layers. Wear several layers of comfortable clothing so that items can be removed easily as you become warmer. Layers will help guard against overheating, sweating, and eventually becoming colder.
4. Workout online. Consider tuning into a TV, online, live Zoom, or Instagram workout class. Find free or low-cost exercise videos online to help you do senior exercises with aerobics, dance, stretch, and build strength.

SEWER

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undergoing repairs and cost increases for years, but now there is new management which must ensure the repairs are made and that residents' payments cover the regular sewer costs as well. The current rate for the sewer system does not even cover its operating costs.

"The repairs are absolutely necessary," Councilman Bashirtash said, "You can't do without a sewer. If some utilities go out, we can probably find other ways to deal with those, but if the sewer system fails, we'd just have to move."

Therefore, the councilman and city leaders are educating the public and offering different ways to pay for the sewer costs.

Now they just need your input. The meeting will be in the Town Hall.

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.

WANTED

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

WANTED: Thank you to the residents for the generosity of donating items for the animal shelters. There is a big need due to so many

dumped and/or abandoned animals. They are so grateful for every item donated, big and small. Instead of throwing away old towels, sheets, etc., stained, torn, ragged, does not matter, call or text Judy Harris @331-2229 for items to be picked up. The shelters also need newspapers. Call Judy when you get a stack. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

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.

HOUSE FOR SALE

For Sale: 3 BD, 2 BA, 1,769 sq ft, lg kitchen, living room, dining room, den. On golf course w/ view of fairway. 2-car garage. Great deal at \$310,000. 917 Cherry Hills. Call Chris @ 204-3407.

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FOR SALE

FOR SALE: 7-1/4 Circle Skill saw, \$50; Sears orbital palm sander, \$20; Black & Decker Jig Saw w/case, \$50; Heavy Merino wool sweater from Ireland, \$75; and Bissell carpet steamer, \$125. Call Cathy at 491-3539.

FOR SALE: 7-ft mirror, \$25, and coffee table you have to see. Call 444-7940.

SERVICES

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: The holidays are coming and you may need a last-minute gift. Avon also has Christmas decorations, as well as clothing, and jewelry for Christmas. There are several new products for skincare, and make-up. To get a catalog or place an order, call or text Judy Harris @ 331-2229. Wishing everyone a blessed Christmas and a happy New Year.

PROFESSIONAL FURNITURE REFINISHING: With 40+ years' experience in refinishing, I offer services including stripping, sanding, repair, staining and sprayed-on finishes. I paint furniture and refinish outdoor wood furniture. Kern City resident Shanna O'Brien, 831-234-5202.

POWER WASHING: Reasonable prices. I'm a Kern City resident. Call Steve at 428-6600.

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.

NEED HELP WITH grocery shopping, trips to the doctor, cooked meals? Then I'm your girl. Very experienced. Kern City resident, 904-9396.

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 ctrising01@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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