



Kern City Klarion

November
2025

PG&E requires repair on some electrical wires

PG&E recently notified a few of our residents that the insulation on one of the electrical wires going to their properties must be repaired or replaced. This does NOT affect properties that have their wiring underground. This wire is located at the weather hub on the roof, and the repair

is only necessary if a resident receives a letter from PG&E or notices that its wire insulation has frayed.

According to PG&E, it is responsible for the wire from its power line to the weather head, and the owner of the property is responsible for the wire from the weather head to

the electrical panel.

Residents must pay for any work needed on their own line. If the insulation is no longer completely covering the wire it is a safety hazard for its workers and the property. PG&E is requesting that any resident who re-

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Feral cats get TNRed, shots for health

Board President Brad Seymour and a crew of six more members took 17 cats to Critters Without Litters last month to be TNRed (Trap, Neuter and Release) and given shots to prevent diseases. Seymour said the city council passed

a law a few years ago that requires feral cats to be neutered then returned to where they were trapped and released there.

"This is the second time we've done this and it is a little bit of a complicated project," said Seymour.

"We have to coordinate taking the cats to Critters, complete forms, log each trap cage and the address where it's set out, then collect the cats the next day. We then make sure they're safe and cover the

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Holiday Bazaar is here!

That favorite event of many residents is back on Saturday, Nov. 1, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Vendors with a variety of crafts will be here for your shopping pleasure.

"This is a great opportunity to shop for unique items," said Debbie Brown, who oversees the event. "We'll have jams, jellies, breads, lawn signs, jewelry, home decorations, and much more. There will also be a couple of food trucks, so come hungry. I hope we will see you all here!"

IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 1 – HOLIDAY BAZAAR, 9A-2P!

Nov. 2 – Set clocks back

Nov. 4 -- Social Club Mtg, 1p

Nov. 5 – Volunteer hours due

**Nov. 11 – KCCA Board Mtg, &
ANNUAL MTG, 5:30p**

**Nov. 14 – 2nd Friday Potluck, honors
veterans, opens 11a, lunch @12 noon**

Nov. 15 – MEET & GREET, 10a

**Note: We will be closed 11/27 & 28,
& the office will close at noon on 11/26.**

President's message

Hello Kern City,

This message is to inform and help educate all of us to the advantages and/or disadvantages of transitioning from a self-managed HOA to a Property Management Company.

A couple quick facts about KCCA. 1. Our properties that are out of compliance have been reduced since 1/1/25 by approximately 50%. 2. KCCA has no control over the banks that are in control of the residential properties that were not properly set up for succession (i.e. through wills, probate, or reverse mortgages). 3. The Great State of California has really taken away a lot of the HOAs' ability to manage and enforce rules and regulations.

Advantages of Self-Managed HOAs vs. Property Management Companies:

Homeowner associations (HOAs) play an essential role in maintaining community standards, property values, and neighborhood harmony. One of the most important decisions any HOA board must make is whether to hire a professional property management company or operate as a self-managed association.

While property management companies offer convenience and professional expertise, self-managed HOAs can enjoy significant advantages in terms of cost savings, community engagement, and control.

1. Cost Efficiency and Financial Savings -- The most immediate advantage of a self-managed HOA (KCCA) is financial. Property management companies typically

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- RIB EYE STEAK \$22
- TOP SIRLOIN STEAK \$17
- NEW YORK STEAK \$21

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Manager's Report

We love veterans

We love and appreciate our veterans, and this month we want to honor them again. The board will recognize veterans at the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 11 -- Veterans Day, and the Social Club will celebrate them at the 2nd Friday Potluck Lunch on Nov. 14. Residents are asked to bring a dish to share that day but veterans do NOT need to bring anything.

If desired, residents will have a chance to donate to Wreaths Across America at the potluck lunch. The wreath project places a wreath on graves to honor fallen veterans and to teach others what their sacrifice means.

Also, residents can always visit the office to donate to Honor Flight, which sends veterans free to Washington D.C. to see the memorials for veterans of different wars.

Member Buster Beebe, vice president of Kern City's board of directors, holds meetings once or twice a year to bring in speakers on veterans' benefits. The next meeting will be during the first quarter of 2026 so watch the Klarion for the date.

Jill Foley

**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING DAY**

*The board of directors and staff
wish you all a very happy and
blessed Thanksgiving!*

*And we are all very thankful to our
veterans who have helped
our country be free.*

Veterans, thank you for your service!



President's Message

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charge substantial monthly or annual fees, which can account for a large portion of an HOA's budget. By eliminating management company fees, self-managed associations can direct those funds toward community improvements, maintenance, or reserve savings. This can result in lower assessments for homeowners and more flexibility in addressing community needs. Self-managed boards can also monitor spending more closely and ensure every dollar is used in the community's best interest. Without a third party in control of the finances, there is less risk of unnecessary expenditures or markups on vendor services. Board members, who are also homeowners, are naturally motivated to keep costs low while maintaining property values.

2. Greater Transparency and Accountability: In a self-managed HOA, all decisions -- from budget planning to rule enforcement -- are made directly by community members. This structure fosters transparency and accountability. Homeowners can see where their money goes and how decisions are made, and they often feel more confident knowing that those making the decisions share the same stake in the community's success. Without a management company acting as a middleman, there is less chance of miscommunication or delays in relaying important information. Board members can provide direct responses to residents, resolve issues more quickly, and maintain open channels of communication through meetings, newsletters, or digital platforms.

3. Stronger Community Engagement and Connection: Self-managed HOAs tend to have stronger community bonds. Because homeowners volunteer their time to serve on the board or committees, they become more invested in the well-being of their neighborhoods. This participation encourages collaboration and pride among residents, fostering a sense of unity and shared responsibility. When residents know their board members personally, they are more likely to voice concerns, offer constructive suggestions, and participate in community events. A self-managed HOA often feels more approachable and responsive, helping reduce the "us versus them" mentality that sometimes exists in professionally managed associations.

4. Direct Control and Decision-Making Flexibility: One of the biggest frustrations some HOAs face with management companies is the bureaucracy that can accompany even simple decisions. Management firms may have their own policies, timelines, and preferred vendors that limit an HOA's flexibility. In contrast, a self-managed board can act quickly to address issues, approve

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DRAFT KCCA'S REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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 9:00 a.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 Sharon Parks led the flag salute.

b. Announcements: President Seymour welcomed everyone to the meeting. He stated the lawn will be seeded with winter rye on Friday. He reported the ballots for the election of new board members have been mailed out and the results of the election will be announced at the Annual Meeting, right after the regular board meeting on Nov. 11, Veterans Day. He said there are five candidates who are running: Gary Corbell, Donna Hansen McMillin, Joe Newton, Darryl Slavin (running for a second term) and Carol Ann Toms. He thanked them for being willing to donate their time to Kern City. Members whose terms expire include Brad Seymour, Kelley Lee, Darryl Slavin and Jill Wolf.

II. MINUTES: Director Tyner asked if there were any corrections to the Sept. 9, 2025 minutes. There were none so the minutes were accepted as presented.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT: Director Tyner reported that as of Sept. 30, 2025, the Checking Account had \$27,866.20. There was \$172,398.07 of the checking account money in a Money Market Account and \$137,770.59 of our reserve in a CD at Mechanics Bank. Therefore, the total in Mechanics Bank as of Sept. 30, 2025 was \$338,034.86.

At Valley Strong we had \$103,817.96 in a Money Market account. At Edward Jones, we had \$230,013.80 in one CD, \$60,009.00

in another CD and \$233,225.22 in a Money Market account. The total in Edward Jones was \$523,248.02. Between the three banking institutions, there was \$965,100.84 on Sept. 30.

IV. MANAGER'S REPORT: Manager Foley reported the deadline to turn in Letters to the Editor or classified ads is tomorrow by noon for the November *Klarion*. The Annual Policy Statement, which discusses your rights in Kern City, along with the 2026 assessment invoice will be mailed out at the end of November. The 2026 Budget does not include an increase in the assessment; it is still \$525 for the year. Homeowners can make monthly payments but must contact the office first. She requested that assessments not be paid until the bill has been received by the homeowner. The office has learned of the passing of Andy Darby and Linda Reiland.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a. Pool – Director Lee said the pool is too cold for most people, but it is maintained for all the ‘polar bears’ in the community. The water fountains and the waterfall have been turned off for the winter months.

b. Inside Maintenance -- Director Wolf said there was not any inside maintenance needed last month. She said the gardening club is cleaning out the flower beds and will be planting the fall/winter flowers instead of having the gardener do it.

c. Compliance – Director Wolf reported the office was addressing trailers parked out front for longer than the 72 hours allowed. It is also notifying homeowners whose sprinklers are running into the street.

d. Outside Maintenance – Director Slavin stated Custom Build Construction was working on the Town Hall walls last weekend. Director Slavin replaced the water filters for the drinking fountains. He also reported Grogan

Mechanical will be out tomorrow to service all the air conditioning/heating units, and Valley Lawn Service will be seeding the lawn with rye grass on Friday.

e. RV Storage -- Director Beebe reported he raked up pine needles in the RV Storage yard and Daryl Wolf and Director Wolf bagged them up and threw them away. He thanked them and Joe Newton for all their help with the RV Storage.

f. Special Projects – Director Tyner stated the Key to Kern City is the next special project. The Kern City Board and the Social Club will nominate one or more people for the Key to Kern City, and it will be awarded at the Annual Meeting. The ‘Early Bird’ dinner at the 19th Hole is Oct. 24th from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. and will be a house-made chicken pot pie dinner for \$15.95 with reservations by Oct. 23. Without reservations the dinner is \$17.95.

g. Library -- Director Tyner said she would love some new books and encouraged residents to come in and work on a puzzle.

h. Local Associations – Director Schechter reported that she, President Seymour and Director Wolf have been attending the local associations’ yearly meetings to help out where needed since KCCA is the master HOA.

VI. OLD BUSINESS: None

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Action on Maturing CD at Mechanics Bank: Director Tyner stated the CD at Mechanics Bank will mature Oct. 21st. Interest rates are going down and Mechanics Bank does not know if it can offer the current rate of 3.75% again or another rate until it gets closer to Oct. 21st. Director Tyner stated that since Kern City has a good relationship with Mechanics Bank she would like to continue keeping the CD at that bank. Director Tyner

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Library News

NOVEMBER ADDITIONS & DONATIONS

DVDs

The Bucket List
No Country for Old Men
The Wolf of Wall Street

Jack Nicholson/Morgan Freeman
Tommy Lee Jones/Josh Brolin
Leonardo DeCaprio

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

N Abbott, Megan
N Meyer, Stephanie
N Roberts, Nora
N Rushdie, Salman
LP Archer, Jeffrey
LP Medlicott, Joan
M Baldacci, David
M Connelly, Michael
M Donlea, Charlie
M Winspear, Jaqueline
M Woods, Stuart
NF Burgess, Ann Wolbert
NF Jarvis, Cheryl

The Turnout
Midnight Sun
Nightwork
The Golden House
Only Time Will Tell
An Unexpected Family
The Edge
Nightshade
Long Time Gone
The Comfort of Ghosts
Black Dog
A Killer by Design
The Necklace

library. Not only do others enjoy them, but I'm now donating them to the Discovery Shop for them to wrap glass and other purchases.

The latest by Michael Connelly, propulsive and atmospheric, NIGHTSHADE launches a brand-new character into the Connelly universe. It proves without question that he is "the undisputed master of the modern crime novel."

"It was the three of them. Always the three of them. Until it wasn't. And that was when everything went wrong. Starting with the fire. Or before." Megan Abbott will tell you the story in THE TURNOUT.

*Happy Reading,
Donna Tyner*

I think Fall has actually arrived! Time to head to the library for some good books to curl up with or a puzzle or two to occupy your time. Especially with it getting dark earlier, you can't spend all evening watching TV! Don't forget we have DVD movies. Mostly older ones, but still some good stories and actors. Check them out!

Thank you for your donations. Someone brought in a newer set of Readers Digest Condensed Books with four stories each. You can find them on the shelf in front of the Large Print section. There are several other "sets" of books there. No need to check them out. Just take and read and return.

As a reminder, please don't take the newspapers out of the

HERE'S LATEST COMPLETED PUZZLE













GREETING CARDS CALENDARS

Christmas cards and
2026 calendars are here!

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	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	1 Sat
ABBREVIATIONS CM Community 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	NOTE: Any phone numbers are in area code 661 unless otherwise listed.					CHRISTMAS BAZAAR! 9a – 2p Come shop for unique gifts! There will also be food trucks.
2 Time change -- Set clocks back 1 hour Church 9:30-10:30, TH Communion 	3 SR Exer. 10-12 TH Line dance: 2:00p Improvers 2:30 Intermed TH Music Makers, 3-4p, SR	4 Blue Cart PU  SOCIAL CLUB MTG, 1:00P, CR Poker, 10a-2p, PR Writers group, 1-2:30p, offsite call 487-9875 Left, right, center & LRC31, 6p, CM	5 Volunteer Hours due SR Exer 10a TH Bible Study, 10a CM  Overeaters Anon, 12 -1p, SR Line dancing, adv 2-4, TH Pinochle 6-10pCM	6 SR Exer 10a TH TOPS 9-11 CM Poker, 10a-2p, PR Canasta 1-4:30p CM	7 Let's Color, 1-2p, CM Call 209-535-4029 	8 Beginning Sewing, 10-12noon, SR RSVP 364-3365 
9 Church 9:30-10:30, TH	10 SR Exer. 10-12 noon TH Line dance: 2:00p Improvers 2:30 Intermed TH Music Makers, 3-4p, SR	11 Veterans Day <u>KCCA BD & ANNUAL MEETING</u> 5:30pm TH Poker, 10a-2p, PR Writers group, SR, 1-2:30p, offsite call 487-9875 Left, right, center & LRC31, 6p, CM	12 SR Exer. 10-12 TH Bible Study, 10a CM Overeaters Anon, 12 -1p, SR Line dancing, adv 2-4, TH Pinochle6-10p CM	13 St Sweeper  SR Exer. 10-12 TH TOPS 9-11 CM Poker, 10a-2p, PR Canasta 1-4:30p cm Chur board 5p CR	14 Come Celebrate Veterans at 2 nd FRIDAY POTLUCK Lunch, 12noon. All <u>except</u> veterans, pls bring dish to share. 	15 <u>MEET & GREET</u> <u>10:00a, TH</u> All are welcome. Learn about Kern City, take tour if desired. Lite refreshments. Free
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PG&E

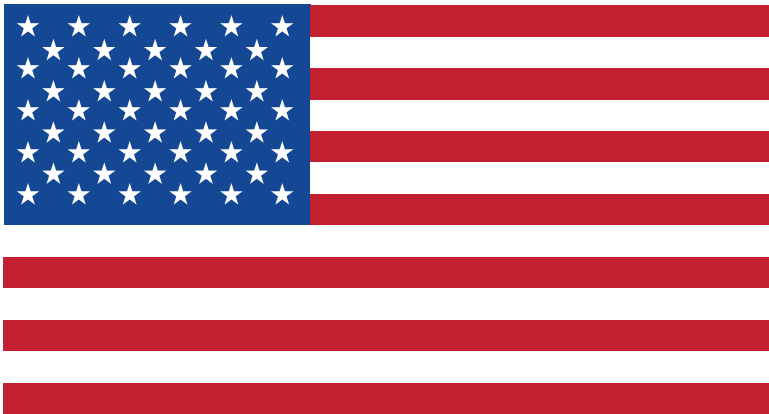
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ceived an Action Required letter to have the wire repaired or replaced by a licensed electrician.

If a resident has received a letter requiring such a repair, it is somewhat confusing to understand. You must complete an application form, schedule an appointment and hire an electrician, prior to

starting any work. The PG&E letter specifies the phone number and email to use to start the process.

Currently, there is one certified electrician already working with PG&E, and he is offering a reasonable price for seniors who need the repair. If hired, he will get the required permit and do the work. If interested, residents can call the electrician, Casey Polkinghorn, at (661) 201-5005.



VETERANS DAY

We are filled with gratitude this Veterans Day, as we honor the sacrifice and commitment of those who answered the call to service in defense of our nation.

To all those that served,
Thank you.



CONGRESSMAN
Vince Fong

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2nd Friday POTLUCK Friday, Nov. 14th

Doors open at 11am, please arrive before 12pm, lunch starts promptly at Noon!

Veterans DO NOT need to bring food!
Thank you for serving our country!

Everyone else, please bring a dish to share.

KC Music Makers will be singing patriotic songs.



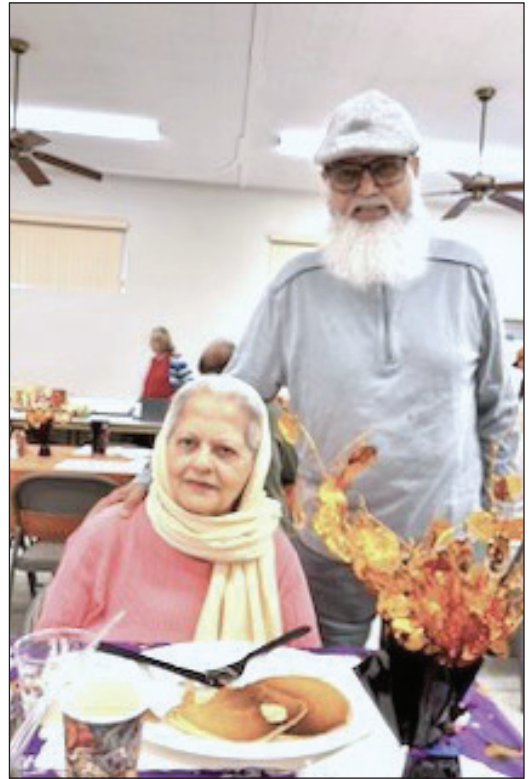
We will also be collecting for Wreaths Across America

Around Kern City

The Pancake Breakfasts have been so delicious but they will not be here this month or December due to all the busyness with the holidays. Many residents enjoyed the breakfasts and Cary Brown and Dan Imes flipped pancakes. President Brad Seymour oversaw the last two breakfasts, and Terry Seymour created a yummy egg dish.

This month the 2nd Friday Potluck Lunch will honor veterans so come early because food will be served promptly at 12 noon. Veterans do not need to bring a dish. All others please bring a dish to share.

And the Social Club has something new! Next month the Christmas Dinner will be at Coconut Joe's on Friday, Dec. 12, starting at 6:00 p.m. There will be a DJ and dancing available. Put this on your calendar now.





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happy Thanksgiving.”**



Congressman
VINCE FONG



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Kern City Social Club

“LET’S COLOR”

*Do you remember getting together with your friends
and coloring in your coloring book?*



Friday, Nov. 7

1:00-2:00pm

In the Community Room

Bring your coloring book & crayons, or we have some to share.

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marti.ingalls@bakersfieldmethodist.church

Kern City Community Church
Thankful?

In his book FOLK PSALMS OF FAITH, Ray Stedman tells of an experience H.A. Ironside had in a crowded restaurant. Just as Ironside was about to begin his meal, a man approached and asked if he could join him. Ironside invited him to have a seat. Then, as was his custom, Ironside bowed his head in prayer. When he opened his eyes, the other man asked, “Do you have a headache?” Ironside replied, “No, I don’t.” The other man asked, “Well, is there something wrong with your food?” Ironside replied, “No, I was simply thanking God as I always do before I eat.”

The man said, “Oh, you’re one of those, are you? Well, I want you to know I never give thanks. I earn my money by the sweat of my brow and I don’t have to give thanks to anybody when I eat. I just start right in!”

Ironside said, “Yes, you’re just like my dog. That’s what he does, too!”

I thought of what the Apostle Paul said about a person who refuses to acknowledge good things they enjoy that come from God. In Romans 1:21 it says, “For although they knew God, they neither

glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.” (NIV). How sad is that!

When a person knows the Creator, through knowing Jesus Christ, he is a new creation and has a new perspective on life, plus learning to be thankful to a God who loves and cares for him. A believer in Christ follows 1Thess. 5:8, “give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” (NIV). That is not always easy to do, but God helps us learn to be thankful and praise God because we are the created being and He is the Creator. We can say with the psalmist, “O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise” (Psm.51:15).

He is worthy of our praises and thankfulness of heart.

You are welcome to join us in our worship service that meets every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Town Hall and Bible study every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Room.

Pastor Tim Zemanek

Church Schedule

11-2 -- Communion Sunday with message and music. **TIME CHANGE!**

11-9 -- Sunday service

11-16 -- Special worship with Teen Challenge at 9:30 am. Plus social hour at 8:30 a.m.
Jack’s fabulous coffee and donuts

11-23 -- Sunday service

11-30 -- Word and music plus our monthly lunch afterwards

***Bible Study every
Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.
in the Community Room.***

Everyone is welcome.

We get letters . . .

Editor:

As I walk or drive around our great community, I have noticed many US flags not displayed properly. Currently, much less, but a few nevertheless.

I have included the relevant parts of Sections 174 and 176 of the US Flag Code for reference:

Randall Dickow

USAF Vet, 1965-71

§174. Time and occasions for display

(a) Display on buildings and stationary flagstaffs in open; night display

It is the universal custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flagstaffs in the open. However, when a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed twenty-four hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness. . .

(c) Inclement weather

The flag should not be displayed on days when the weather is inclement, except when an all weather flag is displayed.

§176. Respect for flag

No disrespect should be shown to the flag of the United States of America;

(e) The flag should never be fastened, displayed, used, or stored in such a manner as to permit it to be easily torn, soiled, or damaged in any way.

(k) The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.

Opportunities

Interested in writing?

"Remember When," the Kern City Writer's Group, asks: Have you ever thought of writing a memoir or journal of your life to leave for your grandchildren and family? Or maybe you'd like to express your creativity in writing a poem or a novel. Our group has done it all. Why don't you just visit and listen the first couple of times.

Our stories are short -- 55 words or less, or long -- any length, fiction, non-fiction or true life. What's your fancy? Anything including mystery or humor. We're always up for a great laugh.

We meet every Thursday from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. at 141 Glen Oaks Dr. September through the first week in June. We are a small, friendly group that enjoys the fellowship as much as the stories. If interested, contact me, Vicki, at (661) 487-9875.

**The Sundale Country Club --
Be Our Guest!**
6218 Sundale Ave. Bakersfield 93309
(661) 324-6561 Closed Mondays

The Phoenix (upstairs) Hours: 11am-8pm
Tuesday- Friday, 5-8pm Saturday

BakersfieldJazzWorkshop.org 7:30-8:30pm events:

11/4-The Michael Reyes (guitar) Group
11/11-ORBIT (jazz fusion band) --Featuring
BJW class participant Cavell Diaz on Bass.
11/18-The Foothill H.S. Jazz Combo under
the direction of John Barker
11/25-*Special Double Feature!! 1. The Mike
Basham (guitar) Group (jazz fusion)-7:30-
8:30pm 2. Denise Mininfield & Friends (Jazz/
Soul/R&B)-8:30-9:30pm

Thanksgiving at The Phoenix, Thursday, Nov.
27, 1-4 pm

Let us do the shopping, cooking, and cleaning this Thanksgiving with a delicious buffet-style traditional dinner featuring over 20 upscale dishes to please everyone at the table! Spots are limited -- reservations are required at **(661) 324-6561** today to secure your spot!

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*

The 19th Hole Grill, open 7am -3pm

Early Bird Dinner: Nov. 21, 4 to 6 pm Serving an **Open-faced Turkey Sandwich with Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Stuffing and Cranberry Relish with a slice of pumpkin pie** \$15.95 for reservations made by Nov. 20, and \$17.95 after.

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At 19th Hole Grill, full breakfast and lunch menu. Open 7am-3pm

Taco Tuesdays, 10am-2pm, 3 tacos and a Margarita for only \$12

Thursdays is BBQ 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: Pizza & Beer special: A personal size pizza w/ choice of toppings plus a draft beer or fountain drink for only \$14

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:

Roger Bailey, Andy Darby, Duane Medlin, Linda Reiland

CATS

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traps with a towel and give them water before taking them to Critters for treatment. Afterward we bring all the cats back to each address where they were picked up and release the cats there.

“We’ve received many complaints about people feeding feral cats because they often damage peoples’ outdoor furniture, properties and gardens, and the food put out for them attracts skunks, kit foxes, raccoons, and possums. Also, we had hoped that more residents would help with our TNR projects, but at least we were able to have 17 cats

neutered and treated this time.”

Last year, several residents helped set out 30 traps and 23 cats were TNRed. This year 24 traps were put out and 18 were caught. One was released because it had a notched ear signifying it had been TNRed.

The crew doing the heavy work included Seymour, Directors Darryl Slavin and Jill Wolf, and members Patti Reed, Leigh Schroyer, Tedi Smart and Daryl Wolf.

“I’m so grateful to them for all their help,” Seymour said. “Lifting, carrying, cleaning, while doing it late at night and early in the morning -- that takes some effort. And I’d like to thank Darren Leist for washing all the towels afterward plus some other

residents who offered ideas and knowledge.

“I also appreciate the residents who allowed us to put traps on their properties. This is a project that actually is a humane way to treat the cats, and hopefully it will cut down on the number of ferals in the future.”



MINUTES

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made a motion to renew the CD at Mechanics Bank when it matures on Oct 21st. Vote: Passed, unanimous.

b. Action on Liening a Property – President Seymour stated the board needed to vote on placing a lien on Parcel #194-423-17-4 for non-payment of assessment despite reminders and attempts to collect. Director Tyner made a motion to lien the property for non-payment of assessments. Vote: Passed, unanimous.

VIII. DIRECTORS FORUM:

President Seymour stated there will be a ‘trap neuter release’ of feral cats tomorrow night. The cats will be taken to Critters Without Litters to be spayed and neutered then released at the location they were trapped. He stated they will have 30 traps, and the trapped cats will be placed in a safe place and provided with water for the night.

IX. AUDIENCE:

Social Club: Terry Wiersum, President of the Social Club, thanked everyone who entered the Chili Cookoff and announced Tedi Smart as the winner. Saturday,

Oct. 18, will be the last pancake breakfast of the year, and the price is still only \$8. On Oct. 24, the Social Club will hold a Halloween Party in the Town Hall. There will be a prize for the best costume but costumes are not required.

Members: A member reported PG&E is sending out letters to some homeowners who don’t have undergrounding that one line from their property to the PG&E pole has to be re-insulated at their expense.

Information regarding this will be put in the *Klarion* and if there are enough homeowners needing to replace that line there may be a price reduction if they band

together and use the same electrician. Another member asked if the election totals need to be read out loud at the Annual Meeting. Manager Foley stated she would look into it.

X. ADJOURNMENT – President Seymour adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m. The next meeting will be on Veterans Day, November 11, at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Tyner, Secretary-Treasurer

Attendance: 26 (includes 7 directors, manager and 18 members)

President's Message

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projects, or adapt policies based on the community's unique needs. Direct control also ensures that the board's priorities align perfectly with homeowner interests, rather than with a company's profit motives or standard operating procedures. This autonomy can lead to more thoughtful, personalized governance and the ability to tailor community rules, maintenance plans, and budgets to fit local circumstances.

5. Enhanced Sense of Ownership and Pride: When homeowners take an active role in managing their community, they develop a deeper appreciation for the work that goes into maintaining it. Serving on a self-managed board encourages civic responsibility and helps residents see the tangible results of their efforts -- whether it's improved landscaping, upgraded amenities, or stronger neighborhood relationships. This sense of ownership often translates to better compliance with community rules, more volunteer participation, and higher property values over time. Homeowners who feel connected to their neighborhood are more likely to care for their properties and contribute positively to the community culture.

6. Tailored Vendor and Maintenance Relationships: Self-managed HOAs can build direct, long-term relationships with local vendors and service providers. Without an intermediary management company, the

board can negotiate contracts directly, seek multiple bids, and ensure quality control. These relationships can lead to more personalized service and potential cost savings through loyalty and transparency.

Conclusion: While professional property management companies can offer convenience, experience, and structure—especially for large or complex communities—a self-managed HOA provides unmatched financial control, flexibility, and community spirit. The advantages of lower costs, increased transparency, direct decision-making, and stronger homeowner engagement make self-management an appealing choice for many associations. With organization, clear communication, and dedicated volunteers, a self-managed HOA can operate efficiently while fostering a deeper sense of pride and unity among residents.

Please keep in mind that I have done plenty of research into this subject, and I'm very forthcoming and honest about what I have learned. I have talked to the CEO of a resident-recommended Property Management Company, and she has no clients in Kern County, and the largest HOA her company has managed was a 300-unit HOA (only about 25% of what KCCA is). She admitted that they have never managed any HOAs with sub-HOA's (local associations). KCCA has 17 sub-HOA's and an intermediary management association (KCAI) that still is part of KCCA. FYI, all HOA's within KCCA's purview must abide by the Master Association's (KERN CITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION) CC&Rs. Please, if you have any questions or comments regarding this subject feel free to contact me anytime.

Brad Seymour

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. 917 Cherry Hills. Call Chris @ 204-3407.

GARAGE & PLANT SALES

FOR SALE: Garage sale on Saturday, Nov. 8, 8a-3p, 120 Glen Oaks Dr. Clothes, shoes, kitchen utensils, tools, etc.

FOR SALE: Plant Sale -- Saturday, Nov. 1, starting at 8:00 a.m., very nice plants, reasonable prices. 705 Pebble Beach, Tina at 688-3921.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE

FOR SALE: GREAT DEAL – 2 nice Lazy Boy recliners, tan, green; sewing machine cabinet, cherry; Ethan Allen night stand; 4-drawer black file cabinet. \$20 for everything. Call 301-1852.

FOR SALE: 7-ft mirror, \$25, table that can be enlarged w/5 chairs, \$50, OBO and coffee table you have to see. Call 444-7940.

FOR SALE: Lite Rider motorized scooter, like new, only used 2 months, 2 baskets, 300-pound capacity, adjustable speed setting, long life battery, comfortable leather seat with handle bars. \$900. Call 303-6368.

FOR SALE: Two guitars: LyxPro Telee, and a German-made Strat, both with hard shell cases, and a 20-watt amp. \$200 for all. Call 301-1852.

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

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 makeup. 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 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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