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There were five who received the top honors for their perfect 4.5 GPAs.

A year of growth for Shafter in 2024



The Cinco de Mayo Festival was a hit once again.

Shafter has seen much growth, considerable challenges and many achievements in the past year, and this is a look at a few of the highlights for the first half of 2024. The second half will be covered next week.

JAMIE STEWART
For The Shafter Press

January

The year started off with a strange incident at the Shafter Cemetery. Police were called for a report of a strange happening at the cemetery. When officers arrived, they found eggs broken over a dozen graves, and chunks of raw meat, wrapped in twine with spikes through them. The Shafter Police Department ruled the incident as a case of someone
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Itzayana and Isabel Cisneros were excited to see Santa and enjoy a cruise on the Dial-a-Ride bus.

Dazzling displays light up Wasco

VERONICA JACUINDE
The Press and Tribune

In partnership with the City of Wasco, the Wasco Recreation and Parks District spread Christmas cheer last week with its Light Up Wasco Christmas Cruise. This Dial-a-Ride tour showcased homes transformed into dazzling displays of holiday lights and decorations. The event featured a competition for the best-designed homes, and guests had the opportunity to vote for their favorites.

District Manager Chris Serna shared, "We loved having everyone stop by to drop off their letters to Santa, visit Santa, Mrs. Claus and the Gingerbread Men, and take photos with them before grabbing some hot cocoa and a cookie. It was heartwarming to see the community come together for such a joyful celebration."

Oscar Enciso appreciated the convenience and thoughtful planning of touring the homes on the bus. "Not having to drive around on my own, I was able to
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SNAPPING WITH SANTA



The Shafter Lions Club hosted its inaugural "Pictures with Santa" event in downtown Shafter on Saturday, welcoming over 100 children, distributing candy and spreading joy and smiles. "It was a big hit, and next year will be even bigger and better," President and Councilmember Gilbert Alvarado said. "Thank you to our Santa, David Porter, who did a wonderful job entertaining the kids."

Wasco's memorable moments of 2024

This was another year of activity in Wasco, and was full of highlights. Here are some of the top stories for the first half of 2024. The second half will be covered next week.

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The Press and Tribune

January

The year kicked off with a groundbreaking ceremony for the Wasco Downtown Rehabilitation Project, funded by a \$5 million grant. The initiative aimed to revitalize the downtown area with green spaces and public art installations.

Alex Garcia assumed the role of mayor for the third time after previously serving in 2019 and 2021. Having joined the City Council in 2016, he brought a background as a small business owner of a real estate company and a director of the Kern Economic Development
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Kern County Operations Bureau Chief David Stephens hands off the police services building key to Chief of Police Charles Fivecoat.

Community Calendar

The Shafter Press and Wasco Tribune encourage local organizations to let the public know about coming events and activities through this column. Drop off or mail items at the office, 455 Kern St., Suite E, in Shafter, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Friday, call 661-292-5100 or email esoriano@TheShafterPress.com. Deadline is 4 p.m. Thursday prior to publication. Updates will be on TheShafterPress.com and WascoTrib.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

16th Annual Christmas Tree Display – The Shafter Depot Museum presents “The Lights of Christmas!” Trees will be on display Saturdays, Dec. 28 and Jan. 2, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

ONGOING

PRIDE Pantry donations – Consider donating to SHS Pride Pantry this holiday season. Suggested items to donate include nonperishable foods, hygiene products, socks, jackets, warm clothing, laundry soap and household items. Monetary donations can be made out to “Pride Pantry” and dropped off at the school office, 526 Mannel Ave. Call Katie Young at on-campus intervention, 661-746-4961.

Wardrobe for Wildcats – Semitropic School is seeking donations to provide two full uniforms, school t-shirt and school sweatshirt to each student for the 2024-25 school year. All donations will directly benefit students at the school and are tax deductible. Bring a donation directly by the school at 25300 Hwy. 46 in Wasco or contact Melody Gebhardt at 661-746-4439.

MONDAY

North Kern 4H – Meetings are held at Karl Clemens cafeteria at 7 p.m. the second Monday of the month. For more information, contact Chris at 661-809-2851.

Richland School Board – Meetings are held the second Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at Golden Oak Cafeteria, 195 S. Wall St.

TUESDAY

Senior Sack Program – First and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 11 a.m. at the Griffith Avenue Baptist Church in Wasco.

Shafter Recreation and Parks District – Meetings the second Tuesday of the month at 505 Sunset Ave., the Shafter Senior Center.

Shafter City Council – Meetings the first and third Tuesday of the month at City Hall, 336 Pacific Ave.

Wasco City Council – Meetings first and third Tuesday of the month. Meetings are held at 746 8th St. at 6 p.m.

Wasco Woman's Club – Meetings at the clubhouse, 1601 7th St., on the second Tuesday of the month. There is a \$15 fee for the lunch meetings.

Senior Food giveaway – Westside Family Fellowship hosts free senior food giveaway every fourth Tuesday of the month, 9-10 a.m., 60 or older (ID required). 2150 Palm Ave., Wasco.

WEDNESDAY

Shafter Rotary – Meetings at 7 a.m. at

the Shafter Veterans Hall.

Shafter Kiwanis – Meetings Wednesdays at 12 p.m. at the Shafter Veterans Hall.

Shafter Woman's Club – Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month, September through May, starting at 11 a.m. at the Shafter Youth Center, 455 Euclid Ave.

THURSDAY

Wasco High School Board – Meetings the second Thursday of the month at 1900 7th St. in Room 202, or alternatively in Library Room 1101. Visit wuhs.wascouhsd.org for agenda information.

Wasco Recreation and Park Board – Meetings on the third Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Hall at Barker Park.

Food distribution – Shafter Recreation and the Gleaners have food distribution every first and third Thursday of each month at the W.C. Walker Senior Center, 505 Sunset Ave.

Free farmers market – Westside Family Fellowship hosts fourth Thursday of the month, 8-10 a.m. 2150 Palm Ave., Wasco.

FRIDAY

Bulky waste pickup – American Refuse offers free bulky waste pick-up service Fridays to all City of Shafter core residents. To schedule a pickup, use the app or call 661-758-5316. No sabes que hacer con esos articulos de basura grande? Llame a American Refuse 661-758-5316 o use su aplicación para programar una recojida de estas articulos. Este servicio es gratis para todos los residents de la ciudad de Shafter (core residents).

SATURDAY

Depot Museum – Shafter Historical Society presents the city's history. Free admittance. 150 Central Valley Highway. Open Saturdays, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Green Hotel tours – Shafter Historic Green Hotel is open to tours on the first Saturday of each month from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information about renting the hotel for events, email thegreenhotel@gmail.com or phone 661-746-1913 and leave a message.

Minter Field Air Museum – Open Fridays and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at 401 Vultee, Shafter. Admission free, donations accepted.

Wasco Museum – Open every second Saturday of the month, 1-3 p.m., at 918 6th St. Free to the public. Wasco High School artifacts from over the last 100 years are featured.

Mystery history



Here's this week's challenge, courtesy of the Shafter Historical Society. If you know the location, circumstances, exact or rough date and/or people in the photo, send your educated (or semieducated) guess to *The Press*, 455 Kern St., Suite E, Shafter, CA 93263, or e-mail it to mysteryphoto@TheShafterPress.com. Winners will be revealed here next week. **LAST WEEK:** Christmas decorating in Shafter, 1994.



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ARREST REPORT

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As reported by the Shafter Police Department

DEC. 10

Joshua Oros, 21, of Shafter, was arrested in the 200 block of California Avenue for contempt of court and possession of a controlled substance.

DEC. 11

Juan Jose Flores, 49, of Shafter, was arrested at Mettler Avenue and Gibson Lane on an outside warrant.

DEC. 12

Richard Ortega, 35, of Shafter, was arrested at Mannel Avenue and Walker Street on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

Hector Noe Garibay, 30, of Shafter, was arrested in the 6600 block of East Lerdo Highway for obstruction.

Isaac Gonzalez, 29, of Shafter, was arrested in the 5800 block of Express Avenue for disorderly conduct: alcohol.

DEC. 13

Crystal Vargas, 39, of Shafter, was arrested at East Orange Avenue and Fuller Street for DUI.

Reynaldo Isaac Maldonado, 23, of Shafter, was arrested in the 200 block of Central Valley Highway on an outside warrant.

DEC. 14

Elijah Gonzalez, 34, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of West Orange Avenue for child abuse and battery.

Michael Chavez, 46, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of West Orange Avenue for carrying a concealed weapon and on an outside agency warrant.

DEC. 15

Andre Allen Beard, 32, of Shafter, was arrested at Gossamer Grove Boulevard and Soaring

Heights Way for obstruction.

DEC. 16

Julio Cesar Orihuela, 29, of Shafter, was arrested on the 700 of South Shafter Avenue on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

DEC. 17

Marcos Peter Rosales Gomez, 33, of Shafter, was arrested in the 700 block of Pleasant Run Drive for phleary in the first degree.

DEC. 18

Israel Gomez Jr., 37, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of East Lerdo Highway for possession of stolen property and possession of marijuana (1 ounce or more).

Julio Cesar Lopez, 40, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of East Lerdo Highway for disorderly conduct: alcohol, and on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor and on an outside agency warrant.

Luis Alberto Meda Jr., 27, of Shafter, was arrested on the 300 of Central Valley Highway on a bench warrant.

DEC. 19

Kayla Dean, 25, of Shafter, was arrested in the 1400 block of Calcutta Drive for possession of a narcotic, possession of a loaded firearm and transportation of a controlled substance.

DEC. 22

Alejandro Cebrenos Trujillo, 32, of Shafter, was arrested at Mettler Gibson avenues on bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor.

Rene Sonny Cabe, 40, of Shafter, was arrested in the 300 block of East Euclid Avenue for sexual battery and battery.

BUTTONWILLOW

As reported by the Kern County Sheriff's Office, Buttonwillow substation:

DEC. 17

Anthony Gonzalez Guevara, 20, of Lost Hills, was arrested in the 14800 block of Lamberson Avenue in Lost Hills for no registration, driving without a license, forged or altered vehicle registration, license plate position, possession of large capacity magazine, illegal possession of an assault weapon and improperly carrying of a firearm in a vehicle. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

DEC. 18

Kenneth Van Bishop, 48, of Bakersfield, was arrested at the intersection of Lake Street and Palm Drive in Bakersfield for burglary. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Reynaldo Aguilar, 41, of Lost Hills, was arrested at Highway 46 and Power Street in Lost Hills for disorderly conduct, possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Dustin David Herring, 45, of Bakersfield, was arrested at Imperial Street and Shafter Avenue in Shafter for possession of metal knuckles and on a felony out of county warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

DEC. 21

Miguel Angel Zamora Medina, 40, of Shafter, was arrested in the 700 block of South Shafter Avenue in Shafter for possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and on a felony warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Leland Keith Jackson, 39, of Phoenix, was arrested in the 14800 block of Buford Street in Wasco for disorderly conduct. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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As reported by the Wasco Police Department:

DEC. 17

Palacios Angel, 25, was arrested on a misdemeanor warrant. He was cited and released.

Cruz Arleth Bibian, 21, was arrested in the 700 block of 6th Street for driving with a suspended license. She was cited and released at the scene.

Garcia Katie Leondra, 35, was arrested on a misdemeanor warrant. She was cited and released at the scene.

DEC. 18

Giovanni Marvin Garcia, 41, was arrested in the 800 block of 7th Street for

public intoxication.

DEC. 19

Beasley Orlandrea Kayshawn, 18, was arrested for public intoxication.

DEC. 20

Pelayo Juan Jose, 41, was arrested for possession of narcotics and narcotics paraphernalia.

Hernandez Elias Antonio, 20, was arrested for driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol.

Sapien Miguel Antonio Rivera, 32, was arrested for driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol.

DEC. 22

Gonzalez Eduardo, 25, was arrested for misuse of 911 phone calls and possession of narcotics.

Cardenas Angela, 45, was arrested in the 800 block of F Street for driving with a suspended license. She was cited and released at the scene.

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Members of the North Kern Chapter of Líderes Campesinas: Lorena Castrejon, Marleni Castillo, Estela Valadez, Suguet Lopez (Líderes Campesinas executive director), Maria Fraire, Ramona Felix, Veronica Garcia, Ernestina Cardena and Yesenia Acosta.



Ambar S. Tovar, director of immigration legal services for the United Farm Workers Foundation, provided information on worker rights.

Celebration brings hope amid challenges

VERONICA JACUINDE
The Press and Tribune

The North Kern Chapter of Líderes Campesinas hosted CampesinXmas at the Wasco Woman's Club on Friday, featuring a traditional Mexican posada. Over 250 toys were distributed, bikes and gift cards were raffled, and members of the organization prepared a homemade birria dinner.

"It was a packed house, and the room was full of joy," Líderes Campesinas Executive Director Suguet Lopez said. "We were blessed to have had the support of all our sponsors, and we are so happy we could share this special time with our farm-working family, for whom we are incredibly grateful. Farmworkers feed the nation, and during this holiday season, it's nice we can celebrate them."

The event featured an interactive forum for the farm working community to share

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their concerns and hopes following the 2024 elections. Topics discussed included workplace health and safety, immigration, healthcare, personal finance and financial literacy. The United Farm Workers Foundation's director of immigration legal services, Ambar S. Tovar, gave a "Know Your Rights" presentation, explaining what workers should do if they encounter Border Patrol or ICE agents. Guests were encouraged to ask questions, share comments, and discuss key takeaways. Representatives from Building Healthy Communities of Kern, CHIRLA, Californians for Pesticide Reform, Kern Family Health Care and the Agricultural Labor Relations Board attended.

CampesinXmas not only provided a safe space for farmworkers to share their concerns and hopes for the new year, par-

ticularly about the outcomes of the election, but also offered valuable information. While there has been significant progress in areas such as farmworkers' rights, housing assistance, healthcare access, immigration, domestic violence and sexual harassment in the workplace, Lopez shared her worries: "The question is whether these supports will remain accessible under the incoming administration or if they will become harder to access. That's why we're partnering with state agencies and private organizations to bring them to our events, so they can share available resources and let the community know these services are here. Our hope is that people will continue to have access to these services. We understand that some adjustments will be necessary in the new year to continue providing these services, but we are committed to staying connected."

Regarding the new Trump-led govern-

ment, she said they are planning for the worst but hoping for the best, adding that much has been said about deportation and terminating specific programs that benefit the immigrant community. "We just don't know, though our state has committed to be a sanctuary state. But people can't help but hear the comments, including those from some local authorities, especially when they embrace the National Guard and the militarization of our borders. It sounds very threatening to our community."

She assures that the organization will maintain its presence. "We will continue to support the ongoing well-being of our community while addressing the emerging threats we face. These events provide an opportunity to celebrate the farmworker community, which is incredibly wise, with a rich culture and a beautiful strength that makes us resilient."

Christmas tree recycling made easy

VERONICA JACUINDE
The Press and Tribune

Kern County Public Works invites residents throughout the county to participate in its Christmas Tree Recycling Program, running from Thursday, Dec. 26, through Monday, Jan. 6. This program offers an eco-friendly way to dispose of one of the holiday season's most beloved symbols – the Christmas tree. By recycling their trees at designated county and partnering locations, residents can contribute to a cleaner environment and ensure these festive centerpieces are disposed of responsibly.

The initiative emphasizes the importance of preventing illegal dumping and the improper recycling of Christmas trees in residential greenwaste containers. By providing convenient drop-off points

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throughout Kern County, the program aims to make tree recycling accessible to all. Residents are encouraged to take advantage of this free service and help maintain the beauty and sustainability of their communities during the post-holiday season.

Shafter and Wasco residents can go to the following locations:

City of Shafter Corporation Yard: 1251 East Ash Ave. (daylight hours)

Shafter-Wasco Landfill: 17621 Scofield Ave., 8 miles west of Shafter (7 days, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.)

Vacant lot in Wasco: Northeast corner of Annin and Gromer avenues (daylight hours)

(all sites closed Jan. 1)
There are several ways to recycle



Christmas trees:

- The Christmas trees can go into their greenwaste container if the tree is cut into small pieces to fit into their container with the removal of the tree stand, all decorations and nails. The container lid must be

able to close securely. Whole trees and flocked trees are not accepted.

- Residents can self-haul whole Christmas trees to one of 23 drop-off locations throughout Kern County from Dec. 26 through Jan. 6.

- Compost at home. Christmas trees can be cut up and used in compost piles as part of a healthy compost mix. Make sure the pile is free of flocking and other contaminants.

Those taking Christmas trees to one of the drop-off locations should tarp and secure the load properly. Don't forget to remove all ornaments, bulbs, lights, decorations and plastic or metal tree stands before dropping off the tree. No flocked trees.

For more information, visit kernpublicworks.com or on Facebook at KernCountyPublicWorks.

Shafter Rotary welcomes District Governor

VERONICA JACUINDE
The Press and Tribune

Sherry Peckhoon Sim, the District 5240 Governor, visited the Shafter Rotary Club on Wednesday, December 18. As part of her official duties, she meets with each club in the district. Her visit was a special occasion, allowing club members to learn about her extraordinary career serving the Rotary organization.

"She represents local, our district and international exceptionally well. For her, Rotary is love, care and family. She genuinely cares about people, which is important for a District Governor to promote. Her background demonstrates that she is dedicated for all the right reasons," Mayor Pro Tem and club member Cathy Prout said.

Sherry joined the Rotary Club of Morro Bay in 2005. She helped start the Rotary Club of Cayucos, served as the charter president, and twice as club president in 2008-2009 and 2018-2019. Since 2009, Sim has served in various capacities at club and district levels.

She is a strong supporter of The Rotary Foundation and a Master Practical Rel-



Attending the meeting were, back row, Roland Vandervalk, Dan Smith and Blake Goehring. Front row: Garry Nelson, Cathy Prout, Ramona Herrera, Jan Nelson, District Governor Sherry Peckhoon Sim, Shafter Rotary Club President Lisa Marie Mendez and Clark Goehring.

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vant Leadership Skills graduate. She has received several Governor recognitions and awards, including Rotary International's Citation for All Avenues of Service in

2014-2015, and Rotary District 5240's Samuel L. Greene Service Above Self Award in 2022-2023.

A native of Singapore, Sherry settled in California in 1988 and relocated to Cayucos in 2002. Backed by her 20 years of

experience in international business and tourism marketing, Sherry owns and operates her own real estate brokerage.

Sherry loves to cook, explore and create various cuisines. Music is her passion and gives her a chance to feel free and dance. She has three "R's" in her life: Riley (her dog), real estate and Rotary.

She has embraced the Rotary family as part of her family. Sherry hopes to spread her theme, "Rotary is Love," with everyone, and that love will, in turn, be multiplied and shared to make a difference and change lives.

Blake Goehring, a member of the Shafter Rotary Club for 18 years, shared that District Governor Sim's visit was inspiring because she is a first-generation U.S. immigrant and passionate about creating a better world. "She highlighted the accomplishments of the Rotary Club of Shafter through the years and encouraged us to build a better community for Shafter. She challenges us, as Rotarians, to look for new projects that will enrich our community, and she is committed to providing the resources to help us reach our goal of spreading the love of Rotary."

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Lions unveil unique Skate Park bench

VERONICA JACUINDE
The Press and Tribune

The City of Shafter hosted a bench dedication ceremony at the Skate Park on Friday. The Lions Club led the effort to raise the money and provide the bench for the community to use and enjoy at the skate park. Created in the shape of a skateboard, the bench adds an artistic touch to the park's modern design and features a plaque naming all 15 sponsors who contributed to funding the skateboard bench.

The sponsors include SoCalGas, Glam Salon & Spa, Shafter Transmission & Smog, Candyland Party Supply, N&L Farm Labor Services Inc., Shafter Car Wash, PG&E, Shafter Recreation and Parks District, BBK Attorneys at Law, Shafter AG Solutions, Strata Credit Union, Shafter Big Stop Market, California Resources Corporation, Wonderful Orchards and Assemblymember Dr. Jasmeet Bains.

“It was great to see all the businesses coming together to bring this project to fruition. The large turnout today shows strong community support for a park that provides a safe and enjoyable outlet for everyone,” Lions Club President and Councilmember Gilbert Alvarado said after the event.

Mayor Chad Givens stated, “I’m excited when community clubs come together like the Lions have done to continue supporting healthy activities and outdoor recreation. This was something they came up with, and I’m excited to see it continue forward. We know others are doing the same, and that’s what makes Shafter



Lions Club members were joined by the City Council, residents, Distinguished Young Woman Camryn Eubanks, Miss Shafter Gloria Huestis, Assemblymember Dr. Jasmeet Bains, Shafter Recreation and Parks District Manager Phillip Jimenez and representatives from local elected officials to stand united and cut the ribbon.

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unique and special.”

Assemblymember Bains echoed Mayor Givens’ sentiment, saying, “I love that you are always doing things that other cities aren’t doing, by making sure the city is engaged,” and added that with the skate park, “whatever we can do to get kids to continue to be kids is important.”

The city did a good job with this park, City Manager Lance Lippincott remarked. “These are hugely impactful for kids. It’s hard to capture the benefit, but it really ties the community together. Today’s bench ceremony symbolizes how much the community cares and how involved the service organizations are here.”

Marisol Delgado, who lives across the

street from the skate park and uses it often, shared, “My kids and I love it. I’m 35 years old, and I ride on my scooter. My family and I are so happy with the park and are grateful to have it.”

Sixth-grader Dominique Espinoza said it’s great for practicing on the ramps, noting that they are small enough for beginners. “It’s awesome to hang out with friends at the park. I like how the new bench looks. It’s really cool and somewhere nice to sit,” he said.

Phillip Jimenez, Shafter Recreation and Parks District manager, believes the park has been needed in the community for a long time. “It’s really great to have a skate park for the kids to have fun and to know that this is one of the best skate parks in the county.”



Dominique Espinoza and his skateboarding buddy Allen met at the park. “We come here practically every day,” he said.

Dazzling displays light up Wasco

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enjoy the homes with my family. The bus driver was very helpful, providing information about the houses. It was also nice that the Parks and Rec had cookies and drinks for us. They really made it festive.”

He attended the cruise with his wife, Denise, daughter, Marcy, and son, Johnny, commenting on the creativity of the displays. “My favorite was the house with the Grinch theme and the big Grinch on the roof.”

Anahi Medina, who attends college at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and was home for the holidays, said it was a pleasant excursion with her family. It was her first tour of this kind, and she was very impressed. “It was a lot of fun, and it was nice

to see everybody’s reactions to the different houses. There was so much holiday spirit, and it was great for the community to come together. The decorations in the competition were original, and some of the houses were extra special, like the one with the synchronized lights to the music. I’m glad I had the opportunity to participate, and I would definitely recommend it to others to try next year.”

For Councilmember Gilberto Reyna, attending the cruise has become a holiday tradition. “This year’s Light Up Wasco tour was as delightful as ever. It was filled with Christmas spirit and offered something special for everyone to enjoy, from the warm hot chocolate and scrumptious



Homes featured custom-built holiday scenes with larger-than-life inflatables, animatronic characters, extravagant lights and singing Santa figures.

cookies to the festive, beautifully decorated homes. Families and friends shared laughter and made memories as they ad-

mired the creativity and effort put into the spectacular displays. This tour is a favorite among our local families.”

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

From *The City of Wasco*

FREE Christmas Tree Recycling
2024-2025
December 26 - January 6

OPTION 1 Recycle your Christmas Tree into your GREEN WASTE container!

- Make sure to remove the tree stand, decorations, and nails.
- Cut the tree into small pieces before placing it into the green waste container.
- Container lid **MUST** completely close.
- Flocked trees are not accepted in this program and cannot be recycled.

OPTION 2 Drop off your Christmas Tree

- Remove tree stand, decorations, and nails.

Northwest Kern Drop-off Locations

Vacant Lot in Wasco Northeast corner of Annin Avenue and Gromer Avenue Daylight Hours	Shafter-Wasco Landfill 17621 Scofield Avenue 7 Days: 8 AM-4 PM
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Reciclaje de árboles de Navidad GRATIS
2024-2025
26 de diciembre - 6 de enero

OPCION 1 Recicle su árbol de Navidad en su contenedor de RESIDUOS ORGANICOS.

- Asegúrese de quitar la base del árbol, las decoraciones y los clavos.
- Corte el árbol en piezas pequeñas antes de colocarlo en el contenedor de residuos verdes.
- La tapa del contenedor **DEBE** cerrarse completamente.
- Los árboles nevados no son aceptados en este programa y no pueden ser reciclados.

OPCION 2 Deje su árbol de Navidad en lugar de entrega

- Quita la base del árbol, las decoraciones y los clavos.

Localidades de entrega de Northwest Kern

Terreno vacío en Wasco Esquina noreste de la Annin Avenue y la Gromer Avenue Horas de luz	Shafter-Wasco Landfill 17621 Scofield Avenue 7 Días: 8 AM-4 PM
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Open Positions

The City of Wasco is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

- Police Officer \$2,524.58 - \$3,222.10 / biweekly
- Police Dispatcher \$2,072.05 - \$2,644.50 / biweekly
- Homeless Outreach Coordinator \$2,254.16 - \$2,876.94 / biweekly
- Volunteers



Apply online at: www.cityofwasco.org/Jobs.aspx

Public Notice

The Wasco City Council is recruiting two (2) individuals to serve on the Wasco Planning Commission and one (1) individual to serve on the Kern Mosquito and Vector Control District’s Board of Trustees. For any questions or assistance regarding this appointment, contact the City Clerk’s Office at (661) 758-7215.

Wasco Animal Shelter

Free Adoptions

All adoption fees are waived at the Wasco Animal Shelter, until further notice.

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Upcoming Events

- Dec. 24 - Jan 2**
City Offices Closed for the Holidays
- Jan. 07**
City Council Meeting
746 8th St. @ 6:00 p.m.
- Jan. 10**
City offices closed Friday
- Jan. 13**
Planning Commission Meeting
746 8th St. @ 6:00 p.m.

Wasco's memorable moments of 2024

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Corporation, where he represented Wasco.

The Wasco High School varsity cheer team competed in the California Interscholastic Federation Valley Championship and won, being the first in the school ever to earn this title. Out of 18 teams, they placed number one.

The council approved a contractor for the \$1.1 million demolition and clean up of the Wasco Farm Labor Camp. The city reached an agreement with the High-Speed Rail Authority in June 2023 to secure reimbursement for the project.

February

The Wasco High School varsity boys team made history by winning the first Valley Championship wrestling title. In the wake of the win, Coach Juan Gallardo received over 3,700 congratulatory messages of support from the wrestling and Wasco community.

The City of Wasco received the prestigious Annual Comprehensive Financial Report award for 2022, marking a significant milestone for the city, as the last recognition was in 2012. Factors contributing to this achievement included the accuracy

sociation. Employees of the department formed the WPOA to represent officers and other staff when negotiating a memorandum of understanding with the city.

Wasco High School was one of only two high schools in Kern County to receive the 2024 Distinguished Schools Award.

March

The Wasco Rotary Club, in partnership with the city, installed 4-Way Test signs along Highway 43. This initiative, symbolizing the Rotary mission, encourages exemplary citizenship within the community.

The Wasco Woman's Club hosted its 2024 Wasco High School Fine Arts Awards, honoring eight students for their exceptional work across various artistic mediums.



Rotary Club members gather after completing the 4-Way Test signs highlighting the club's principles of integrity and service.

park, featuring murals created by artist Leo Alvarez.

May

The Orange Heart Foundation hosted its annual Father-Daughter Dance, a celebration that brought together over 150 daughters and their dads. DJ Nonsense provided the music, and the 2023 Miss Wasco Rose Queen, Esmeralda Rodriguez, accompanied by her father, crowned the Little Queen of the Night.

Councilmembers Valentin Medina and Eddie Saldaña of the Wasco Task Force led a team of almost 30 volunteers in a cleanup effort focused on the newly renovated South Gate Park and surrounding neighborhood. The cleanups are coordinated monthly to engage with the community to beautify and create a more vibrant environment.

College Community Services organized an event during Mental Health Awareness Month to combat stigma and promote resources for children and families in the community.

June

The council approved

a balanced budget for the 2024-25 fiscal year, with general fund revenues of \$15.4 million and operating costs of \$15.2 million.

The Wasco Recreation and Parks District hosted a Red, White and Boom Fireworks Festival to celebrate the Fourth of July, offering a vibrant lineup of activities and a grand finale that illuminated the sky. The event featured a flag ceremony, a bike parade, a car show, a watermelon eating contest, vendors, swimming and an impressive fireworks display.

With nearly two decades of experience as an educator at Wasco High School, Jennifer Aufforth was honored as Wasco Union High School District Teacher of the Year. In addition to her teaching role, she serves as a club advisor for the Tiger Tales Book Club, co-advisor for the California Scholarship Federation, one of five academic coaches for the English Department and a mentor to two teachers.



The 2023 Miss Wasco Rose Queen, Esmeralda Rodriguez, crowns Julianna Grace Arroyo as the Little Queen of the Night at the Orange Heart Foundation's Father-Daughter Dance.



Mahalia Bradshaw stands beside her self-portrait at the Wasco Woman's Club 2024 Wasco High School Fine Arts Awards.

and completeness of financial statements, compliance with legal and regulatory requirements and a strong demonstration of fiscal responsibility and accountability.

The council formally recognized the newly formed Wasco Police Officers As-

and sets that depicted Jesus' final hours before his resurrection.

The 15th Street Park reopened with several upgrades, including a new play structure, seating area, picnic tables, trash receptacles and artwork throughout the



Leo Alvarez was the artist behind the colorful park murals at 15th Street Park, which reopened in April.

PET OF THE WEEK

A loving companion awaits you

Maggie is a 3-4-year-old female American Staffordshire terrier with a heart as big as her personality. She has soft, shiny brown and white fur and a playful spirit, making her the perfect companion. Maggie is friendly, lovable and great with staff and other dogs. Found as a stray, Maggie is ready to share all her love. While her behavior with children and her house/crate training status is unknown, her gentle and affectionate nature shines through. Maggie will be available for adoption starting Thursday, Dec. 26. Don't miss the chance to make this sweet girl part of your life.

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A year of growth for Shafter in 2024

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practicing their religion, and not vandalism.

Shafter High celebrated, for the second straight year, a female wrestler qualifying for the State Wrestling tournament. Julissa Gonzalez, who made history last year, becoming the first Shafter female wrestler to qualify. Gonzalez still has two years of competition left, and she is expecting to be at the State level and keep improving.

February

Shafter saw the return of the Colours festival, with a large number of activities celebrating the arts and the community. Included in the event was the traditional Colours Fun Run. There was also a Coffee House music event held at the Tin Cup, featuring the David Bloemhof Jazz Trio. There was also an art gallery at the Tin Cup, featuring several local artists including Charlotte White.

Shafter welcomed a new economic development director after the retirement of Bob Meadows. Fernando Guerra came to Shafter from working in some of the largest markets in the world, including New York and Los Angeles.

March

Shafter celebrated the best and brightest for the year at the annual Shafter Chamber of Commerce Awards banquet. Among the honorees were Hitchcock's Auto Parts, which had celebrated its 100th year in business. Other honorees includ-



Shafter recognized its finest at the Shafter Chamber of Commerce awards.

ed the Shafter High Pride Pantry, Natalie Leyva, Fabian Jimenez and Shawn Pennell. Pennell retired this last year after coaching the Shafter High Girls basketball team for over a decade. Pennell built the program from a last place squad to a powerhouse that competed this past year in the Central Section semifinals.

Shafter named its newest Distinguished Young Woman, announcing that Camryn Eubanks would serve the city in the position. Celeste Perez was named the First Alternate.

Richland School District held a groundbreaking ceremony on its newest building. Located next to the Shafter

Aquatic Center, the site will be used for the district's afterschool program. Superintendent Rosa Romero said that this location would unite the different schools into the area and would have more classroom area and activity areas for the students to take advantage of.

April

Shafter held its annual Sunrise Service at Mannel Park, with a gathering of residents from various denominations coming together to celebrate the Resurrection. Speaking at the event was Pastor Pat Coyle.

The community celebrated Easter with a variety of events throughout the city. Several churches, including Valley Bible Church, had special days in which there were games, stories, Bible lessons, and food. In what is becoming one of the most attended events in town, the Ventura Circus made its annual stop in Shafter. The performances included acrobats, clowns, a motorcycle daredevil and a trapeze artist. The show had four different performances, with each drawing over 100 people.

May

Shafter held its annual Cinco de Mayo Festival, celebrating the holiday with a parade and a flurry of activities at Mannel Park. This year's Grand Marshal was retired Assistant Police Chief Diana Burnett. Burnett said that she has enjoyed the festival for years and loved watching it, as well as helping work it.

At Mannel Park, people enjoyed a variety of food, drinks, and were entertained by a host of musical acts, including Men to Buru, a Kern County legend. Also on hand was the Shafter Boxing Club, who performed exhibition matches for the crowd, displaying their championship winning form.

A local family held a ribbon cutting

ceremony for their balloon and gift shop that they opened in downtown Shafter. Judith and Noe Gonzalez lost their daughter Italy last year to cancer. Gonzalez had had a successful bone marrow transplant the year before, but the disease came back. While she was recovering in the hospital, Italy and her mom would talk for hours about the business that they were going to open together.

June

Shafter schools celebrated their students with graduation ceremonies. Richland Junior High held its commencement exercises and heard remarks from student speakers Carlie Acosta and Adolfo Palacios Perez.

Shafter High saw their graduating class walk across the stage on Wednesday night, with one of the largest classes in history. Over 420 students were honored with a diploma. There also was history made when it was announced that there were five students who tied for the highest GPA, each with a perfect 4.5 score. They were Yolanda Bailey, Jeffrey Vander Poel, Fabian Denogean, Natalya Leyva and Valery Lopez Vicente.



The Ventura Circus wowed crowds in Shafter.

Also celebrating graduations were Maple School, as well as GROW Academy.

GROW Academy decided to disinvite Shafter Mayor Chad Givens as guest speaker at their ceremony. Givens refused to remove a scripture from his speech.

Shafter High's Zale Mantas made history this year by becoming the first Shafter golfer to qualify for the Regional tournament, finishing in seventh place, just missing a place at the State tournament. Mantas started golfing at the age of 7.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

A - NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALLING FOR BIDS

Owner: Wasco Union Elementary School District
Publish Dates: December 23, 2024
December 30, 2024
Question Deadline: January 10, 2025 @ 11:00am PST
Bid Due Deadline: January 15, 2025 @ 11:00am PST
Bid Due Location: All Bids will be received through the project website at <https://projects.infinitycomm.com>. Bids will not be received in any manner other than digital copies through the project website. All submittals are required to be in PDF format, unless otherwise noted, and must be a file size of less than 10Mb.

Project Name: Structured Cabling & Network Electronics for Wasco Union Elementary School District
Project Number: 0059-25C.1
Plans on File: <https://projects.infinitycomm.com> & <https://portal.usac.org/suite/>

In accordance with Section 7057 of the Business and Professions Code, only a Contractor with a "C-7 or C-10" license may bid. A Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting will be conducted on January 6, 2025, at 10:00am, located at: 1102 5th Street, Wasco, CA 93280. This meeting is Mandatory. ALL Contractors attending will be required to sign in at the time of arrival and are also required to stay for the duration of the Pre-Construction Meeting.

All questions concerning this project shall be requested through the project website at <https://projects.infinitycomm.com>. All requests for information shall be submitted not less than five (5) days prior to the opening of the bid. Any questions submitted after the question deadline will not be answered. All questions will be submitted through the project website. Bidders shall submit only one question submittal. All questions shall be included in the single submittal. DO NOT submit single question submittals. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the bidders response being negatively scored or rejected completely for failure to comply with the requirements of the RFP.

Each bid must conform and be responsive to the contract documents. The projects and services depend on partial funding from the E-Rate program. The OWNER expects each Contractor to make themselves thoroughly familiar with any rules or regulations regarding the E-Rate program. All contracts entered into as a result of these Form 470's will be contingent upon specific funding by the SLD at the percentage rate submitted. The percentage rate applicable to a particular Form 471 is the maximum that the District is liable for. The Contractor will be responsible to bill the government (USAC) for the balance. No billing or work shall be commenced before April 1, 2025. On the day of the bid the Contractor shall supply their Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN) and must certify that their SPIN is "current".

This project is anticipated to start after April 1, 2025, and is anticipated to have a duration of 120 days. All work shall be completed per the project schedule but no later than the project finish date. Liquidated damages in the amount of \$500.00/day are included in this contract. All work shall be completed per the project schedule but no later than August 2026.

The OWNER reserves the right to reject any or all bids and/or waive any irregularities or informalities in any bids or in the bidding process. Each bid package will be awarded separately and independent of one another. The OWNER may, at their option, choose to award the projects to one contractor or any combination of contractors.

The OWNER has determined the general prevailing rate of per diem wages in the locality in which this work is to be performed for each craft or type of worker needed to execute this contract. These rates are on file at the SCHOOL DISTRICT office located at location. Copies may be obtained upon request. A copy of these rates shall be posted at each jobsite. The schedule of per diem wages is based upon a working day of eight (8) hours. The rate for holiday and overtime work shall be at least time and one-half.

It shall be mandatory upon the contractor to whom the contract is awarded (CONTRACTOR), and upon any subcontractor under him, to pay not less than the said specified rates to all works employed by them in the execution of the contract. It is the CONTRACTOR'S responsibility to determine any rate change that may have or will occur during the intervening period between each issuance of written rates by the Director of Industrial Relations. During the Work and pursuant to Labor Code §1771.4(a)(4), the Department of Industrial Relations shall monitor compliance with prevailing wage rate requirements and enforce the Contractor's prevailing wage rate obligations.

Each Bidder must be a DIR Registered Contractor when submitting a Bid Proposal. The Bid Proposal of a Bidder who is not a DIR Registered Contractor when the Bid Proposal is submitted will be rejected for non-responsiveness. All Subcontractors identified in a Bidder's Subcontractors' List must be DIR Registered contractors at the time the Bid Proposal is submitted. The foregoing notwithstanding, a Bid Proposal is not subject to rejection for non-responsiveness for listing Subcontractor the Subcontractors List who is/are not DIR Registered contractors if such Subcontractor(s) complete DIR Registration pursuant to Labor Code §1771.1(c)(1) or (2). Further, a Bid Proposal is

not subject to rejection if the Bidder submitting the Bid Proposal listed any Subcontractor(s) who is/are not DIR Registered contractors and such Subcontractor(s) do not become DIR Registered pursuant to Labor Code §1771.1(c)(1) or (2), but the Bidder, if awarded the Contract, must request consent of the District to substitute a DIR Registered Subcontractor for the non-DIR Registered Subcontractor pursuant to Labor Code §1771.1(c)(3), without adjustment of the Contract Price or the Contract Time.

This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations, including but not limited to prevailing wage compliance and Skilled and Trained Workforce requirements.

No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of **thirty (30) DAYS** after the date set for the opening of the bids. A BID BOND shall be required and shall be supplied with the CONTRACTOR'S bid on the day of the bid. All bids shall be presented under sealed cover and accompanied by one of the following forms of bidder's security: cash, a cashier's check, certified check, or a bidder's bond executed by an admitted surety insurer, made payable to the trustees. The security shall be in an amount equal to at least 10 percent of the amount bid. A bid shall not be considered unless one of the forms of bidder's security is enclosed with it.

A Payment Bond and Performance Bond for contracts over \$25,000.00 **WILL BE** required prior to the execution of the contract. The Payment and Performance Bond shall be in the form called for in the contract documents. Payment Bond and Performance Bond shall be provided upon receipt of the **Notice to Proceed**. Performance and Payment bonds shall be supplied prior to the beginning of construction. A Certificate of Insurance shall be required as well before work can begin.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Public Contract Code, Sections 22300, CONTRACTOR may substitute certain securities for any funds withheld by OWNER to ensure their performance under the contract. At the request and expense of CONTRACTOR, securities equivalent to any amount withheld shall be deposited, at the discretion of the OWNER, with either OWNER or with a state or federally chartered bank, as the escrow agent, who shall then pay any funds otherwise subject for retention to CONTRACTOR. Upon satisfactory completion of the contract, the securities shall be returned to the CONTRACTOR.

Securities eligible to investment shall include those listed in Government Code, Section 61430, bank and savings and loan certificates of deposit, interest bearing demand deposit accounts, standby letters of credit, or any other security mutually agreed to by CONTRACTOR and OWNER. CONTRACTOR shall be the beneficial owner of any securities substituted for funds withheld and shall receive any interest on them. The escrow agreement shall be essentially similar to the one indicated in the General Conditions.

In accordance with Education Code section 17076.11, this district has a participation goal for disabled veteran business enterprises of at least 3 percent per year of the overall dollar amount of funds allocated to the district by the State Allocation Board pursuant to the Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act of 1998 for construction or modernization and expended each year by the school district. Prior to, and as a condition precedent for final payment under any contract for such project, the contractor shall provide appropriate documentation to the district identifying the amount paid to disabled veteran business enterprises in conjunction with the contract, so that the district can assess its success at meeting this goal.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Kingdom Mobile Detailing
2024-B7308**

2401 Alpine Meadow Ct.
Wasco, CA 93280
County: Kern
2401 Alpine Meadow Ct.
Wasco, CA 93280
Anthony Christopher Campo
2401 Alpine Meadow Ct.
Wasco, CA 93280
The business is conducted by:
Individual
Date the business commenced: N/A
/s/Anthony Christopher Campo
Date Statement Filed: 12/10/2024
Date Statement Expires: 12/10/2029
Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: M Torralba
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Silver Ag
2024-B7205**

2243 Quincy St
Delano, CA 93215
County: Kern
2243 Quincy St
Delano, CA 93215
Silverio Alonso
2243 Quincy St
Delano, CA 93215
The business is conducted by:
Individual
Date the business commenced: N/A
/s/Silverio Alonso
Date Statement Filed: 12/05/2024
Date Statement Expires: 12/05/2029
Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: D Hinojosa
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Hernandez Nievedegaraffa
2024-B6726**

1601 Poso Dr Spc 48
Wasco, CA 93280
County: Kern
1601 Poso Dr Spc 48
Wasco, CA 93280
Juan Ibarra Garcia
1601 Poso Dr Spc 48
Wasco, CA 93280
The business is conducted by:
Individual
Date the business commenced: N/A
/s/Juan Ibarra Garcia
Date Statement Filed: 11/07/2024
Date Statement Expires: 11/07/2029
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BREAKING NEWS AT DEPOT



A tree decorated by The Shafter Press staff is on view as part of the Shafter Depot Museum holiday display through Jan. 4. The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays.

DEATH NOTICES

Ronnie Lee Sarazin, 58, of Shafter, passed away Nov. 24, in Shafter. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

Shawn Tiger, 53, of Bakersfield, passed away Dec. 11, in Shafter. Peters Fu-

neral Home, Shafter.
Maria T. Trujillo De Yanez, 65, of Wasco, passed away Dec. 13, in Wasco. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

Bobby McClain, 79, of

Wasco, passed away Dec. 16, in Wasco. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

Janet L. McCaslin, 75, of Shafter, passed away Dec. 19, in Shafter. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

PASTOR'S CORNER

It's almost Christmas...

"It's almost Christmas..." When we were children, that phrase filled us with hope and excitement as we counted down the days. For most adults today, those same words tend to fill us with stress and anxiety as available time and money grow short and our to-do and to-buy lists become ever longer. Part of the problem might be focusing on the many things that we, and everyone else, wants, instead of recognizing that what we truly need has already been given to us.

At our Christmas services, we often read the beautiful prophecy from Isaiah 9:6, which is just one of hundreds of biblical prophecies that confirm the importance of Jesus' birth.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And will called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

What Christmas celebrates is God's deep desire for us to live in intimate and blessed relationship with Him and His willingness to lower Himself to become one of us to make that possible. He suffered all the painful things of life – poverty, rejection, betrayal, great physical suffering and even death, just to remove the barrier that our selfishness and rebellion put between us. In doing so, He became the

greatest gift any of us can ever receive, not focused on our momentary wants but meeting the deepest needs of our hearts.

The prophecy in Isaiah 9:6 details who Jesus wants to be in our lives:

Wonderful Counselor. Much of life's worry comes from trying to make good decisions with so many unknown factors. We need sound advice on how to navigate this very confusing world and even more wisdom to know how to be there for the generations that follow us. Jesus is the best counselor because He knows what the future holds.

Mighty God. Jesus is the source of limitless power. There is nothing impossible for Him. He not only cares about our circumstances, He can do something about them. While He rarely does exactly what we want, He always does what is best and blessed for us.

Everlasting Father. There are two key words here. So many have never known the security of a loving, protective, providing father. And everlasting means that He will never leave us or abandon us (Joshua 1:5; Psalm 94:14, Hebrews 13:5). It is worth remembering that in Isaiah 7:14, Je-



sus was referred to as Emmanuel, which means God with us, the One who will always be there for us.

Prince of Peace. Whenever we asked my dad what he wanted for Christmas, he always said, "Just give me peace and quiet." He was teasing, but what we most need is true peace. The "peace that passes understanding"

(Philippians 4:7) that lets our hearts rest and our minds stop racing, even when our problems are unresolved and we still don't understand what has happened or what is

coming next.

There is one other important phrase that determines if we will receive all these things we so desperately need. When it says, "the government will be on his shoulders," it means that He was sent to rule and reign, not by force in an earthly government, but by the willing submission of our hearts to Him. Where Jesus rules, there is wisdom to choose well, there is power to do what is right, there is security, and there is peace. Let Emmanuel reign; let Him have control of your life. Let Him forgive your sin, give you the power to do what is right and be "God with you" always filling you with hope, joy, and peace!

OBITUARIES

Callie Lee Powell
 May 27, 1938 –
 Dec 17, 2024
 Callie Lee Powell was born May 27, 1938. She passed away Dec. 16, 2024. Date of Viewing: Friday, Jan. 3, 3 to 6 p.m.

Location of Viewing:
 Rucker's Mortuary, 301 Baker St., Bakersfield 93305. Date of Service: Saturday, Jan. 4, at 11 a.m. Location: Apostolic Faith Temple, 1802 "F" St. Wasco 93280



PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE-CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: SCV-24-00037
 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
 1. Petitioner: Franklin Wayne Greene filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
 Present Name
 Franklin Wayne Greene
 Proposed Name
 Franklin Wayne McCauley

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
 a. Date: 1/24/25 Time: 8:30 AM
 b. The address of the court is: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF KERN, 325 Central

Valley Highway, Shafter, CA 93263 North Kern Division
 3. a. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks before the date set for hearing on the petition in a newspaper of general circulation: (for resident of this county) printed in this county: Shafter Press Date: 11/18/24 /s/Marcos R. Camacho Judge of the Superior Court Publish Shafter Press December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement R. Owens Transport 2024-B7464
 400 Carsen Way Shafter, CA 93263 County: Kern
 400 Carsen Way Shafter, CA 93263 Richard A Owens Jr 400 Carsen Way Shafter, CA 93263 State of incorp. or org.: CA
 The business is conducted by: Individual
 Date the business commenced: 04/10/2008 /s/Richard Owens Jr, Owner
 Date Statement Filed: 12/13/2024 Date Statement Expires: 12/13/2029

Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: M Torralba
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CITY OF SHAFTER NOTICE OF ORDINANCE SUMMARY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 17, 2024, the Shafter City Council adopted Ordinance No. 760. The following is the official summary of the adopted Ordinance. Summary of Ordinance No. 760: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Shafter, California Adopting Zoning Code Amendment No. 24-19 Amending Title 17 (Zoning Ordinance) of the Shafter Municipal Code Relating to Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units in the City, and Finding the Action to be Statutorily Exempt From CEQA Under Public Resources Code Section 21080.17. A printed certified copy of Ordinance No. 760 is available for inspection by any person at the office of the Shafter City Clerk, City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California. The Ordinance was passed by the City Council on December 17, 2024, with the following vote:

AYES: Alvarado, Espinoza, Givens, Olvera, and Prout.

NOES: None
 ABSENT: None
 ABSTAINING: None
 Dated: December 19, 2024
 Yazmina Pallares, City Clerk
 Publish Shafter Press December 26, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF SHAFTER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 07, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of Shafter City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California, the Shafter City Council will conduct public hearings to consider the following: Tentative Tract No. 7483: A proposal to subdivide Lot "A" of Tract No. 7333 recorded on December 11, 2018 into 84 single-family lots and 1 public access lot to a future Friant-Kern bike path. The residential lot sizes are consistent with the land use designations within the adopted Marcona Preserve Specific Plan. The project is zoned and designated Low Density Residential within the Marcona Preserve Specific Plan and is located north of Tract No. 7244 between Jewetta Avenue North and the Friant-Kern Canal. The tentative tract map is proposing residential development consistent with the Marcona Preserve Specific Plan and, therefore, is exempt

from the California Environmental Quality Act, i.e., exempt from the requirements of Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000) of the Public Resources Code, pursuant to California Government Code §65457. The project is within the scope of the Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that was certified for the 2005 City of Shafter General Plan Update and related actions (SCH No. 2004101029) for the adopted Marcona Preserve Specific Plan. The certified Program EIR adequately describes the residential development proposed in Tentative Tract No. 7483.

Said hearing is open to the public and all persons interested are invited to attend and be heard. Any person wishing to be heard or wishing to present evidence either for or against the approval of said project, is hereby notified and directed to either appear at the time and place aforesaid or send written comments at or prior to the meeting to the City Clerk at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California 93263. Should anyone challenge any proposed action which is the subject of the meeting listed on this notice, that person may be limited to raising those issues addressed at the meeting, or in written correspondence delivered to the

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHAFTER ACTING IN ITS CAPACITY AS THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF THE CITY OF SHAFTER COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 0815, COUNTY OF KERN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF A SPECIAL TAX IN SUCH COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY that on December 17, 2024, the City Council of the City of Shafter adopted Ordinance No. 761 authorizing the levy of special taxes in the City of Shafter Community Facilities District No. 0815, County of Kern, State of California and heard all public testimony of all interested parties for the purpose of the following:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Shafter, California (the "City Council"), has initiated proceedings, held a public hearing, conducted an election and received a favorable vote from the qualified electors authorizing the levy of special taxes in a community facilities district, all as authorized pursuant to the terms and provisions of the "Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982," being Chapter 2.5, Part 1, Division 2, Title 5 of the Government Code of the State of California (the "Act"). This community facilities district shall hereinafter be referred to as the City of Shafter Community Facilities District No. 0815, County of Kern, State of California (the "District").

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHAFTER DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Incorporation of Recitals. The Recitals set forth above are incorporated herein, are made findings and determination of the City Council, and are an operative part of this Ordinance.

Section 2. Special Taxes. This City Council does, by the passage of this Ordinance, authorize the levy of special taxes on taxable properties located in the District pursuant to the Rate and Method of Apportionment as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference (the "Rate and Method").

Section 3. Annual Levy of Special Taxes. This City Council, acting in its capacity as the legislative body of the District, is hereby further authorized, by resolution, to annually determine the special tax to be levied within the District for the then current tax year or future tax years; provided, however, the special tax to be levied shall not exceed the maximum special tax authorized to be levied pursuant to the Rate and Method.

Section 4. Manner of Collection. The special taxes herein authorized to be levied, to the extent possible, shall be collected in the same manner as ad valorem property taxes or in such other manner as this City Council shall determine, including without limitation, direct billing of the affected property owners, and shall be subject to the same penalties, procedure, sale and lien priority in any case of delinquency as applicable for ad valorem taxes. Any special taxes that may not be collected on the County of Kern tax roll shall be collected through a direct billing procedure by the Treasurer of the City of Shafter, acting for and on behalf of the District.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after its adoption. Within fifteen (15) days after its adoption, the City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance, or a summary of it, to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Shafter.

EXHIBIT A

CITY OF SHAFTER COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 0815 RATE AND METHOD OF APPORTIONMENT

A Special Tax shall be levied on all Taxable Property within the boundaries of the City of Shafter Community Facilities District No. 0815 ("CFD No. 0815") and collected each Fiscal Year commencing in Fiscal Year 2024/2025 according to the tax liability determined by the City Council, through the application of the rate and method of apportionment of the Special Tax set forth below. All Taxable Property shall be taxed to the extent and in the manner herein provided.

I. Definitions

"Accessory Dwelling Unit" or **"ADU"** means all Assessor's Parcels of Residential Property for which a Building Permit(s) has been issued for an "Accessory Dwelling Unit" as defined in in California Government Code Section 66313(a), as may be amended from time to time, that is accessory to a primary Unit. The ADU may be located on the same Assessor's Parcel as the primary Unit or on a separate Assessor's Parcel. For purposes of clarification, where an ADU and primary Unit are on the same Assessor's Parcel, the ADU located on such Assessor's Parcel is considered a separate Unit from the primary Unit on such Assessor's Parcel for purposes of the Special Tax and both Units will be taxed. Should an Assessor's Parcel contain only an ADU, such Assessor's Parcel will be taxed as a Unit.

"Act" means the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982, as amended, being Chapter 2.5 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5 of the Government Code of the State of California.

"Administrative Expenses" means the actual or estimated costs incurred by the City, acting for and on behalf of CFD No. 0815 as the administrator thereof, to determine, levy and collect the Special Taxes, including a reasonable allocation of salaries of City employees and a proportionate amount of the City's general administrative overhead related thereto, and the fees of consultants and legal counsel providing services related to the administration of the CFD; the costs of collecting installments of the Special Taxes; and any other costs required to administer the CFD as determined by the City.

"Annual Tax Escalation Factor" On July 1, 2025 for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 and on each subsequent July 1 for the Fiscal Year then commencing, the Maximum Special Tax rates for all Assessor's Parcels of Taxable Property shown under Section 3 shall be increased annually by the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index (All Items) Los Angeles- Long Beach-Anaheim, CA, (1982-84 = 100) since the beginning of the preceding Fiscal Year provided however, that any such annual increase shall not exceed four percent (4%).

"Approved Property" means a Lot included in a Final Subdivision Map that was recorded prior to March 1 preceding the Fiscal Year in which the Special Tax is being levied, and that have not been issued a building permit on or prior to June 1 preceding the Fiscal Year in which the Special Tax is being levied.

"Assessor" means the Assessor of the County of Kern.

"Assessor's Parcel" means a lot or parcel shown on an Assessor's Parcel Map with an assigned Assessor's Tax Number.

"Assessor's Parcel Map" means an official map of the Assessor designating parcel(s) by Assessor's Tax Number(s).

"Assessor's Tax Number" means the number assigned to an Assessor's Parcel by the County for purposes of identification.

"Base Year" means Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024.

"Building Permit" means a permit for new construction issued by the City for new construction of a residential or non-residential building on an Assessor's Parcel for purposes of this Ordinance, "Building Permit" shall not include permits for construction or installation of retaining walls, utility improvements, or other such improvements not intended for human use.

"CFD" or "CFD No. 0815" means the City of Shafter Community Facilities District No. 0815, County of Kern, State of California.

"CFD Administrator" means an official of the City, or designee thereof, responsible for determining the Special Tax Requirement and preparing the annual Special Tax roll.

"City" means the City of Shafter, California.

"City Council" means the City Council of the City of Shafter which acts as the legislative body for CFD No. 0815 under the Act.

"County" means the County of Kern, California.

"Developed Property" means for each Fiscal Year, commencing with Fiscal Year 2025- 2026, each Assessor's Parcel, for which a Building Permit for new construction was issued, prior to June 1 of the previous Fiscal Year.

"Exempt Property" means an Assessor's Parcel that is not classified as Taxable Property. Exempt Property is not subject to the Special Tax.

"Final Subdivision Map" means a subdivision of property creating single family residential buildable Lots by recordation of a final subdivision map or parcel map pursuant to the Subdivision Map Act (California Government Code Section 66410 et seq.), or recordation of a condominium plan pursuant to California Civil Code 4285, that creates individual Lots for which building permits may be issued without further subdivision and is recorded prior to June 1 preceding the Fiscal Year in which the Special Tax is being levied.

"Fiscal Year" means the period starting on July 1 and ending the following June 30.

"Land Use Class" means any of the classes listed in Section 3 below.

"Lot" means an individual lot, identified and numbered on a recorded Final Subdivision Map, on which a building permit has been or is permitted to be issued for construction of one or more Dwelling Units without further subdivision of the lot and for which no further subdivision of the lot is anticipated.

"Maintenance" means the labor, material, administration, personnel, equipment and utilities necessary to maintain park, landscaping, parkways, trails, median islands, public lighting, street lights, including repair and replacement of recreational facilities, trees, plant material, sod, irrigation systems, weed control and other abatements, signs, monuments, and associated appurtenant facilities.

"Maintenance Requirement" means, for any Fiscal Year in which Special Taxes are levied, the amount equal to the budgeted costs for Maintenance applicable to the CFD for such Fiscal Year.

"Maximum Special Tax" means the greatest amount of Special Tax, determined in accordance with Section 3 below, which may be levied in any Fiscal Year on any Assessor's Parcel.

"Owners Association" means a homeowners association or property owners association that provides services to, and collects assessments, fees, dues, or charges from, property within the CFD.

"Owners Association Property" means any property within the boundaries of the CFD that is owned in fee or through easement by an Owners Association, not including any such property that is located directly under a residential structure.

"Non-Residential Property" means any Assessor's Parcel, or portion of an Assessor's Parcel, of Developed Property in the CFD for which a building permit(s) was issued for non-residential use.

"Public Property" means any property within the boundaries of CFD No. 0815, the ownership of which is transferred to a public agency, and is used for rights-of-way or any other purpose and is owned by, or irrevocably offered for dedication to the federal government, the State of California, the County, the City or any other public agency where the public agency has officially agreed to accept the offer of dedication; provided however that any property owned by a public agency and leased to a private entity and subject to taxation under Section 53340.1 of the Act shall be taxed and classified in accordance with its use.

"Reserve Fund" means a fund that shall be maintained for the CFD for each Fiscal Year to provide necessary cash flow for the first six months of each Fiscal Year, delinquencies in the payment of Special Taxes, reserve capital to cover repair and replacement costs, and a reasonable buffer to prevent large variations in annual Special Tax levies.

"Residential Property" means all Assessor's Parcels of Developed Property for which a Building Permit has been issued for purposes of constructing one or more residential Units.

"Special Tax" means any special tax authorized to be levied within CFD No. 0815 pursuant to the Act and this Rate and Method of Apportionment to fund the Special Tax Requirement.

"Special Tax Requirement" means that amount required in any Fiscal Year for the CFD to:

(i) pay for the Maintenance Requirement; (ii) pay for Administrative Expenses; (iii) pay any amounts required to establish or replenish the Reserve Fund; (iv) pay for reasonably anticipated delinquent Special Taxes based on the delinquency rate for Special Taxes levied in the previous Fiscal Year; less (v) a credit for funds available to reduce the annual Special Tax levy.

"State" means the State of California.

"Taxable Property" means all of the Assessor's Parcels within the boundaries of CFD No. 0815 that are classified as Developed Property or Approved Property. Taxable Property does not include Welfare Exempt Property.

"Tax-Exempt Property" means an Assessor's Parcel not subject to the Special Tax. Tax- Exempt Property includes: (i) Public Property, or (ii) Owner Association Property, or (iii) Assessor's Parcels with public or utility easements making impractical their utilization for other than the purposes set forth in the easement.

"Unit" means (i) for Residential Property, an individual single family detached or attached residential unit or an individual apartment unit, (ii) for Mobile Home Property, an individual mobile home, and (iii) an ADU. The number of Units assigned to each Assessor's Parcel may be determined by (i) referencing Assessor's data, (ii) site surveys and physical unit counts, and/or (iii) their own research by the CFD Administrator.

"Welfare Exempt Property" means, in any Fiscal Year, all Assessor's Parcels within the boundaries of CFD No. 0815 that (a) have been granted a welfare exemption by the County under subdivision (g) of Section 214 of the Revenue and Taxation Code indicated in the Assessor's data finalized as of January 1 of the previous Fiscal Year, and

(b) are exempt from the Special Tax pursuant to Section 53340(c) of the Act.

2. Land Use Classification

Each Fiscal Year, each Assessor's Parcel within the boundaries of CFD No. 0815 shall be classified as Taxable Property, Public Property or Exempt Property. Each Assessor's Parcel of Taxable Property shall be classified as based on Section 3 A and B below.

3. Maximum Special Tax Rates

A. Developed Property

TABLE 1 Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Maximum Special Tax Rates for Developed Property		
Land Use Class	Description	Maximum Special Tax
1	Residential Property	\$444.00 per Unit
2	Non-Residential Property	\$3,112.00 per Acre

B. Approved Property

The Maximum Special Tax for Approved Property shall be \$444.00 per Lot.

Escalation of Maximum Special Tax

Each Fiscal Year following the Base Year, the Maximum Special Tax shall be increased in accordance with the Annual Tax Escalation Factor and otherwise adjusted as provided in this rate and method of apportionment. **Multiple Land Use Classes**

In some instances, an Assessor's Parcel of Developed Property may contain more than one Land Use Class. The Maximum Special Tax levied on an Assessor's Parcel shall be the sum of the Maximum Special Taxes for all Land Use Classes located on that Assessor's Parcel. For an Assessor's Parcel that contains both Residential Property and Non-Residential Property, the Acreage of such Assessor's Parcel shall be allocated to each type of property based on the amount of acreage designated for each Land Use Class as determined by reference to the site plan approved for such Assessor's Parcel. The CFD Administrator's allocation to each type of property shall be final.

4. Method of Apportionment

For each Fiscal Year, commencing Fiscal Year 2024/2025, the CFD Administrator shall determine the Special Tax Requirement and calculate the Special Tax so that the amount of Special Taxes equals the Special Tax Requirement. The Special Tax shall be levied on Taxable Property each Fiscal Year as follows:

Step 1: The special tax shall be levied proportionally on each Assessor's Parcel of Developed Property up to 100% of the applicable Maximum Special Tax;

Step 2: If additional monies are needed to satisfy the Special Tax Requirement after the first step has been completed, the Special Tax shall be levied Proportionately on each Assessor's Parcel of Approved Property at up to 100% of the Maximum Special Tax for Approved Property. No Special Tax shall be levied on Exempt Property.

5. Collection of Special Taxes

Collection of the Special Tax shall be by the County in the same manner as ordinary ad valorem property taxes are collected and the Special Tax shall be subject to the same penalties and the same lien priority in the case of delinquency as ad valorem taxes; provided, however, that the City Council may provide for other means of collecting the Special Tax if necessary to meet its financial obligations, including direct billings to the property owners.

6. Administrative Changes and Appeals

Any taxpayer subject to the Special Tax and who claims the amount of the Special Tax levied on his or her Assessor's Parcel is in error shall first consult with the CFD Administrator regarding such error not later than twelve (12) months after first having paid the first installment of the Special Tax that is disputed. If following such consultation, the CFD Administrator determines that an error has occurred, the CFD Administrator may recommend changing the amount of the Special Tax levied on such Assessor's Parcel. If following such consultation and action, if any by the CFD Administrator, the landowner believes such error still exists, such person may file a written notice with the City Manager or designee of the City appealing the amount of the Special Tax levied on such Assessor's Parcel. Upon the receipt of such notice, the City Manager or designee may establish such procedures as deemed necessary to undertake the review of any such appeal. The City Manager or designee thereof shall interpret this Rate and Method of Apportionment and make determinations relative to the administration of the Special Tax and any landowner appeals. The decision of the City Manager or designee shall be final and binding as to all persons.

Interpretations may be made by Resolution of the City Council for purposes of clarifying any vagueness or ambiguity as it relates to the Special Tax, the Rate and Method of Apportionment, the classification of properties, or any definition applicable to CFD No. 0815.

7. Term of Special Tax

The Special Tax shall be levied annually in perpetuity, unless terminated earlier by a super majority of the City Council.

8. Prepayment of Special Tax

The Special Tax may not be prepaid.

The foregoing Ordinance was introduced and the title thereof read at the regular meeting of the City Council the 3rd day of December, 2024 and by unanimous vote of the Council members present, further reading was waived.

Printed certified copies of Ordinance No. 761 are available for inspection by any person at the office of the Shafter City Clerk, City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California. The ordinance was passed by the City Council on December 17, 2024, with the following vote:

AYES: Alvarado, Espinoza, Givens, Olvera, and Prout.

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINING: None

Dated: December 19, 2024

Yazmina Pallares, City Clerk

Publish Shafter Press December 26, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF SHAFTER

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 07, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of Shafter City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California, the Shafter City Council will conduct public hearings to consider the following:

Tentative Tract No. 7461: A proposal to merge and re-subdivide Parcels 9 and 10 of Parcel Map No. 11314 recorded January 31, 2006, into

281 single-family residential lots, 1 public park, a basin, a nature trail, and public landscape lots. The residential lot sizes are consistent with the land use designations within the adopted Mission Lakes

Specific Plan. The project is zoned and designated SP (Specific Plan) within the Mission Lakes Specific

Plan and is located on the north side of Seventh Standard Road between Zerk Road and the Calloway Canal. The tentative tract map is proposing

residential development consistent with the Mission Lakes Specific Plan and, therefore, is exempt from the California Environmental

Quality Act, i.e., exempt from the requirements of Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000) of the Public Resources Code, pursuant

to California Government Code §65457. The project is within the scope of the Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that was

certified for the 2005 City of Shafter General Plan Update and related actions (SCH No. 2004101029) for the adopted Mission Lakes Specific

Plan. The certified Program EIR adequately describes the residential development proposed in Tentative

Tract No. 7461. Said hearing is open to the public and all persons interested are invited

to attend and be heard. Any person wishing to be heard or wishing to present evidence either for or against the approval of said project, is hereby notified and directed to either appear at the time and place aforesaid or send

written comments at or prior to the meeting to the City Clerk at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, CA 93263. Should anyone challenge

any proposed action which is the subject of the meeting listed on this notice, that person may be limited to raising those issues addressed

at the meeting, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk at or prior to the meeting.

You are encouraged to observe the City Council meeting live via YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofShafter/>. If you wish to make a comment on a specific agenda item or public comment, please submit your comment via email by 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, to the City Clerk at CityClerk@shafter.com. If you wish to make a written comment please submit your comment to the City Clerk, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, CA 93263. If you wish to make a comment during the live meeting by joining the conference

via Zoom (include making live comments during the public

comment period), callers must first register with the City Clerk at CityClerk@shafter.com before the meeting begins to receive instructions and the call-in number and code. All public comments are provided to the City Council and applicable Staff, for review and consideration by the Council prior to acting on any matters listed on the agenda and are

incorporated into the official record of the City Council meeting. Dated: December 12, 2024

Yázmina Pallares
City Clerk
Publish Shafter Press December 26, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE
SHAFTER CITY COUNCIL
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 7, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of Shafter City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California, the Shafter City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider the following:

Zone Code Amendment No. 24-20: The City of Shafter intends to amend Title 17 (Zoning Ordinance) of the City of Shafter Municipal Code to change the threshold for requiring City Council approval of expected people for special event permits from 50 to 500.

Said meeting is open to the public and all persons interested are invited to attend and be heard.

Any person wishing to be heard or wishing to present evidence either for or against the approval of the project, is hereby notified and directed to either appear at the time and place aforesaid or send written comments at or prior to the meeting to the City Clerk at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, CA 93263. Should anyone challenge any proposed action which is the subject of the meeting listed on this notice, that person may be limited to raising those issues addressed at the meeting, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk at or prior to the meeting.

You are encouraged to observe the City Council meeting live via YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofShafter/>. If you wish to make a comment on a specific agenda item or public comment, please submit your comment via email by 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, to the City Clerk at CityClerk@shafter.com. If you wish to make a written comment please submit your comment to the City Clerk, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, CA 93263. If you wish to make a comment during the live meeting by joining the conference via Zoom (include making live

comments during the public comment period), callers must first register with the City Clerk at CityClerk@shafter.com before the meeting begins to receive instructions and the call-in number and code. All public comments are provided to the City Council and applicable Staff, for review and consideration by the Council prior to acting on any matters listed on the agenda and are

incorporated into the official record of the City Council meeting. Dated: December 12, 2024

Yázmina Pallares, City Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business Name Statement
Dago's Contracting
2024-B7111

238 Central Ave
Shafter, CA 93263
County: Kern
238 Central Ave
Shafter, CA 93263
Dagoberto Diaz
238 Central Ave
Shafter, CA 93263
The business is conducted by:
Individual
Date the business commenced:
03/14/2015
/s/Dagoberto Diaz
Date Statement Filed: 12/02/2024
Date Statement Expires:
12/02/2029
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: M Torralba
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business Name Statement
Old River Place Apartments
2024-B7182
Old River Place
2024-B7183

4907 Calais Ct
Bakersfield, CA 93311
County: Kern
4907 Calais Ct #A
Bakersfield, CA 93311
Old River Apartments, LLC
7 Corporate Park Drive, Suite 100
Irvin, CA 92606
State of Incorp. or org.: Delaware
The business is conducted by:
Limited Liability Company
Date the business commenced:
08/28/2024
/s/David S. Kim
Date Statement Filed: 12/04/2024
Date Statement Expires:
12/04/2029
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: M Torralba
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business Name Statement
CM&J's Sportscards
2024-B6843

4016 Viverona Ln.
Bakersfield, CA 93308
County: Kern
4016 Viverona Ln.
Bakersfield, CA 93308
Ascension Barrera III
4016 Viverona Ln.
Bakersfield, CA 93308
The business is conducted by:
Individual
Date the business commenced: N/A
/s/Ascension Barrera III
Date Statement Filed: 11/15/2024
Date Statement Expires: 11/15/2029
Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: M Hernandez
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