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Cities face cost of virus

Strong position will help

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The Shafter City Council held a special meeting on April 16 to discuss budgetary goals for this year, as well as moving forward.

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City Manager Gabriel Gonzalez presented a Powerpoint presentation that included the current state of the city, as well as what goals they will have moving toward a post-COVIC-19 community.

Gonzalez said that before the pandemic began, the City of Shafter enjoyed fiscal sustainability, a balanced budget and a pension fund that is funded 100%.

Gonzalez went on to say that due to Shafter's economic state and its strong reserves, Shafter is in a better position than many cities in the area that might not enjoy such security.

During this current situation, Gonzalez said that there is robust community engagement and council support, while maintaining both nonessential and essential city services.

He went on to list what the council should expect in the post-virus recovery

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Special education teacher Lorena Gonzales, her aide and a student drove a balloon-covered car in the parade.

A parade of hope

TONI DEROSA
Wasco Tribune

The rain didn't stop their parade.

After a week of 70-degree weather, residents were surprised to wake up to showers on Friday, but people stood outside with umbrellas to see their favorite teacher pass by.

The Wasco Union High School

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Cars were lined up in the WHS parking lot to begin the parade.

Sales tax \$ likely to decrease

TONI DEROSA
Wasco Tribune

City Manager Daniel Ortiz-Hernandez told the City Council Tuesday night that the city will take a financial hit due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Sales tax revenues are likely to be reduced due to the deferral allowed for businesses up to \$50,000, which will impact the city budget. He also said a portion of online sales taxes will come back to the city.

He also mentioned that in anticipation of employees returning to work, the city is looking into protective windows be installed at all counters.

In addition, he was not sure how Dial-a-Ride will look once it is up and running again. The city is looking into how passengers will be able to maintain a safe distance from each other while riding the bus.

Ortiz-Hernandez also gave a report on the current landscaping and weed abatement issues at the former Wasco Labor Camp on 6th Street.

While the Housing Authority continues to maintain the site as best as it can,

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The Shafter Animal Control offices are still closed to the public.

Friend of animals stuck in shelters

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

In this time of crisis, some of residents can easily be overlooked – those of the four-legged variety.

Nick Riddick and his staff at Animal Control still are keeping their focus on the safety and well-being of those residents who don't have voices of their own.

The offices and shelter of the Shafter Animal Control are closed to the public be-

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cause of the local state of emergency that was declared by city leaders. However, the department is still in operation and remains dedicated to serving the animals of Shafter.

The modified operation and hours can be found in an update posted on the City of Shafter's website. Even though the offices are closed to the public, services such as li-

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Gifts for first responders

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

Under Gov. Gavin Newsom's Stay at Home order, the community has been urged to refrain from going out unless it is necessary to pick up essentials and other tasks that make it necessary to leave your home.

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This order does not deter those individuals who are out to break the law. There is no self-quarantining for them. This makes it even more important to have law enforcement and other first re-

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Rob Miller, left, and Vincent Martinez delivered meals to the Shafter Police Department.



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Rocy's Mexican Food

749 S. Shafter Ave.
661-746-2619
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8 a.m.—9 p.m.

Tony's Firehouse Restaurant

300 E. Lerdo Hwy.
661-746-9244
Open every day
11 a.m.-7 p.m.

El Michoacano

237 Central Ave.
661-746-4872

La Fonda Taqueria and Mariscos

358 Central Ave.
661-746-0034

Don Pepe's Bar & Grill

301 E. Lerdo Hwy.
661-746-6183
Reopens Friday, April 24,
or pickup only.

China Cuisine

563 James St.
661-746-3266

Giovanni's Italian Eatery

130 Walker St.
661-746-2000

La Imperial Taqueria

327 State Ave.
661-746-1717

General's Headquarter

710 E. Lerdo Hwy.
661-746-6075
Open every day
8 a.m.-11 p.m.

Burger Factory

313 Central Ave.
661-746-9135

Frosty King
683 Central Valley Hwy.
661-746-6951
Open every day
10 a.m.-10 p.m.

McDonalds

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1032 Highway 46
661-758-2606

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reopens 5 p.m. -7 p.m.

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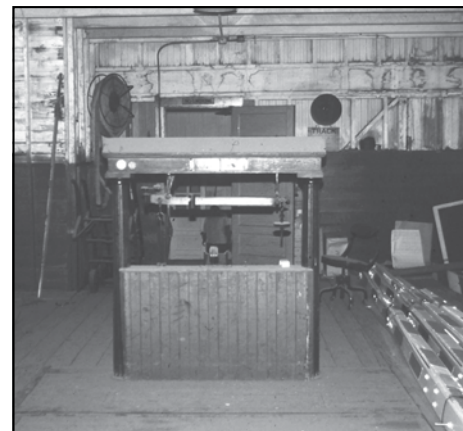
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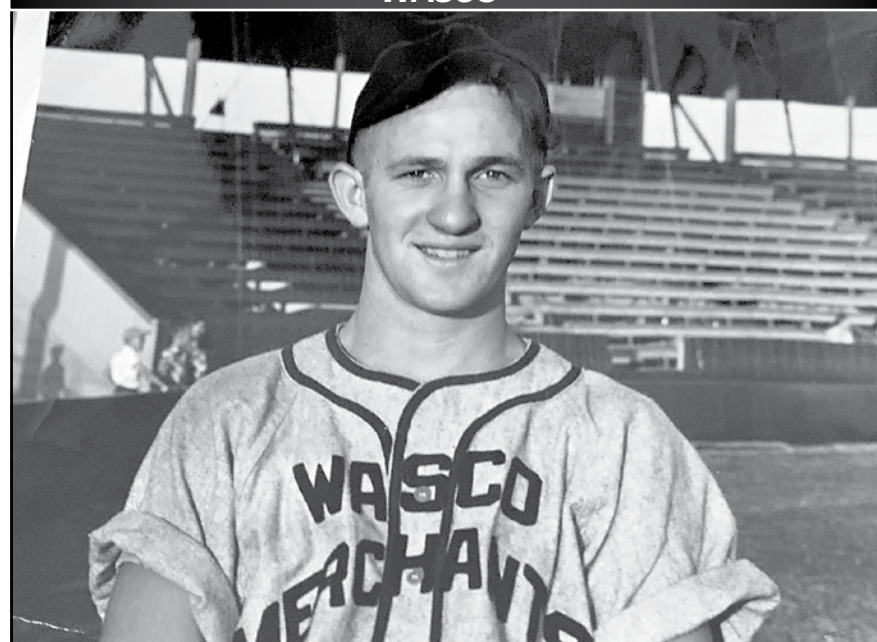
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Here's this week's challenge, courtesy of the Shafter Historical Society. If you know the location, circumstances, exact or rough date and/or people in the photo, send your educated (or semieducated) guess to *The Press*, 406 Central Ave., Shafter 93263, or e-mail it to mystery-photo@TheShafterPress.com. Winners will be revealed here next week. **LAST WEEK:** Inside the freight room of the Shafter Depot in 1978. This photo was taken by Stan Wilson during the last year the Shafter Depot was used by Santa Fe Railroad as a train station. The scale is on display at the Depot Museum still in the freight room.



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Here's this week's challenge, courtesy of the Wasco 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 Tribune*. **LAST WEEK:** The May 16, 1941, wedding of Thelma Warkentine Neufeld and Ernest Neufeld. From left are Erma Neufeld Funk, Hilda Gaede Stucky, Ruby Gaede Krause, the bride and groom, Virgil Warkentine, Harold Neufeld and Al Warkentine.



ARREST REPORT

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As reported by the Shafter Police Department

APRIL 19

Gerardo De Jesus Mas, 21, was arrested for obstruction of a public officer and disorderly conduct: drug with alcohol.

APRIL 18

Dirk Barton Underwood, 50, of Shafter, was arrested for obstruction of a public officer, disorderly conduct: alcohol, pedestrian walking outside of crosswalk and open container of alcohol in public.

APRIL 16

Elizabeth Ann Gomez, 50, of Shafter, was arrested for DUI alcohol.

Johnny Lee Young, 42, of Shafer, was arrested for possession of controlled substance paraphernalia, burglary in the second degree, possession of burglarized tools and petty theft.

APRIL 14

Sarah Metz Castillo, 37, of Shafter, was arrested for burglary in the second degree.

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As reported by the Kern County Sheriff's Department, Wasco substation:

APRIL 17

Heriberto Vidales Jr., 38, of Wasco, was arrested in the 400 block of Maple Avenue for stalking, contempt of court, and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Anna DeLeon, 36, of Wasco, was arrested in the 900 block of Cedar Avenue for

willful cruelty to a child. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

APRIL 19

Steven Cortez, 31, of Bakersfield, was arrested in the 900 block of 10th Place for carrying a concealed weapon in the vehicle, conspiracy, participation in a criminal street gang, possession of a controlled substance while armed, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Marcos Barrios, 23, of Wasco, was arrested in the 900 block of 10th Place for possession of drug paraphernalia, carrying a concealed weapon in a vehicle, conspiracy, participating in a criminal street gang, possession of a controlled substance while armed, prohibited person with ammunition, CCW criminal street gang, CCW in vehicle with prior felony conviction, prohibited person with loaded firearm, CCW with specific conviction and felon in possession of a firearm. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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APRIL 18

Israel Vargas, 25, of Lost Hills, was arrested in the 17000 block of Lost Hills Road in Lost Hills for assault with a deadly weapon causing great bodily harm. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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In order to best serve our communities with limited staff and limited mobility, we have combined the papers temporarily to publish the news you need and get it to you quickly. Between the print edition and our

web sites – TheShafterPress.com and WascoTrib.com – our reporters and editors are working to that end every day.

You can still pick up the paper at locations that remain open during the pandemic.

Your comments are appreciated. Please contact the publisher, Michael Schroeder, at 860-839-3389 or mschroeder@TheShafterPress.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Community drive-in worship - There will be a community drive-in worship at 5 p.m.

Saturday, April 25, at the Ford Theater east parking lot, 1101 E. Lerdo Highway.

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There were a total of seven engines dispatched.

Virus closes offices, but work goes on

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The City of Shafter has kept its offices closed to the public, extending the restrictions past April 15 until further notice. Each department in the city has modified its hours and services provided.

City Hall office buildings will stay closed to the public, with people needing to contact City Hall able to call 661-746-5000 for further information.

The Shafter Police Department has their lobby closed for public access. If someone needs to make an inquiry, a speaker box outside the main lobby is available and will route into dispatch who will screen for access to the lobby.

LiveScan, fingerprinting services and concealed weapon permit applications are temporarily suspended. Requests for copies of crime reports will be filled on Tuesdays and Thursdays during regular business hours of 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Citation signoffs will be done on Wednesdays during the hours of 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. All registrant requirements are in force. All other records related requests will be by appointment only. If you have any other questions for the Police Department you can contact Captain Jeff Bell at 661-746-8914.

All public areas of the cities' parks have been closed. Picnic benches, playground

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equipment and restrooms are closed to the public. If going to the park, please follow social distancing guidelines and do not gather in numbers greater than 10.

The Shafter Learning Center is still closed to the public, but they have begun online courses that can be taken by anyone interested. They also are offering online tutoring sessions.

Shafter's restaurants still are operating, available for residents to take out meals. These include China Cuisine, Generals Headquarters, Subway, Frosty King, Sonic Drive-In, La Fonda, El Michoacano, Burger Factory. [A full list including hours and contact information is on Page 2.] Shafter's grocery stores are still open, working hard to keep the public stocked with essentials. Gas stations are still open to the public, being deemed essential businesses.

Dollar General, Family Dollar and the city's array of 99-cent stores and discount stores also are open for business.

The City of Shafter put out an announcement that advises residents to comply with the Stay At Home order made by Gov. Gavin Newsom. Residents are urged to go out for essentials such as gas, groceries, food or doctors appointments. When going out, people must abide by the social distancing guidelines and wear a mask and gloves if possible.

Tribune, Press office is spared in fire

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The building that houses The Shafter Press, Wasco Tribune and the former location of Brookside Deli suffered extensive smoke damage and a small fire on Monday morning. But due to the quick response of the Shafter Police Department and the Kern County Fire Department, the damage did not go any further than a portion of the former deli.

Shafter police were dispatched to Central Avenue and Central Valley Highway a little after 8 a.m., when smoke was reported coming from the building. Upon arrival, officers found smoke billowing from the former deli's side of the building. Sergeant Randy Mulligan stated that a glass door in the patio area between the deli and The Shafter Press office had been busted and the door jamb appeared to be pried.

After an initial investigation, it was believed that no one had been in the city-owned building because the deadbolt on the door had been engaged when they arrived. Later, it was determined that it is likely there had been someone inside the location sometime during the night or early in the morning. "A window in back was broken, and it appears that someone had entered and exited through it," said Dennis Fiddler, building official for the City of Shafter. "There was a wire that was burned in the wall of the restroom, but it appears that the fire was started in a trash can in the restroom of the former deli."

"Though the wire was burned, it doesn't appear to be started by that, with the hottest part of the fire appearing to be located in

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the trash can."

It was déjà vu for General Manager Diane Given, who was office manager for the newspaper when The Press office was destroyed in February 2011 by a fire that was started in the laundromat next door at the corner of Lerdo Highway and Shafter Avenue. "The first thing I thought of when I got the call was, 'Oh no, not again!'" Given said.



Councilmember Cathy Prout talks with a member of the Kern County Fire Department. She is flanked by Shafter Press General Manager Diane Givens.

was relieved when she pulled up and saw that the building was not engulfed in flames.

Initial reports of a person in the building upon the arrival of the Fire Department were not confirmed.

Estimates on the damage of the fire were not immediately available, and the investigation is ongoing. The location has been victim to several instances of people entering the patio area between the two buildings and staying overnight.

The upstairs attic space that houses and displays different decorations during the holiday seasons and The Press offices suffered no damage in the incident.

Schools extend meal distribution into May

TONI DEROSA
Wasco Tribune

Schools will remain closed for the rest of the academic year, but distribution of free breakfasts and lunches will continue as long as necessary as the pandemic continues, local officials say.

Originally, meals were scheduled to stop April 14, when school normally begins spring break.

However, the county health department recommended schools stay closed for the remainder of the 2019-20 year, and Wasco schools will do so. At this time, there is some question as to whether schools will reopen normally on the fall schedule.

Since the quarantine has been extended through the end of the school year, Kelly Richers, superintendent of the Wasco Union Elementary School District stated

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that the district is coordinating meals access. Monday through Thursday, they distribute lunch and the next day's breakfast. Two meals are provided on Thursday to cover Friday.

"We are serving at Burke and Forrest, and the high school is serving at their main campus," Richers said. "We were having some problems with people going to more than one site and getting multiple lunches, so we cut the locations and time down to three total locations and less time to discourage that."

Those three locations are Teresa Burke Elementary, James Forrest Elementary and Wasco High School.

Lunches are served from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

"We have been doing well, all things considered," said Martin Lonza, principal of Wasco Independent High School. "The switch to distance learning has had its challenges, but I trust that our students will progress through this time and move forward in their lives."

Lonza also said the change was not too drastic for students in the Independent Study Program, as they were already completing their schoolwork at home. "For our other students, we have adapted their instruction to more closely match the independent study model," he said. "We have assigned work and are actively collecting finished assignments."

Lonza added that the district has made it a top priority to establish communication channels with students through means such as emails, phone calls, texts, the school

webpage, Instagram, Facebook, the Remind app and traditional mailings.

"Our communication log shows us in two-way communication with approximately 75 percent of our students," Lonza said. "Our adult education program also has adopted the requirements of distance learning. It continues to help students who were previously enrolled progress with their education."

Lonza added that the district is tracking all students with an emphasis on those expected to graduate. "It is our intent to do everything possible to see these seniors graduate."

The district still plans to have a graduation ceremony, but is unsure when it will be or exactly what it will look like.

"If any students or parents have not yet been able to contact us, please visit our webpage ihs.wascouhsd.org to email staff and view our other links," Lonza said.

Community says thanks to first responders

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responders at the ready for individuals and businesses who are victimized during this time.

There also is still a need for emergency personnel ready to respond to calls of accidents, crimes, and other emergency situations. Shafter's Police Department, the Kern County Fire Department's station and ambulance personnel are being thanked for this dedication with a string of lunches provided by members of the community.

Rob Miller, along with Vincent Martinez of North Kern News, and several sponsors in the community have been providing lunches for the city's First Responders since last week.

On Friday afternoon, Miller and Martinez delivered a tri-tip lunch to the law enforcement offices in Shafter, as well as the Kern County Sheriff's Office in Wasco to show their appreciation for their service to the community. The program is called, "Shafter and Wasco Care for our Heroes."

"I was thinking how important our first responders are in town and how they are risking their well-being every day, especial-

ly facing this virus situation, that I decided that it would be nice to let them know how important they are to us," Miller said.

The main sponsors for the program are North Kern News, MV Autoworks and God, Guns and Family. These sponsors are joined by different daily sponsors such as Supervisor David Couch, Dr. Komin Medical Group, Tin Cup, Tinajero AG, Inc., Dan Waterhouse, RMT Contracting, Supreme Almonds, Carrington Shafter, Phil and Sue Portwood, Vincent Luna, Community Circle Church and Lorena Ayon, Apple Market and Wasco Booster BBQ Club.

Tin Cup is the sponsor for the event on Wednesday, April 22, with different sponsors in line for the rest of the next two weeks. They are doing the deliveries three days a week, with each day having a different sponsor. Miller said, "We are still looking for more sponsors to help with future dates. Anyone who is interested can get involved in this cause."

The meals were appreciated by those first responders, who were touched by the gesture. "Thank you guys so much. This is



Rob Miller with Firefighter Dave Wong and North Kern News's Vincent Martinez.

great," said Dave Wong of the Kern County Fire Department.

The Shafter Police Department received 25 meals, and Officers Dennis York and Dave Hocivar said, "With the day crew and

the overnight crew, this will be plenty of food. Thank you for this."

If you are interested in getting involved in this cause, Miller can be contacted at 661-910-1668.

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A strong financial position will help

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period. He believes that the economy will rebound, though conducting business will not be as usual. He also said that actual financial impacts will unfold in the months after the COVID-19

situation.
Gonzalez said he sees priorities of maintaining financial sustainability, which means preserving the General Fund, as well as being prudent in tapping reserves and capitalizing on economic development opportunities. "There will opportunities during the recovery period of economic growth with new companies possibly coming in. We need to be ready to receive and draw these companies to Shafter,"

he told the council.
Public safety is another priority that was discussed. Gonzalez includes the Public Works Department in that category along with the Police Department, since he says maintaining roads is a form of keeping the public safe.
The third priority that will be discussed is employee wellness. Gonzalez said that it is important to continue to provide adequate safety measures to keep city

employees safe and healthy.
Gonzalez said one challenge that the city will face in the current and post-COVID-19 situation is the loss of revenue, especially sales tax. With businesses having to either close or modify hours of operation, there will be a dramatic drop in revenue for the city as well. With the state offering a program that will give small businesses an opportunity to defer sales taxes on up to \$50,000 in sales

for 12 months will also affect the city's revenue. "We will be facing a double-whammy, as the businesses will not be paying the tax on those sales, so the city may not see that revenue for 12 months," said Gonzalez.
Specifics on the budgetary issues were not discussed, with Gonzalez saying that more detailed discussions will take place at the first budgetary strategic planning meeting which will be held Tuesday, April 28.

Nate Mao

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Sales tax likely to decline

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regularly maintaining the property has been reduced in the vacant areas of the property.
Due to the change to warmer weather, weeds and lawns are overgrown and they need to be maintained before the city takes possession.
"The Housing Authority is anxious to have the city take over the property," Ortiz-Hernandez said.
The City Council is preparing to take over the property, but before that takes place, the Housing Authority must mow the lawns, remove weeds and spray an herbicide to prevent weeds from returning before the city will take possession.
The city expects that before it takes control of the property, the Housing

Authority will perform some level of maintenance at the complex, which will need to happen on a regular basis.
Ortiz-Hernandez expects to meet with Housing Authority in May, since it has not met during the quarantine.
He mentioned there were still nine families residing at the site. Mayor Tilo Cortez stated that he and Councilmember Gilberto Reyna are continuing a search for suitable housing for the remaining families. "As you are aware, housing is very difficult to come by in Wasco," Cortez, who runs a real estate firm as his full-time job, said. "There isn't anything available."
There are about 23 acres and over 100 buildings and structures on the property. City staff estimates that initial cleanup would be \$2,160 for

ground sterilizer (assuming two applications per year) with no initial cleanup.
In addition to the upkeep of the grounds at the site, the council unanimously agreed to extend the security contract for an additional 45 days. The arrangement will be reviewed at the May 19 meeting.
During public comments, audience member Ruby Lydia expressed her concern on the criminal activity in town. She asked the council what the city intends to do regarding the violence and criminal activity.
In other business, the month of April was designated as DMV/Donor Life Month. A Wasco resident shared her story of receiving a donated kidney from a Shafter resident in 2017.

Rain doesn't stop parade

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District staff had looked forward to ending Tiger Trek Week with staff members driving up and down the streets of Wasco with balloons, large signs and whatever could be sturdily affixed to their vehicles. Staff honked and waved to anyone who stood in their doorways or front yards.
Athletic Activities Secretary Kyna Mecham said about 40 staff members pre-registered to participate in the parade. The committed staff members began lining up their cars in the school parking lot for the 12:30 parade.
The parade consisted of a large snake of vehicles, mostly decorated with orange and black, and heads



Activities Assistant Hailey Coyle and Athletic Assistant Kyna Mecham participated in the parade in a truck decorated with Tiger flags

hanging out of windows shouting to remind the crowd to stay home and stay safe. The cars drove up and down

the streets of Wasco honking their horns and shouting out the windows.
Some rain-soaked signs were taped to the outside of vehicles while others were taped inside car windows. Those who painted on their vehicles had better luck with their slogans remaining visible for the entire parade.
A car driven by special education teacher Lorena Gonzales was covered with colored balloons. Assisting her were her aide and a senior.
The parade took about two hours to complete. Teachers and staff members were all smiles and many families joined in shouting along the streets.

Animals are cared for

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censing can be completed by appointment only.
According to Riddick, officers are still patrolling the city and continue to pick up stray animals and respond to service calls as needed.
"We are encouraging people to call the department if they find an animal wandering the streets or one who might have been hit by a vehicle and needs attention."
Adoptions at the shelter have been suspended until an all-clear is given and the Stay at Home order has been lifted.
With adoptions being suspended and the department still fulfilling its duties in the city, this means an increase in animals at the shelter. Riddick said that even with the current situation, the shelter is not nearing capacity and has a message to Shafter pet owners that will keep the shelter in good

standing.
"We want to make sure that pet owners realize that their pets are an important part of their families and need to be taken care of during this time. Keep a close eye on your pets and make sure that they stay in their yards and are not allowed to roam. This will keep the spaces in the shelter open for those animals who do not currently have a home."
Riddick said that residents who have an emergency can still call the Police Department at 661-746-8500 or the shelter at 661-746-2140 and the call will be responded to.
There is still staff that is caring for the facility during the closure, keeping it clean, the animals well-cared for, and up and ready for the re-opening. "We are making sure that our department and our facility will be ready whenever we get the go-ahead to open," Riddick said.

OBITUARY

**Jimmy ``Sonny`` Douglas Phillips
June 30, 1947 – April 3, 2020**
Jimmy ``Sonny`` Douglas Phillips was born to Jimmy and Eva Grace Phillips and was raised in Shafter.
After graduating from Shafter High School, Sonny was drafted into the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He earned the Vietnam Service Medal with 3 Bronze Service Stars, National Defense Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal,

Combat Infantry Badge, Expert Gunner and Purple Hearts. He was a sergeant when he was honorably discharged in 1968.
Sonny is survived by his beloved wife and best friend of 46 years, Cindy, and his pride and joy, daughter Kimi Hensley, son in-law Adam Hensley, twin grandchildren Callie and Collin Hensley, sister Loretta Searcy, brother-in-law Randy, nephew Vince Searcy, niece Candy Molina and brother-in law Dale Riley.



Sonny was preceded in death by his parents, Jimmy and Eva Phillips, and sister Patty Mears.

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OBITUARIES

John Nickelsen Sept. 9, 1926 – April 11, 2020

John Nickelsen, devoted husband, principled father, and fair-minded businessman, passed away at his home in Carpinteria on April 11, 2020. He was 93.

John was born in Albert Lea Minnesota on Sept. 9, 1926, and grew up in Dubuque, Iowa. Parents Emmett and Florence, who were both in the military, raised him to have a strong work ethic, which John passed on to his children. One of his first jobs was to deliver the local paper. Back then, the fee was collected on the route.

His family moved to California, where he graduated from San Rafael High School in 1944. He served in the U.S. Navy Dental Corps during World War II, and then studied entomology at UC Berkeley, where he graduated with a bachelor of science degree from



the College of Agriculture.

Shortly after, he started Supervised Control Service, the first independent field checking service for farmers in the California. The business began in Dos Palos and expanded to Shafter, where he served farmers of the Southern San Joaquin Valley for more than 50 years. His first account in the Valley was Blue Moon Ranch in Buttonwillow. In all, he served 95 growers with more than 100,000 acres in Kern, Tulare and Fresno counties.

He was the also the founder of Insect Lore -- which began in his home office on Oak Street in Shafter -- obtaining the patent for caterpillar media, or food, for painted lady butterfly kits.

John was a founding member of the Association of Applied Insect Ecology, the Entomological Society of America and the Cal Alumni Association. He was named Cotton Consultant of the Year by the National Cotton Council and recognized by the Shafter Chamber of Commerce for outstanding contributions in agriculture. He also worked with 4-H youth, leading entomology projects.

He and his wife, Virginia, who met in San Francisco, married on Treasure Island in 1956. They have four children -- Dana Lessley (Ronald), Lance Nickelsen, Kara Anderson (Steven) and Nona Matthews

(George) -- and one grandchild, Scarlett Matthews.

He loved working in his vegetable garden, and working the barbeque at backyard parties. He also enjoyed taking his family skiing at Mammoth Mountain and to the beach before the start of school in September.

In later years, John and Virginia enjoyed fun and quirky outings with a close group of friends known as the Flat Tire Group. They retired in Carpinteria, where he continued his gardening, and traveled to interesting places across the globe. He was a kind, gentle, honest man who loved his family deeply.

Starting his business out at 10 cents an acre, he proved that an independent field checking business could be successful when guided by one simple philosophy: "Farmers demand good pest control; they want what is needed, when it is needed and nothing more." Keep sweeping, John.

George White Jr. Oct. 4, 1954 – April 10, 2020

George White was born in Bakersfield and graduated from Shafter High School.

He passed away on April 10 from cancer. During his years in high school, he was very active in sports.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Joan White; his wife, June; and three children.



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Yoko Tonoike Martin Dec. 10, 1944 – April 14, 2020

Yoko Tonoike Martin, born Dec. 10, 1944, came to Bakersfield in 1963 from Tokyo with her husband, Tommy Martin. She worked as a registered nurse for 26 years at San Joaquin Hospital in Bakersfield and Wasco State Prison. She loved being a nurse and helping people; that was truly her gift

from God. She passed away at age 78 on April 14, 2020.

Those who knew her loved her. Yoko was the greatest wife, mom and grandma in the whole world. She dedicated her whole life to her family and the Lord Jesus Christ. She enjoyed spending time with her family, cooking and going to church. She was a true example of a Godly woman. Our lives will never

be the same without her.

Yoko is preceded in death by her mother, Mitsui; her husband, Tommy; and son Danny. She is survived by her daughter, Shelly; her grandchildren, Steven, Matt, Anthony, Michael, Jeremy, Megan and JP; and many great grandchildren.

We love and miss you.

Visitation services were conducted by Peters Funeral Home on April 18 and 19.

Jacinto Ruiz Gomez 1942 – 2020

Jacinto Ruiz Gomez was born Aug. 17, 1942, in Donna, Texas, to parents Siriaco and Maria Gomez. He married the love of his life, Concepcion (Maldonado) Gomez, in Edinburg, Texas, on March 23, 1961. The couple moved to California in 1962, and settled in Shafter in 1965. Jacinto worked as a truck driver and in farming during his career; he was employed over the years by American Transfer, Gerald Ford Harvesting and Wilson Ag.

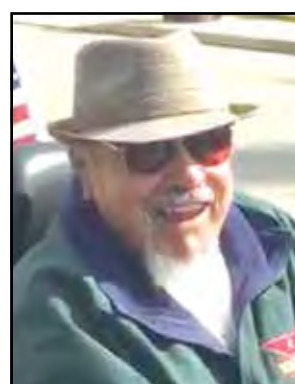
Jacinto was preceded in

death by his son, Jacinto "Jay" Gomez Jr., and a grandson, Jumbo Gomez. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Concepcion Gomez; their children, Hilda and Humberto Gonzalez, Rene Gomez, Annette and Gabriel Espinoza, Israel Gomez, Xavier and Diana Gomez, Denise and Gus Rodriguez, Marinela Ramirez, and Erica and Joe Elizondo; 19 grandchildren; and 16 great grandchildren, with one on the way.

A visitation will be held at Peters Funeral Home on Thursday, April 23, from 5



to 8:00 p.m. A graveside service will take place at Shafter Memorial Park on Friday, April 24, beginning at 11 a.m. Social distancing



will be required; if you join the family while they pay tribute to Jacinto, we kindly ask that you adhere to distancing instructions.



Janet Sue Walker Sept. 2, 1946 – April 17, 2020

Janet Sue Walker, age 73, passed away on April 17, 2020, in Whitter, surrounded by her family.

Born Sept. 2, 1946, Janet was the daughter of Othal Noah Holbrook and Mildred LaVonne Cole-Snarr and adopted father James

Edgar Snarr.

She was the eldest of three siblings that preceded in death. She was a passionate wife of the late Robert William Walker Sr.

Janet was a remarkable woman with a servant heart that touched many people's lives.

She was a loving mother/stepmother to 10 children, a

nurturing Nana to 17 grandchildren and a proud great nana to five great grandchildren.

She will be dearly missed by all. A future celebration of life will be announced at later date. Condolences may be sent to 6739 Koenig Road, Pine Bluff, Ark., 71601.

DEATH NOTICES

SHAFTER

Jose S. Cortez, 74, of Shafter, passed away April 19 in Bakersfield. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Candalario Amaya, 67, of Shafter, passed away April 19. Peters

Funeral Home, Shafter.

Joyce Ann Karr, 68, of Shafter, passed away April 6 in Bakersfield. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Walter Eugene Reiter, 68, of Bakersfield, passed away April 14 in

West Covina. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

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Analise Grace Rivera, infant, of Bakersfield, passed away April 19. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

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Bridge housing for homeless women works

Lost amid the COVID-19 news is a recent accomplishment for which the communities of Lamont and Weedpatch should be proud. The Sunset Labor Camp Bridge Housing Program that was set up by the Housing Authority of Kern County last fall as a temporary shelter for unaccompanied homeless women closed recently.

But that is not the story that brings pride. The story of that temporary program, its accomplishments and the Lamont/Weedpatch community that embraced them is a story that needs to be told. People unfamiliar with those communities may not know them as I have come to know them. They have a huge heart, they take care of each other and others, without question. When the idea of a temporary "bridge housing program" was introduced by KernHA to help with the community's homeless crisis, they stood tall, recognized their own roots as a community and welcomed these people with open arms.

As a reminder, last fall KernHA, which manages temporary labor camp dwellings in Lamont and north of Shafter, proposed using these facilities as temporary housing for unaccompanied homeless women, some with children, who were pretty far along in actually getting their own housing vouchers. This was a temporary arrangement, with the facilities reverting to their use as temporary labor camp for migrant farmworkers through the age season.

The Lamont/Weedpatch community stepped up and acknowledged that being displaced was a part of their history. (The Sunset Labor Camp was the actual labor camp referenced by John Steinbeck in *The Grapes of Wrath*. In particular, the Lamont Chamber of Commerce expressed its support and understanding of this initiative. Without this support, the initiative may have never happened.

The program was a huge success. Consider this: Out of the 32 homeless women and

15 children who were moved into the Sunset Camp, 26 of the women and all 15 of the children were placed into housing by the time the program ended on March 31. The other 6 returned to the homeless shelter in Bakersfield.

This is an amazing success rate, and an amazing story, where these women and their children who just needed a temporary place to call home were welcomed by a community and allowed to get back on their feet. The women should be proud, KernHA should be proud, but also, the Lamont Chamber of Commerce and the communities of Lamont and Weedpatch should be proud.

The community supported this effort in more ways than by just letting them in. Church groups donated new clothes, and all the participants received Christmas stockings with a variety of gifts for adults and children.

I was happy to host a Valentine's Day event for the ladies and their children, with

cupcakes and balloons and a moment of time when we could talk and see how they were doing.

As transportation was provided for these ladies to get their business done, there was no increase of homeless foot traffic in the community, nor were there any incidents that affected the community. While there were no negative consequences, there were positive benefits to the community. A few new jobs and some local shopping activity helped the local economies. By supporting the effort, the community benefitted.

If you have any questions about this or any matter relating to District 4, feel free to ask us at district4@kerncounty.com or call us at 661-868-3680.

David Couch is county supervisor for District 4, which includes the Shafter and Wasco areas. The opinions expressed in this column are his own, and not necessarily those of the papers or their management.

PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF VACANCY**

Interested persons are hereby notified that pursuant to Government Code 1780 there is a vacancy at the Shafter Recreation & Park District Board of Directors.

The position to be filled is a 8 months term ending December 2020.

The seat will go up for election on April 20, 2020 for the final 8 months of the term.

Applications are available at the Shafter Recreation & Park District Office located at:

700 E. Tulare Shafter, CA 93263
Phone #: (661) 746-3303
Website: ShafterRecreation.com

Applications are due by: May 4, 2020

This district board has 60 days from the date the board is notified of the vacancy or the effective date of the vacancy, whichever is later, to fill the vacancy by appointment or call a special election. Gov. Code 1780.

Pursuant to Government Code 1780, this notice will be posted for 15 days at the Shafter Recreation & Park District Office, The Shafter W.C. Walker Senior Center, The Shafter City Hall and the Shafter Press Newspaper from dates April 20, 2020 to May 4, 2020.

Publish *Shafter* Press April 23, 30, 2020

**PUBLIC NOTICE
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814 S Mill St
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The business is conducted by: Individual

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Date Statement Expires: 04/07/2025
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Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/M Hernandez
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
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Name Statement
The Chef's Knife
2020-B1868**

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County: Kern

Mailing address of business:
620 Hofman Dr.
Shafter, CA 93263
Jonathan Marklane Rhodes

620 Hofman Dr.
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Date the business commenced: N/A

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/s/Jonathan Marklane Rhodes
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By: /s/M Hernandez
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
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Graphic Design
2020-B2059**

742 Pine Cone Street
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Mailing address of business:
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Shafter, CA 93263
Phillip Paul Arenas
742 Pine Cone Street
Shafter, CA 93263

The business is conducted by: Individual

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Date the business commenced: 01-10-2001

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/s/Phillip Paul Arenas
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By: /s/R Edmiaston
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF HEARING AND
SUMMARY OF PROPOSED
ORDINANCE
LOST HILLS UNIVERSAL SOLID
WASTE COLLECTION CHARGES FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021**

On the 19th day of May, 2020, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, in the Kern County Administrative Center, located at 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, a Public Hearing will be conducted to consider the enactment of, and hear any objections to, an Ordinance establishing the schedule of Universal Solid Waste Collection Charges for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 for residential property with four units or less in the Lost Hills Universal Collection Area. This Ordinance will establish a schedule of service charges for residential property which will be collected along with the County's property taxes and will become a lien on the property, if unpaid. The Board of Supervisors will also consider a report filed by the Public Works Department titled "Lost Hills Universal Solid Waste Collection Charges for Fiscal Year 2020-2021." Issues and recommendations in the report include the following:

Designate the use of each parcel of real property in the Lost Hills Universal Collection Area as residential with four units or less, residential with more than four units, or non-residential;

Describe the amount of the proposed service charge for each parcel of real property with four residential units or less in the Lost Hills Universal Collection Area should the proposed Ordinance be enacted and the report approved; and

Maximum annual rates for universal solid waste collection for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 in the Lost Hills Universal Collection Area are set forth in the following table for residential properties with four units or less. This maximum rate includes the Solid Waste Administration fee which is charged on an account basis per provisions in County Ordinance and contracts with the individual haulers. In some instances, this maximum rate may be slightly lower per unit based on the number of accounts actually served on that property.

Lost Hills UCA
Maximum Annual Fees:
Residential Service per unit
July 2019 Fee: \$299.40
July 2020 Fee: \$299.40

Any affected person may submit written protests to the report or the enactment of the proposed tax roll billing. Written protests must be signed by the objecting party, indicate the subject property and be delivered to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors prior to the conclusion of the public hearing.

Upon the conclusion of the hearing, the Board of Supervisors may adopt, revise, change, reduce or modify any charge set forth in the report filed by the Public Works Department or overrule any or all objections, and shall make its determination upon each charge as described in that report. Should the owners of either a majority of the separate parcels of real property or a majority of the separate parcels of residential real property described in the report object to the report, the report will not be adopted and the charges for residential real property described in the report will not be collected with the County's property taxes; otherwise, the Board of Supervisors may order the report filed with the Auditor-Controller-County Clerk, who will enter the amounts of the charges against the respective parcels of residential real property as they appear on the assessment roll.

The Director of the Public Works Department has considered the environmental impacts of this action and concluded that this action will not have a significant effect on the environment and the action is statutorily exempt from further CEQA review per Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8) and Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15273 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines.

Complete copies of the proposed Ordinance and the report filed by the Public Works Department are on file for inspection with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Fifth Floor, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California. Alternatively, you may request copies by calling the Public Works Department at (661) 862-8940 or by making a request via email at waste@kerncounty.com.

Anyone wishing to present evidence or be heard regarding this matter may appear at the hearing of this matter or any continuation thereof. However, in accordance with the current public health declarations, it is requested, and highly recommended, that any comments or concerns be submitted prior to the hearing via email at waste@kerncounty.com. If you challenge the action taken by the Board of Supervisors on this matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Dated: April 21, 2020
KATHLEEN KRAUSE
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF HEARING AND
SUMMARY OF PROPOSED
ORDINANCE
COMMERCIAL ZONE 1
SOLID WASTE COLLECTION
CHARGES AND RECYCLING
SURCHARGE FOR FISCAL YEAR
2020-2021**

On the 19th day of May, 2020, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, in the Kern County Administrative Center, located at 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, a Public Hearing will be conducted to consider the enactment of, and hear any objections to, an Ordinance establishing the schedule of Solid Waste Collection Charges and the Recycling Surcharge for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 for commercial property in Garbage Franchise Zone 1. The Board of Supervisors will also consider a report filed by the Public Works Department titled "Commercial Zone 1 Solid Waste Collection Charges for Fiscal Year 2020-2021." Issues and recommendations in the report include the following:

Designate the use of each parcel of real property in Commercial Zone 1 area as commercial (non-residential);

Describe the amount of the proposed service charge for each parcel of real property in the Commercial Zone 1 area should the proposed Ordinance be enacted and the report approved; Maximum monthly rates for solid waste collection for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 in the Commercial Zone 1 area are to be set by container size as per Table A for commercial properties. This maximum rate includes the Solid Waste Administration fee which is charged on an account basis per provisions in County Ordinance and contracts with the individual haulers. In some instances, this maximum rate may be slightly lower per unit based on the number of accounts actually served on that property.

Recycling Services are a separate charge and will be set by container size as per Table A.

The Recycling Surcharge was established in Fiscal Year 2019-2020 and will be continued and will be set by container size as per Table A.

Any affected person may submit written protests to the report. Written protests must be signed by the objecting party, indicate the subject property and be delivered to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors prior to the conclusion of the public hearing.

Upon the conclusion of the hearing, the Board of Supervisors may adopt, revise, change, reduce or modify any charge set forth in the report filed by the Public Works Department or overrule any or all objections, and shall make its determination upon each charge as described in that report.

The Director of the Public Works Department has considered the environmental impacts of this action and concluded that this action will not have a significant effect on the environment and the action is statutorily exempt from further CEQA review per Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8) and Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15273 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines.

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ORDINANCE
SOUTH SHAFTER UNIVERSAL SOLID
WASTE COLLECTION CHARGES
AND RECYCLING SURCHARGE FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021**

On the 19th day of May, 2020, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, in the Kern County Administrative Center, located at 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, a Public Hearing will be conducted to consider the enactment of, and hear any objections to, an Ordinance establishing the schedule of Universal Solid Waste Collection Charges and the Recycling Surcharge for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 for residential property with four units or less in the South Shafter Universal Collection Area. This Ordinance will establish a schedule of service charges for residential property which will be collected along with the County's property taxes and will become a lien on the property, if unpaid. The Board of Supervisors will also consider a report filed by the Public Works Department titled "South Shafter Universal Solid Waste Collection Charges for Fiscal Year 2020-2021." Issues and recommendations in the report include the following:

Designate the use of each parcel of real property in the South Shafter Universal Collection Area as residential with four units or less, residential with more than four units, or non-residential;

Describe the amount of the proposed service charge for each parcel of real property with four residential units or less in the South Shafter Universal Collection Area should the proposed Ordinance be enacted and the report approved;

Maximum annual rates for universal solid waste collection for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 in the South Shafter Universal Collection Area are set forth in the following table for residential properties with four units or less. This maximum rate includes the Solid Waste Administration fee which is charged on an account basis per provisions in County Ordinance and contracts with the individual haulers. In some instances, this maximum rate may be slightly lower per unit based on the number of accounts actually served on that property.

South Shafter UCA
Maximum Annual Fees:
Residential Service per unit
July 2019 Fee: \$250.92
July 2020 Fee: \$250.92
Recycling Surcharge per unit
July 2019 Fee: \$6.84
July 2020 Fee: \$13.68

Continue the implementation of the Recycling Surcharge which is currently being phased in over three years. Fiscal Year 2020-2021 is year 2 of the implementation and the rate will be \$13.68 per unit per year.

Any affected person may submit written protests to the report or the enactment of the proposed tax roll billing. Written protests must be signed by the objecting party, indicate the subject property and be delivered to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors prior to the conclusion of the public hearing.

Upon the conclusion of the hearing, the Board of Supervisors may adopt, revise, change, reduce or modify any charge set forth in the report filed by the Public Works Department or overrule any or all objections, and shall make its determination upon each charge as described in that report. Should the owners of either a majority of the separate parcels of real property or a majority of the separate parcels of residential real property described in the report object to the report, the report will not be adopted and the charges for residential real property described in the report will not be collected with the County's property taxes; otherwise, the Board of Supervisors may order the report filed with the Auditor-Controller-County Clerk, who will enter the amounts of the charges against the respective parcels of residential real property as they appear on the assessment roll.

The Director of the Public Works Department has considered the environmental impacts of this action and concluded that this action will not have a significant effect on the environment and the action is statutorily exempt from further CEQA review per Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8) and Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15273 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines.

Complete copies of the proposed Ordinance and the report filed by the Public Works Department are on file for inspection with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Fifth Floor, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California. Alternatively, you may request copies by calling the Public Works Department at (661) 862-8940 or by making a request via email at waste@kerncounty.com.

Anyone wishing to present evidence or be heard regarding this matter may appear at the hearing of this matter or any continuation thereof. However, in accordance with the current public health declarations, it is requested, and highly recommended, that any comments or concerns be submitted prior to the hearing via email at waste@kerncounty.com. If you challenge the action taken by the Board of Supervisors on this matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Dated: April 21, 2020
KATHLEEN KRAUSE
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
By: /s/Theresa M. Derouchie, Deputy Clerk
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF HEARING AND
SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE
BUTTONWILLOW UNIVERSAL SOLID
WASTE COLLECTION CHARGES
AND RECYCLING SURCHARGE FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021**

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Designate the use of each parcel of real property in the Buttonwillow Universal Collection Area as residential with four units or less, residential with more than four units, or non-residential;

Describe the amount of the proposed service charge for each parcel of real property with four residential units or less in the Buttonwillow Universal Collection Area should the proposed Ordinance be enacted and the report approved;

Maximum annual rates for universal solid waste collection for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 in the Buttonwillow Universal Collection Area are set forth in the following table for residential properties with four units or less. This maximum rate includes the Solid Waste Administration fee which is charged on an account basis per provisions in County Ordinance and contracts with the individual haulers. In some instances, this maximum rate may be slightly lower per unit based on the number of accounts actually served on that property.

Buttonwillow UCA
Maximum Annual Fees
Residential Service per unit
July 2019 Fee: \$245.04
July 2020 Fee: \$257.16
Recycling Surcharge per unit
July 2019 Fee: \$6.84
July 2020 Fee: \$13.68

Continue the implementation of the Recycling Surcharge which is currently being phased in over three years. Fiscal Year 2020-2021 is year 2 of the implementation and the rate will be \$13.68 per unit per year.

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