

2017 BOARD MEMBERS

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Board Member Elections

We are once again soliciting for board members. The current Chamber Articles of Incorporation calls for the election of seven board members who are in good standing. A member in good standing is one who has paid the current year's membership dues. Board members serve two year terms. Re-election of board members stagger every year, with four board members on even years and three board members on odd years.

Three board members will be elected this year. Terms are effective January 1, 2018. Nomination forms will be mailed to members.

To be on the ballot, nominations must be received no later than Friday, October 13, 2017. If you have any questions, please contact the Chamber office at (661) 746-2600.



President's Corner by Adrian Monsevais

Welcome to our third newsletter of 2017.

We started off the summer with two of our board members and our Chamber Director judging Shafter's Cinco de Mayo parade which was held April 29th. We kept the momentum going with the delivery of an AWESOME 3rd of July fireworks show which included new vendors and a record breaking crowd. The Chamber hopes you enjoyed the addition and the show. As we exit summer, teachers have gone back to work and students are back in school. We have fall around the corner, The Chamber of Commerce plans to stay just as busy with Elections of Board Members, the Christmas Store Project and planning our Awards Banquet that is scheduled for Thursday, January 25, 2018.



THE CHRISTMAS STORE PROJECT

If you missed the last Chamber newsletter, The Christmas Store planning is getting off to a great start! The Christmas Store is a community wide effort to collect toys and make them available for purchase to families at a discount of 80%-90% off retail price. The foundational belief of this program is that "...families would prefer to provide for themselves at Christmas rather than receive a hand out. Even if a family has limited means to do so, a mom, dad, aunt, uncle or grandparent wants to buy gifts for their families around the holidays."

Event organizers Melissa Bergen, Katie Wiebe and Brittney Neal-Soberanis have spent the summer meeting with individuals to introduce The Christmas Store to the community. Churches, businesses, community organizations and schools are being invited to participate by recruiting volunteers, collecting toys, and generally spreading the word about the program.

In addition to community promotion the Christmas Store team has met with Healthy Start, an organization that provides support and resources to families in the Richland School District. Healthy Start has agreed to partner with the Christmas Store team to refer families who will be invited to shop at the store.

Toy collections will take place throughout the month of November. The Christmas Store will take place Saturday, December 2nd, at the Shafter Veterans Hall.

The Christmas Store Team is still looking for help in the following areas:

- **Business Ambassador:** If you have connections with local businesses and Shafter, we need you! A Business Ambassador will be equipped by the Christmas Store Leadership team to go out and meet with businesses to explain the program and recruit them to participate for toy collection or volunteer recruitment.
- **Toy Collection:** We are also looking for organizations that are willing to collect new toys or monetary donations during the month of November. This could be a collection amongst employees or hosting a public drop off site. The Christmas Store Leadership team is currently preparing materials to support these efforts including posters, suggested gift lists and more.
- **Christmas Store Volunteers:** We will need 25-50 volunteers to prepare for and host the Christmas store. Volunteers will help organize and price toys, serve as greeters, cashiers, and wrappers among other things.

Organizations that participate will receive recognition at the event as well as be invited to contribute flyers, coupons, or information about your services to the "Family Resource Table" that parents will be able to visit throughout the morning. If you or your organization is interested in participating please reach out to Brittney Neal-Soberanis at bnsobranis@shafter.com or 746-5045.

Annual Awards Banquet & State of the City Address

SAVE THE DATE

The annual Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet and State of the City Address is scheduled for **January 25, 2018**.

This is a perfect time to get together with local business people, residents, and community leaders. Please plan to join us.

NOMINATIONS

Nominations are now being accepted for the various award categories. The Shafter Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors invites the public to nominate an individual, business or organization that has made significant contributions to our community and/or has demonstrated leadership that serves the community in new or improved ways. Nominees should be an excellent example of the commitment to promoting the local community or serving above and beyond the call of duty. If you know of an outstanding local business or individual who deserves community recognition please submit your award entry which is available to you at www.shafter.com and return to:

336 Pacific Ave
Shafter, CA 93263
Or Email Rachel Zermeño at
shafterchamber@shafter.com

Nominations must be received no later than November 3. Recipients may be nominated from the following categories:

AWARD CATEGORIES

- Agriculture
- Business
- Citizen of the Year
- City Beautification
- Education
- Health
- Humanitarian
- Youth
- Other

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Shafter Chamber of Commerce

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Cinco de Mayo



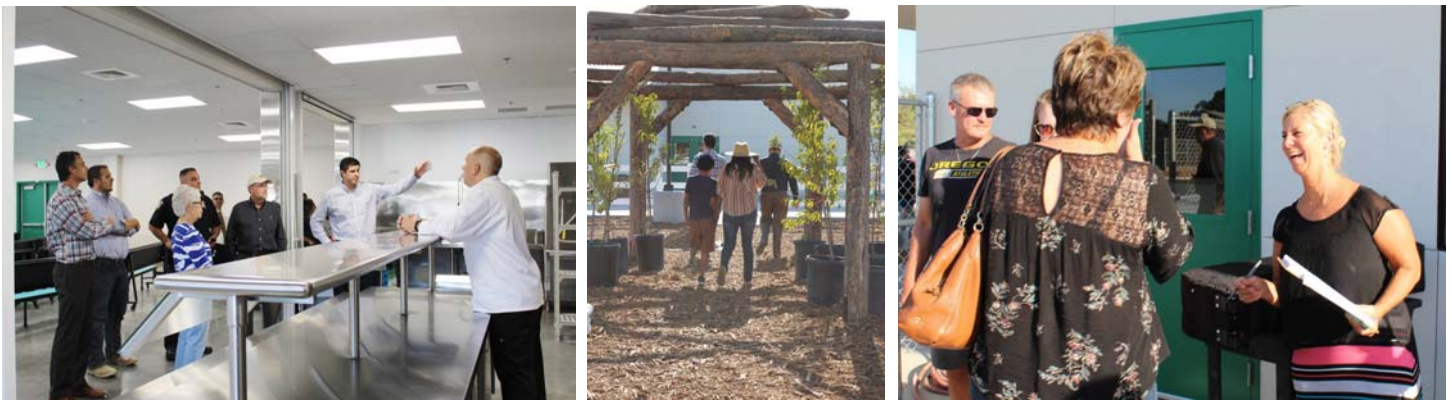
3rd of July Fireworks Show



MRC Global Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting



Grimmway Academy Shafter Open House



Coffee w/Assemblymember Rudy Salas



Farmers Market





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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

20 - Chamber Board Meeting, 336 Pacific Ave, 3:30 p.m. - Public Welcome

OCTOBER

13 - Chamber Board Member Nomination Forms Due
18- Chamber Board Meeting, 336 Pacific Ave, 3:30 p.m. - Public Welcome

NOVEMBER

3 - Annual Award Banquet Nominations Due
15- Chamber Board Meeting, 336 Pacific Ave, 3:30 p.m. - Public Welcome
23 & 24 - Thanksgiving Holiday Observed - Chamber Office Closed

DECEMBER

1 - Lions Christmas Parade, Mannel Park, 5:00 p.m. - Public Welcome
20- Chamber Board Meeting, 336 Pacific Ave, 3:30 p.m. - Public Welcome
25 & 26 - Christmas Holiday Observed - Chamber Office Closed

JANUARY

1&2 - New Year Holiday Observed - Chamber Office Closed
17- Chamber Board Meeting, 336 Pacific Ave, 3:30 p.m. - Public Welcome
25-Annual Banquet & State of the City Address, Shafter Veterans Hall, 6:00 p.m.