



Chamber of Commerce  
336 Pacific Avenue  
Shafter CA 93263

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- Adrian Monsevais, President
- Cameron Hunter, Vice President
- Deborah Scott, Secretary
- Pam Wells, Treasurer
- Ronnie Martinez, Board Member
- Bill Van Skike, Board Member
- Brent Starrh, Board Member



**Chamber of Commerce**

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**President's Corner** by Adrian Monsevais

After years of history drought levels and a steady recovery in 2017, your Chamber would like to extend a Thank You to our Shafter area businesses that have helped in looking for ways to conserve our precious water and urge you to continue to do so.

Please join us for our annual Fireworks Show on Monday, July 3, at the Shafter High School football stadium. Many of you have donated to make this event possible, for which we are grateful. It's always a good show, with fun for the whole family. Bounce houses, BBQ and carnival foods, good music, and an energetic fireworks show at dark. Gates open at 6pm. Bring your family, a blanket or chairs, and enjoy the evening with us.



Happy Independence Day!



**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**JUNE**

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

**JULY**

3- 3rd of July Fireworks Celebration- Shafter High School Stadium  
4- 4th of July Holiday - Chamber of Commerce Office Closed  
19 - Chamber Board Meeting, 336 Pacific Ave, 3:30 p.m. - Public Welcome

**AUGUST**

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

**SEPTEMBER**

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

**OCTOBER**

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

The Shafter Chamber of Commerce is again sponsoring the **3RD OF JULY FIREWORKS SHOW**. The Fireworks Show will be held for the Shafter Community and outlying areas on **Monday, July 3, 2017**, at the Shafter High School Football Field and adjacent sports complex.

- Firecracker \$150-\$200**
- Sky Rocket \$250 -\$300**
- Patriot \$500 & up**

In order for the Chamber to continue the tradition of providing this event **FREE** to the Community, we need your support! The business community as well as the general public can be a part of keeping this tradition going by participating in donations or as a sponsor for the Fireworks Show.

Your support at any level is greatly appreciated by the Chamber and the Community. Thank you to our current Sponsor Members for supporting the Annual Fireworks Show through membership dues.

The **ANNUAL FIREWORKS SHOW** is one of the great traditions that makes Shafter such a great place to live and work. To ensure publication of your sponsorship in the program and poster, please have your donations in by June 23. Make checks payable to the Shafter Chamber of Commerce, 336 Pacific Ave, Shafter, CA 93263

As in the past, your donation of up to \$50 will list your name or your company's name in the program and advertised on a poster at the event as a "Donor". Along with the donors list, there will be three other levels of sponsorship available:

If you have any questions, call the Chamber Office at (661) 746-2600.

**Sparkler \$50-\$100**

# THE CHRISTMAS STORE PROJECT



## THE Christmas STORE

While the heat of the summer is more likely to conjure up images of BBQs and Pool parties, many members of the Shafter community are already thinking about Christmas trees, beautifully wrapped gifts and spreading joy throughout the community through a new effort, **The Christmas Store**.

The need for this effort came to light as community members Melissa Bergen, Katie Wiebe, and Brittney Neal-Soberanis, as well as others in the community, struggled with the mixed results that came out of the holiday giving opportunities they had been involved in over the years. After doing some research on possible alternatives, a program run by Focused Community Strategies in Atlanta became the model for the Shafter's The Christmas Store. The foundational belief of this program resonated with The Christmas Store team "...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."

From this belief, The Christmas Store concept has come together. Toy collections will take place in churches, businesses, community organizations and schools in Shafter during the fall. Families will be referred to the program through a reputable community organization. Then the first weekend of December, parents will be able to visit the Christmas Store and purchase gifts for their children at a greatly reduced cost.

The team is currently in the early planning stages and would be happy to get more people involved. They are looking for individuals to be part of the planning team, as well as organizations that would like to participate by hosting a toy collection or sending volunteers to help setup and run the event. If you or your organization is interested please reach out to Brittney Neal-Soberanis at [bnsobranis@shafter.com](mailto:bnsobranis@shafter.com) or 746-5045.



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Contact the Chamber Office to schedule a Ribbon Cutting or Business Mixer (661) 746-2600

# JOIN THE CHAMBER NOW!

## "WE VALUE YOUR MEMBERSHIP"

Chamber Membership renewal notices were mailed in December.

If you have not renewed your membership, please do so at your earliest convenience.

For more information, email [shafterchamber@shafter.com](mailto:shafterchamber@shafter.com) or call 661-746-2600.

BASIC	PREMIUM	SPONSOR
\$25 - Individual \$50 - Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Membership Decal</li> </ul>	\$125 - Individual or Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Membership Decal</li> <li>Website Listing</li> </ul>	\$500 - Individual or Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Membership Decal</li> <li>Website Listing</li> <li>3rd of July Sponsor Recognition</li> <li>Awards Banquet Sponsor Recognition</li> <li>Newsletter Sponsor Recognition</li> </ul>

## THANK YOU TO OUR 2017 SPONSOR MEMBERS!



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