

CVPA News

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April Meeting

So far it has been a banner year for wildflowers. If you haven't gotten out to see them or you want to learn more about wild flowers, come to the meeting on April 9th at 7:00 PM in the old Stallion Springs CSD meeting room. We will show a 50-minute video by wildflower expert, Milt Stark, who narrates not only the identification information, but also, a lot of interesting facts and history about all the flowers from this general area.

And if you already know all you want to about wildflowers, just come for the sociability, coffee and cookies.

Note that we have **moved this meeting to the second Thursday** instead of our normal first to avoid conflict with the Bakersfield National Cemetery meeting discussed below.

Trash Pickup

The County is offering a new program wherein they will put up Adopt A Road signs and provide bags, vests and gloves for organizations that volunteer to pick up trash along County roadsides. After about 18 years of picking up trash, our enthusiasm has waned a bit lately. The County program is an inducement to reinvigorate our efforts to keep Cummings Valley beautiful.

CVPA Vice President, Chuck Boles has offered to set up the program with County Roads Department, and to schedule a couple of pickup days a year. In past years we did it in May and October when favorable weather was most likely.

If you would like to help, call Chuck Boles at 822-3925.

Annual Barbecue

Our annual September barbecue is scheduled for Saturday, September 19 at the beautiful Souza Ranch. Save the date – more details later.

No Bus Tour This Year

Because of lower than usual participation last year and the concern of wearing out our welcome at some of the usual stops on the itinerary, the Board decided to return to the traditional every other year schedule for this popular event.

Grimmway Greenhouse

Tomatoes and Bell Peppers are happily growing inside the big greenhouse complex recently completed by Grimmway Farms in the middle of Cummings Valley. Harvesting of cherry tomatoes is expected to begin in mid April followed by Beefsteak types and medium sized tomatoes sold clustered on the vine. All the produce will be certified organic as it is being grown in a soil type medium with organic fertilizers.



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Wine

The beautiful, warm and friendly Souza Family Vineyard tasting room is still exceeding expectations as a favorite stop for locals and visitors alike. They open the doors every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 11:00 to 6:00.

The Conditional Use Permit for the next Winery/Tasting Room at the Triassic Legacy Vineyard of Chuck McCollough and George Gonzales family, was approved by the Kern County Planning Commission on March 12. The plans are being finalized for engineering approval and building permits. Construction should start in late May or June. Access is not permitted from either Hwy. 202 or Cummings Valley Road, so the legal dedicated public easements from Bear Valley Road east along Roost Ave. and then south on Log Home Way will need to be upgraded from tracks across the fields to gravelly dirt roadways.

The newly formed *Tehachapi Mountain Valleys Wine Growers Association* has been awarded a grant of \$9,000 by the Kern County Board of Trade to develop a web site and brochures to get the word out about the wine tasting and other tourist attractions in Cummings Valley and the greater Tehachapi area.

MAIN STREET TEHACHAPI, INC. 2009 TEHACHAPI EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

GROWERS EXPO, WIND CAMP & RECYCLING FAIR

GUIDELINES/RULES/APPLICATION

Event Coordinator: Anthony McDemas 816-1518

Michelle Vance – 822-6519 or 333-5932

Tehachapi Earth Day Celebration - Grower's Expo, Wind Camp and Recycling Fair is a production of Taste of Tehachapi, LLC and is organized by Main Street, Tehachapi, Inc. The Main Street organization is a not-for-profit corporation working with many local volunteers and civic groups. Besides having a very good time, the purposes of this event is bring residents and visitors to our Historic Downtown by:

- 1) Creating a positive image of Historic Downtown Tehachapi;
- 2) Exposing community members to retail stores and services offered in the Downtown;
- 3) Generating foot traffic;
- 4) Maintaining the Downtown as the center of retail, social, cultural and civic activities;
- 5) Enhancing the community as a whole; and,
- 6) Offering additional opportunities for sellers and a variety of products to shoppers.

If you are interested in participating as a vendor for the Tehachapi Earth Day Celebration to be held Saturday, April 25th, 2009 from 11 AM to 4 PM, please fill out the Application on next page. Fees need to be pre-paid and accompany the application. The Fee schedule is as follows:

- Product vendor - Donation
- Food vendor - Donation
- Nonprofit/information/Community Service - FREE
- Nonprofit sales or fundraiser - Donation

All clean up must be made at the end of the Tehachapi Earth Day Celebration (4 p.m.) and all trash removed from your booth location. All products sold or handed out at the Tehachapi Earth Day Celebration must be family appropriate. If the Event Coordinator finds a vendor violating this rule the vendor will be asked to leave and no refund will be made.

Applications must be submitted to the Main Street. Tehachapi office a minimum of 15 days prior to the event.

All Vendors must have a business license. Food vendors must comply with all Health codes.

BOOTH SIZE: Will be 10' by 10' with a maximum of 3 - 8' tables. All vendors must supply their own equipment, tent, booth, tables, chairs, etc. Electricity and water are not readily available.

BOOTH LOCATION: Mama HillyBean's Café, The Apple Shed, Village Grill Restaurant.

Kern County's New National Cemetery

News Release

Contact: Janice Armstrong

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A meeting is scheduled in Tehachapi to provide area residents with information about the new Bakersfield National Cemetery. The meeting will be held Thursday April 2nd at 7:30PM at the Tehachapi Veterans Hall on East F Street. This will be an opportunity to learn about the Bakersfield National Cemetery, which will be opening later this year. The meeting is being hosted by three local organizations: the Lions Club, the Daughters of the American Revolution and the American Association of University Women Tehachapi Mountain Branch. Cemetery representatives will be present to share the latest information about the new cemetery.

The 500-acre cemetery will serve veterans' needs into the next century. It is located on land donated by the Tejon Ranch, just off Highway 58 on Highway 223 (the Arvin cutoff).

There are only seven other national cemeteries in California. With over 200,000 veterans in central California alone, the Bakersfield National Cemetery will provide much needed services. An active Support Committee is being developed, and there will be plenty of opportunities to volunteer for veterans and non-veterans alike. **Please join us on April 2nd to hear about this wonderful addition to our Kern County community.**

Cummings Valley Protective Association, Inc.

Membership Application - July 1 through June 30

Name(s) _____

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Annual dues are \$12 per family.

Please check one:

- One year \$12 Two years \$24 Three years \$36

Mail with payment to:

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