

# KERMAN UTILITY NEWS



## KERMAN CITY COUNCIL OPPOSES PROPOSITION 16 THAT WILL BE ON THE JUNE 8 BALLOT

The Kerman City Council has joined other cities and public utility providers to oppose the Proposition 16 Measure slated for the June 8<sup>th</sup> Election Ballot. Many believe Proposition 16 is being falsely promoted as the "Taxpayers Right to Vote" Measure. PG&E has spent \$28.5 million and is proposing to spend up to \$35 million to pass this ballot measure which is principally sponsored by the investor owned utility (PG&E).

The ~~New~~ Two-Thirds Vote Requirement for Local Public Electricity Providers would effectively preclude any entity from becoming an electricity aggregator as well as virtually prohibiting any existing Municipal utility, all of whom operate on nonprofit, public interest basis, from entering into any new competitive market in California.

The City Council fully supports maintaining the consumers' right to choose regarding energy from clean, renewable sources as provided for under the Community Choice Aggregation Law; and

The City **STRONGLY OPPOSES** ~~New~~ Two-Thirds Vote Requirement for Local Public Electricity Providers (Proposition 16) as being against the interest of California's electricity ratepayers, against the public interest, and a potential setback for renewable energy production.

## Saving Energy for Businesses in the City of Kerman - PG&E's Fresno Energy Watch Program



Thinking about how we use energy may be the first step to saving energy.

Fresno Energy Watch is a public service program offered by Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) that educates **business** customers on how to lower their energy use through the direct installation of energy efficient measures (i.e. high bay T5 and T9 fixtures, LED exit signs, hardwired compact and linear compact fluorescent light bulbs, etc.) at no cost to the qualified PG&E customer within in the County of Fresno

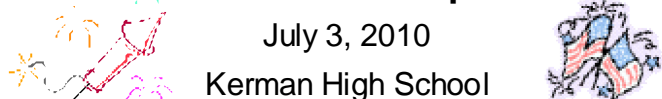
An initial energy assessment will be made to identify and provide suggestions on how you can save on electric and gas bills. A list of qualified energy efficient measures that may be installed at no cost will also be provided

There are no long applications to fill out and no rebate forms to complete. The Enrollment Specialists will complete all the paperwork. It's simple, all you have to do is sign the Access and Participation Agreement form and the energy efficient measures will be scheduled for installation at a convenient time for you.

Fresno Energy Watch is available to eligible PG&E **business** customers on a first-come, first-served basis while program funds are available, or through December 2012, whichever comes first.

Please call Fresno Energy Watch at 1-866-388-8820 to see if your business, municipal or nonprofit building is eligible to participate, or you may sign up online at [www.energywatchinfo.com](http://www.energywatchinfo.com).

## Festival of the American Spirit Fireworks



July 3, 2010

Kerman High School

Gates open at **6:00 pm** - Fireworks at **9:20 pm**

Children's Activities \* Food \* Vendors

Entertainment

Bring chairs and blankets, no ice chests allowed.

**Pre-Purchase\* Tickets**

**\$4.00 Adult, \$2.00 Child (4-10)**

**Available at:** Chamber of Commerce Office -

Central Valley Community Bank - Sebastian -

Valley Food Super Center - WestAmerica Bank -

\*Tickets at the gate: \$5.00 Adult - \$3.00 Child (4-10)

## Recreational Swim Information

Saturday **June 12th** through Saturday **July 24th**



Tuesday- Saturday 12:00 - 4:00 pm

(Closed Sunday and Monday)



\$1.00 Age 17 and under; \$1.50 Age 18 and over

## Residential Water Leakage



Month	Read	Leaks	%
Dec. 09	1,678	324	19%
Jan. 10	1,687	253	15%
Feb. 10	1,680	184	11%
Mar. 10	1,687	234	14%
Apr. 10	1,686	228	14%

## Summer Hours begin June 1, 2010



City Hall - 7:30 am - 4:00 pm

Building Dept - 7:00 am - 4:00 pm  
(closed 12:00 - 1:00)

Public Works - 7:00 am - 4:00 pm  
(closed 12:00 - 1:00)

Community Services - 7:00 am - 4:00 pm

Water & WWTP - 7:00 am - 4:00 pm

Planning & Dev - 8:00 am - 5:00 pm  
(closed 12:00 - 1:00)

Police Dept. - 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

**PAST DUE PAYMENTS:** For customers with past due balances, the deadline for payment is June 18th. If payments are not received in the Kerman City Hall by 4:00 pm, past due customers will be charged a \$15 or \$25 fee and their water will be shut off. Service will not be restored until the past due amount, current balance and all fees have been paid.

## Don't Be a Victim!

Property crimes (vehicle and residential burglaries) in the City of Kerman are on the rise but there are steps that you can take to avoid becoming a victim.

Victims of these types of crimes know firsthand that even the smallest of thefts (i.e. purses, wallets, etc.) can be stressful and problematic. It can lead to thousands of dollars in purchases on stolen credit cards or identity theft, not to mention the time it takes to replace these items and clear up credit debts that you did not accrue.

The sense of being violated is magnified when you come home to find somebody has broken into your house and stolen personal belongings. This can be scary. Just knowing somebody came into your house and went through your things without your knowledge can cause a lot of mental anguish.

Fortunately, many of these crimes can be prevented with some simple steps. Be security minded

- Take the time to make sure your doors are locked on both your vehicle and your house.
- Don't leave items exposed inside your vehicle which would tempt someone to break in to steal them.
- Tell trusted neighbors and have your mail / newspaper stopped prior to going on an extended trip.
- Use Security lights that detect motion around your house - huge deterrent to criminals.

Small steps can save you grief, frustration, debt, and the overall fear of being victimized. Remember that the first line of defense is **you!** Take proper precautions to keep yourself and your property safe.

Kerman PD is also offering the opportunity to have an officer trained in threat assessments of residences and personal safety come to your house to help you make yourself and your belongings more secure. If you are interested contact the Kerman Police Department during normal business hours to make an appointment @ [846-6634](tel:846-6634) / [846-6635](tel:846-6635)

The Kerman Police Dept. reminds you report any and all suspicious activity immediately. Something that may seem small and minor could in actuality turn out to be something big. You may be preventing somebody else from being a victim.

*Officer J. Nevis, Kerman Police Dept.*



### WATER USAGE SCHEDULE

#### Year Round Watering Schedule:

**Odd House Numbers may water on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday**

**Even House Numbers may water on**

**Wednesday, Friday and Sunday**

**Before 6:00am, between 8:00 am and Noon,**

**Or after 7:00 pm**

**No watering allowed on Monday or between 6:00 am and 8:00am, and Noon to 7:00 pm every day**

## What is a Census Taker?

Open the door to a census taker and open doors for your community.

By being counted you are standing up for what your community's needs are. That's why census takers are so important. A census taker is a person from your community who is hired by the Census Bureau to make sure that your neighborhood gets represented as accurately as possible. The census taker's primary responsibility is to collect census information from residences. Most of these residences have not sent back their 2010 Census form.

- The Census Bureau provides the census taker with a binder containing all of the addresses that didn't send back a filled out census form.
- The census taker then visits all of those addresses and records the answers to the questions on the form.
- If no one answers at a particular residence, a census taker will visit a home up to three times and attempt to reach the household by phone three times. The census worker will leave a double-sided (English and Spanish) NOTICE of VISIT in the doorway that includes a phone number for the resident to schedule an appointment.

The census taker will ONLY ask the questions that appear on the census form.

### Do I have to talk to the census taker?

Yes. Your participation in the 2010 Census is vital and required by law, ([Section 221, of Title 13 of the U.S. Code](#)). However, rather than rely on criminal charges, the Census Bureau is very successful in getting participation by explaining the importance of the questions we ask and how the information benefits our communities.

Your [privacy and confidentiality](#) is our priority:

The census taker who collects your information is sworn for life to protect your data under [Federal Law Title 13](#). Those who violate the oath face criminal penalties: Under federal law, the penalty for unlawful disclosure is a fine of up to \$250,000 or imprisonment for up to 5 years, or both.



### CITY OF KERMAN COED SOFTBALL 2010

The City of Kerman Recreation Department's Coed Softball League is forming now. This league is geared for men and women ages 18 and up.

Registration packets are available at City Hall and the Community/Teen Center.

Cost - \$450.00 per team

Complete rosters and Non Refundable Deposit of \$225 is due at time of registration. Full fee payment must be received by Friday, June 25, 2010.

If you have any other questions, feel free to call Mark Salvador at (559) 846-4809. You may also stop by the Community/Teen Center between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm.