



CITY - PG&E TEAM UP TO HOST ENERGY FAIRE - TUESDAY, FEB. 21st 3:30 – 7PM

PG&E has selected the City of Kerman to participate in a pilot program designed to help local businesses and residents lower their energy bills. Kerman was selected because of its successful participation with PG&E in other energy efficiency and conservation programs.

Various booths will be available to provide information regarding home and business energy efficiency/cost-saving measures. Mid Valley Disposal and the City's Water Conservation Staff will also be on hand to provide literature and helpful tips on recycling and water conservation.

The City of Fresno Sustainability Department will also be on hand to offer free home/business energy audits and will sign-up interested customers at the event. A host of energy experts will also provide information on how to apply for rebates, no-interest or low-interest loans and other no cost and low cost measures that will reduce energy consumption and lower your energy bill.

Did you know that most California homes lose from 25% to 30% of their heating through leaky ducts? A good way to lower your energy costs and keep more warm air inside is to have a licensed heating and cooling contractor tune-up your furnace and seal leaks.

COME TO THE ENERGY FAIRE AND LOWER YOUR ENERGY BILLS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21st
FROM 3:30 PM TO 7:00 PM
KERMAN COMMUNITY/TEEN CENTER

DOG CLINIC - Wednesday, April 11th

5:00 PM to 7:00 PM - Kerckhoff Park

Rabies Shots - \$6.00 Distemper/Parvo - \$15.00

Best Deal - Rabies/Distemper/Parvo - \$20.00

Flea Prevention (2 mo) Frontline - \$14.00

Dewormer is available - \$8.00

DOG LICENSES Spayed/Neutered **NOT** Spayed/Neutered

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| 1 Year | \$ 5.00 | \$17.00 |
| 2 Years | \$ 6.00 | \$30.00 |
| 3 Years | \$10.00 | \$40.00 |

PAST DUE PAYMENTS: For customers with past due balances, the payment deadline is **February 17th**. If payments are not **received** at Kerman City Hall by 5:00 pm, past due customers will be charged a \$15 fee and their water will be shut off. Service will not be restored until the past due, current balance and **all** fees are paid.

VITA Tax Program

FREE TAX PREPARATION, E-FILING SERVICES OFFERED AT THE KERMAN SENIOR CENTER FOR LOW TO MODERATE-INCOME WAGE EARNERS

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and United Way of Fresno County is again offering Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program in Kerman. VITA is rooted in a broad-based coalition of community organizations, educational institutions, faith-based organizations, government agencies and financial institutions coming together to improve the economic status of Fresno's working families and individuals by increasing the number of Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) filings and providing free tax-preparation services.

Residents taking advantage of EITC through VITA may receive refunds for as \$5,600. In addition, VITA sites expedite the filing process, enabling individuals and families to receive refunds sooner. VITA services are completed by IRS-certified preparers trained to work with low- to moderate-income individuals and families.

This year, residents and individuals may take advantage of free-tax preparation services at the Kerman Senior Center in Kerman, CA.

VITA Location: Kerman Senior Center
Address: 720 S. 8th Street, Kerman, CA
Date: February 4, 2012- April 14, 2012
Hours of Operation: Saturday, 9 AM -1 PM

For more information about United Way of Fresno County's VITA/EITC program or to receive free tax-filing services, please contact the United Way 2-1-1 Central Valley Call Center by dialing 2-1-1.

GOT WATER??



In the coming months, The City will be increasing their water conservation efforts by identifying water wasters and assisting residents with irrigation problems. We will also be working with school maintenance staff and commercial business owners to decrease water demand. With the drought looming in our future we all need to conserve water as much as possible. **Every drop counts!!!!!!!**



RECYCLING FACT: Rainforests are being cut down at the rate of 100 acres per minute.



City Hall will be closed PresidentsqDay
Monday February 20, 2012



The **Lock It Up Project** is a primary partner of the Women's alliance called the **"Lock It Up. Clean It Out. Drop It Off."** This alliance con-

sist of community organizations, pharmacists, school districts, local government and law enforcement agencies working to keep prescription drugs away from kids, youth, young adults, and out of the environment.

The alliance has placed drop-off boxes throughout the county, in secure locations for the disposal of prescription drugs. Expired and unwanted prescription medication can be dropped off in these boxes where they will be collected daily for safe disposal.

Safe Drug Drop-off Locations:

Fresno County Sheriff's Office

2200 Fresno Street
Fresno, CA 93721
(559) 488-3939

Fresno County Jail

1225 M St,
Fresno, CA 93721
(559) 488-2590

Mendota Police Department

1000 Airport Blvd Ste A, Mendota, CA 93640
(559) 655-9120



Children's Hospital Central California 25th Annual Kids Day - March 6, 2012

For the 25th year, Children's Hospital Central California, The Fresno Bee, ABC 30, and 5,000 volunteers in 20 cities will hit the streets to sell the annual Kids Day edition of The Fresno Bee. This year is sure to be bigger than ever, as the community celebrates the momentous 25th anniversary! Wrapped around the regular morning newspaper, the Kids Day edition features compelling patient stories and photographs about the vital pediatric medical care Children's Hospital provides for 1 million children throughout Central California.

Kid's Day is and always has been, "For the Kids!" Proceeds from Kid's Day, which now total over \$4.5 million, have touched countless lives in the Central Valley. Whether sending cancer patients into remission, repairing little hearts, or helping the tiniest of babies to grow, Children's takes care of our community's children in every way. It costs over \$1 million dollars to operate the hospital each day, but families who have been touched by this incredible place know it's a small price to pay. Dollar by dollar you can make a difference! **Time:** 5am-3pm

Location: Central California (Multiple Locations)

Cost: Free for Volunteers, Kids Day Newspapers cost \$1
Contact: Blair Smittcamp 559-353-7191

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration for Kerman-Floyd, Sun Empire, Liberty and Goldenrod Elementary!

Date: March 6th and 7th

Place: Kerman Community Center

Time: 8:00 am to 2:30 pm

MUST have ALL required documents completed to register. **Call your school** for list of requirements.



Proteus, Inc. is a private non-profit corporation specializing in employment services with over 40 years of experience. Now enrolling for Proteus Voc. Ed classes are **Truck Driver Training** and **Solar Photovoltaic Design & Installation**. Other trainings available.

Must meet eligibility guidelines. Services include: Pre-employment Counseling & Job Placement Assistance. Free Access to Employment Resources in our Resource Center with free computer on-line access for resumes and job search.

For more information please call (559) 473-4489

Mr. Drip's Water Saving Tips:

- Take toys out of shower/bath while kids are bathing to cut bathing time in half.
- Running clothes washer and dishwasher only when full saves you up to **1000 Gallons a month**.
- Don't use the toilet as a waste basket (**1.6-5.0 gallons per flush**)



For Customers that pay online: The Online Utility Payment site will be down on Sunday, February 12th from 7:00 am to 12:00 noon for server maintenance. Online payments may be made before and after that time frame.

USDA Home Repair Program

USDA Rural Development has three programs for homebuyers and owners.

1. Loans to purchase homes. Home loans start at 1% with payment subsidy
2. Loans up to \$20,000.00 at 1% to repair homes.
3. Grants up to \$7,500.00 to Seniors for home repairs.

Must meet eligibility criteria and adjusted income limits.

For further information regarding the USDA Home Repair Program and loan programs, please contact our Fresno office at: **USDA Rural Development**, 4625 W Jennifer St, Ste 126, Fresno CA 93722, or phone 559-276-7494 ext. 4.