

Talk It Up!

A monthly brief helping to keep you informed and keep in touch.

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Business Visitation Program

The visitation program is a cooperative effort involving volunteers drawn from other businesses, local government, business organizations and non-profits. Our partners are members from the Greater Tehachapi EDC, Chamber of Commerce, CSUB Small Business Development Center and Main Street Tehachapi.



PROGRAM GOALS

- To demonstrate to existing businesses that the community appreciates their contribution to the local economy.
- To help businesses solve problems and challenges.
- To assist local businesses in gaining awareness of available resources.
- To develop collaborative relationships for participating in comprehensive long-range retention and expansion activities.
- To build the community capacity and cooperation to sustain growth and development activities.
- To contribute to the assessment of Tehachapi's capacity to accommodate growth of businesses.



Above: Owner, Steven Tracz, of Tehachapi's Humble Collector is visited by the BVP Team.

Right: Susan Wiggins and Greg Garrett interview Gale Caldwell of Gallery N Gifts.

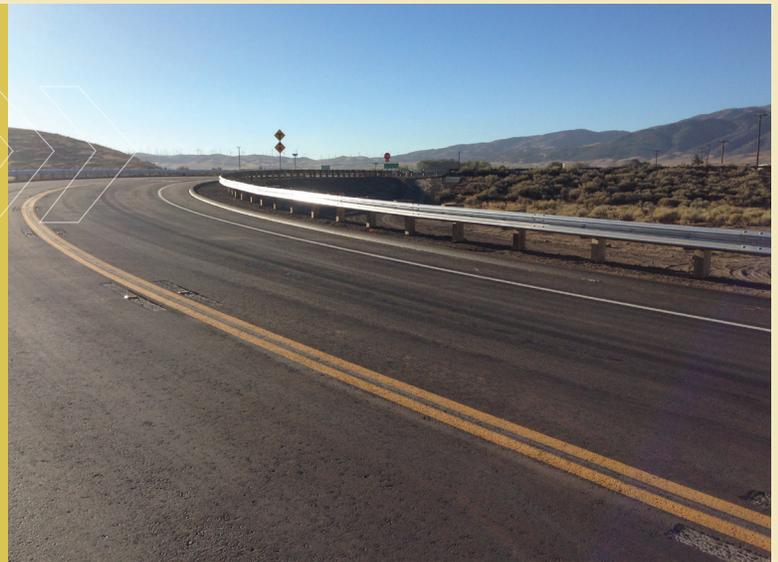


Top: Susan Wiggins prepares to enter Darlene's Real Swell toys for a delightful experience.

Left: Owners Dean and Nicole Miller of Primate Motorsports

ENGINEERING

- » **Challenger Road** - connects Capital Hills to Dennison Rd. This important addition to the roadway network was paid for in part with a competitively awarded \$1.5 million grant from the State of California obtained by City staff. The remaining \$400,000 necessary to complete this project was paid for with local tax revenues and serves as another good example of stretching smaller sources of local revenue to make large projects happen.
- » **Bike Path Striping Plan** - This project is funded through a \$160,000 Transportation Development Act funding. These funds can only be used for transit, pedestrian, or bicycle facilities. The funds are administered locally by the Kern Council of Governments (KCOG), of which we are a member agency. The grants are awarded competitively between the member agencies based on merit. The funds do not require a match and are easy to spend. Simply put, we build the project and send invoices to the KCOG for reimbursement.
- » Awarded the Bicycle Master Plan Implementation Project- Phase I to Cooley Construction.



Police

- Began work with L.A.W. Publications in developing community educational material on crime prevention and drug abuse.

Public Works

- » Waste Water Treatment Plant pond reclamation and grading performed.
- » Red curb painting in various locations.
- » Collected residential conservation data for direct install toilet program.
- » Water service line replacements on Oakwood St.
- » Staff attended Traffic Control and Flagger Training Class.

Airport

- » Implementing California Office of Emergency Service grant to install LED lighting for Kern Regional Transit.
- » Met with FAA Airport on Capital Improvement Plan update.
- » Completed the closeout of the FAA land acquisition and runway enhancement project.

Outreach

- Met with Kern County Board of Trade and Tehachapi Tourism Commission to plan a presentation on the positive economic impact that tourism has on our community.

UPcoming Events

Nov 7	First Friday Around Town Downtown 5 - 8pm Art Walk and Open Shops Wine & Appetizers Served for info: 661-822-6062
Nov 29	Ugly Christmas Sweater Wine Walk Downtown 6 - 9pm \$25 in advance \$30 at door • 661-822-6519
Dec 6	Tehachapi Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting Downtown at "F" Street 5:30pm 661-822-4180

Come talk to us!

We're always happy to hear from you and are excited to share what is happening in our community.

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