



**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER**

May 23, 2014

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council  
**FROM:** Alan Tandy, City Manager *AT/RS/cb*  
**Subject: General Information**

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**Memorial Day**

**Good News:**

- ❖ City Offices will be closed on Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Memorial Day.
- ❖ Please bear in mind that if you anticipate making changes to the City Manager's proposed budget, the sooner you let staff know, the better. If such items wait until the second meeting in June, it is possible there will be competing or contradictory motions. Often times, it requires research to look into alternates, funding sources and the like. A call, email, or comment at the public session would therefore be appreciated.
- ❖ The California Department of Transportation cordially invites you to the ribbon cutting ceremony for State Route 99 South Bakersfield Widening Project Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. Please see attached flyer for more details.
- ❖ The Recreation and Parks Department has filled all of their swim lessons! Normally, swim lessons cost \$50 per session per person, but thanks to the Department's diligence in seeking grants, and with additional assistance from the sponsors of the grants, the prices have been reduced to \$5 for the citizens of Bakersfield
  - First 5 Kern Grant (\$52,257) (0 to 5 years) 540 swim lessons-Full
  - USA Swimming Foundation Make A Splash Grant (\$4,995) (6 months to 12 years) 111 swim lessons-Full
  - Kaiser Permanente Operation Splash Grant (\$35,000) (3 to 18 years) 250 swim lessons-Full
  - Kaiser Permanente Operation Splash Pass for Free Open Swim at Jefferson, MLK, or Silver Creek Pools for income eligible participants— 200 Swim Passes-Full

- ❖ The Recreation and Parks Department has been named a finalist for the 2014 National Gold Medal Awards for excellence in Parks and Recreation Management. Agencies are judged on their ability to address the needs of those they serve through the collective energies of citizens, staff and elected officials. This year's finalists will compete for Grand Plaque Award honors this summer, and the six Grand Plaque recipients will be announced live during the 2014 NRPA Congress in Charlotte, NC, October 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to all of those who have worked so hard to achieve this award. Please see the attached Press Release for additional information.
- ❖ Operation Splash event is on Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> (Memorial Day) from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at McMurtrey Aquatic Center. There will be games, water slides, diving, water safety information and Rethink Your Drink Educational booths to enjoy. The event is co-sponsored by Kaiser Permanente and the cost is \$3 per person or \$10 for a group of 4 to 6. For more information, please call 852-7430.
- ❖ All spray parks will be open all weekend long including Memorial Day from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ The Planz Skate Park opened Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. The grand opening event was enthusiastically received with well over 200 attendees, and we expect the facility to be a very popular amenity to our community. Attached are photos of the event.
- ❖ I will be out of office on Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Steve Teglia will be in charge in my absence, and he and my staff will have my contact information, should that be necessary.

### TRIP Advisories:

#### ✓ **Intermittent Traffic Control on State Route 178**

Motorists should anticipate having to stop for up to five minutes while traveling on State Route 178 in the vicinity of the Fairfax Interchange, Wednesday through Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>.

The contractor for the State Route 178/Morning Drive Interchange project will be hauling materials onto the job site and crews will be conducting traffic control as needed with the use of flagging personnel. These operations will be conducted between the hours of 6 a.m. and 4 p.m., each day.

#### ✓ **Nighttime Closures for Chester Avenue/H Street On-ramp**

The Chester Avenue/H Street westbound on-ramp will be closed during nighttime hours, Tuesday through Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> to facilitate the removal of shoring at the nearby pump station.

The ramp will be closed between the hours of 7 p.m. and 6 a.m., each night. The ramp is expected to be open to traffic during daytime hours.

During the closures, motorists will need to use the State Route 58/Union Avenue Interchange, located approximately one mile to the east, or continue west on Brundage Lane for approximately one mile to access northbound or southbound State Route 99.

### Reports:

For your convenience, the following reports are attached:

- Streets Division work schedule for the week of May 19<sup>th</sup>; and
- A Letter from AT&T regarding changes to its programming.

### Event Notifications:

- *A Thousand Flags event* – Over Memorial Day Weekend (May 24<sup>th</sup>- May 26<sup>th</sup>), the sparkling lake in The Park at River Walk will be surrounded by a sea of red, white and blue as 1,000 American flags are flown in tribute to all who have sacrificed and who continue to sacrifice for the United States of America. There will be activities and fun for the whole family. A special ceremony will be held at Noon Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. Please see the attachment or link for more details. <http://www.thousandflags.org/>
- Rabobank Arena
  - The Bakersfield Condors have advanced to the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of the ECHL playoffs. Their next home games will be today Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>; Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>; and Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup> against the Alaska Aces.
- Rabobank Theater
  - Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 p.m., George Lopez will be performing at the Rabobank Theater.
- Attached is the most recent Event Calendar for Rabobank Arena Theater and Convention Center.

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cc: Department Heads  
Roberta Gafford, City Clerk



# SR99 South Bakersfield WIDENING PROJECT

The California Department of Transportation cordially invites you to the following event:

What: Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

For: State Route 99 South Bakersfield Widening Project

When: Thursday, May 29, at 10:30 a.m.

Where: SR 99/58/Stockdale Highway interchange in the Park & Ride at the corner of Stockdale Highway and Nello Street (next to Kaiser Permanente) (See map below for directions)



Exit SR-99 on the Stockdale Highway West Exit. This exit is available from both southbound and northbound directions. The Park and Ride is next door to the east of Kaiser Permanente. Follow signs for parking.



*Security Paving Company, Inc.*



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### **City of Bakersfield Recreation and Parks Department Announced as Finalist for the 2014 National Gold Medal Awards in Parks and Recreation**

*Recreation and Parks Department to compete for prestigious honor in the park and recreation industry*

**Bakersfield, CA**, May 22, 2014 – The American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration (AAPRA), in partnership with the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), is pleased to announce **The City of Bakersfield, Recreation and Parks Department** as a finalist for the 2014 National Gold Medal Awards for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management. This year's proud sponsor of the Gold Medal Awards program is Musco Lighting LLC.

Founded in 1965, the Gold Medal Awards program honors communities in the U.S. that demonstrate excellence in parks and recreation through long-range planning, resource management, volunteerism, environmental stewardship, program development, professional development and agency recognition. Applications are separated into seven classes, with five classes based on population, one class for armed forces recreation communities and the State Park System Class awarded on odd numbered years.

**The Recreation and Parks Department** is a finalist in the Class II population category of 150,000 – 400,000. The City of Bakersfield Recreation and Parks Department serves the greater Bakersfield area with 149 fulltime employees, 59 parks, nine spray parks, four outdoor pools, two community centers, the 32-mile Kern River Parkway, and numerous tennis and basketball courts. In addition to the parks and recreation facilities, the Recreation and Parks Department maintains over 160 miles of landscaped streets throughout the city.

Agencies are judged on their ability to address the needs of those they serve through the collective energies of citizens, staff and elected officials. **The City of Bakersfield Recreation and Parks Department** joins three other finalists in the class that will compete for grand honors this year. They include Henderson, NV; Plano, TX and Arlington, TX.

Dianne Hoover, Director of Recreation and Parks praises her staff and the many partners involved in providing the programs and services available to the community for this honor. Ms. Hoover says: "To be a Gold Medal Finalist is the ultimate honor in the field of parks and recreation and we are excited about entering the final round of consideration for the grand plaque to be awarded in October."

A panel of five park and recreation professionals reviews and judges all application materials. Judges are chosen for their considerable experience and knowledge in parks and recreation on both the local and national levels.

This year's finalists will compete for Grand Plaque Award honors this summer, and the six Grand Plaque recipients will be announced live during the 2014 NRPA Congress in Charlotte, NC, Oct. 14-16.

For more information on the Gold Medal Awards, visit [www.nrpa.org/goldmedal](http://www.nrpa.org/goldmedal) or [www.aapra.org](http://www.aapra.org).

**The City of Bakersfield Recreation and Parks Department** mission statement is to enhance the quality of life through a variety of programs, parks and partnerships. Offering year round services to the citizens of Bakersfield and surrounding areas, department staff strives for excellence in providing quality programs, parks and public areas to the community.

**The American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration** is a non-profit organization founded to advance knowledge related to the administration of recreation and parks; to encourage scholarly efforts by both practitioners and educators that would enhance the practice of park and recreation administration; to promote broader public understanding of the importance of parks and recreation to the public good; and, to conduct research, publish scholarly papers and sponsor seminars related to the advancement of park and recreation administration. For more information, visit [www.aapra.org](http://www.aapra.org).

**The National Recreation and Park Association** is a national not-for-profit organization dedicated to advancing park, recreation and conservation efforts that enhance quality of life for all people. Through its network of 40,000 recreation and park professionals and citizens, NRPA encourages the promotion of healthy and active lifestyles, conservation initiatives and equitable access to parks and public space. For more information, visit [www.nrpa.org](http://www.nrpa.org). For digital access to NRPA's flagship publication, *Parks & Recreation*, visit [www.parksandrecreation.org](http://www.parksandrecreation.org).

**Musco Lighting, LLC** is a company that has specialized in lighting systems for sports and large areas for more than 30 years. Musco has pioneered dramatic improvements in energy efficiency and affordable ways to control wasted spill light and glare. Permanent and temporary lighting services range from neighborhood fields to NASCAR super speedways. For more information, visit [www.musco.com](http://www.musco.com).

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# Planz Skate Park Opening



# Planz Skate Park Opening





**STREETS DIVISION – WORK SCHEDULE**

**Week of May 26, 2014 – May 30, 2014**

**Resurfacing/Reconstructing streets in the following areas:**

Reconstructing various streets north of White Ln and west of Gosford

Maintenance grind & pave on Akers Rd between Planz Rd & White Ln

Sealing streets in the area south of Brimhall Rd and west of Allen Rd

Resurfacing streets in the area south of White Ln and west of Old River Rd

Resurfacing work on Planz Rd west of Union Ave (HUD funded area)

Preparing streets in the area west of Union Ave and south of Panama Ln for resurfacing

**Miscellaneous Streets Division projects:**

Video inspection of City owned Sewer & Storm lines to evaluate condition of pipes

Repairing damaged sewer line found during video inspection

Miscellaneous concrete repairs throughout the city

Concrete work on various streets in the area north of E. California Ave and west of Williams in preparation for street reconstruction / resurfacing (HUD funded area)

Assisting San Joaquin Valley Railroad with crossing improvements on Panama Ln west of Gosford, this will be ongoing with all of the crossing on city streets that have not been upgraded to date

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**STREETS SWEEPING SCHEDULE**

**Monday, May 26, 2014**

**No sweeping service due to Holiday.**

**Tuesday, May 27, 2014**

City areas between Olive Dr. & Downing Ave. – Coffee Rd. & Knudsen Dr./Mohawk St., including Patton Wy. From Weldon Ave. to Meany Ave.

Between W. Columbus St. & 34<sup>th</sup> St. – Chester Ave. & San Dimas St.

Between Union Ave. & Madison St. – Casa Loma Dr. & White Ln.

Between Westwold Dr. & So. Laurelglen Blvd. – Gosford Rd. & Woodglen Dr.

**Wednesday, May 28, 2014**

City areas between Snow Rd. & Rosedale Hwy. – Jewetta Ave., west to the City limit.

Between Ming Ave. & So. Laurelglen Blvd. – Coffee Rd. & El Portal / Laurelglen Blvd.

**Thursday, May 29, 2014**

All sweepers are assigned to sweeping streets that are not on a set sweeping schedule.

**Friday, May 30, 2014**

All sweepers are assigned to sweeping streets that are not on a set sweeping schedule.

**NOTE:** If raining, there will be no street sweeping service and all street cleaning personnel will be assigned to cleaning plugged drains and part circle culverts. This also applies when a large number of street sweeper are in Fleet for repairs. Areas that have been missed during this time will be swept at the end of the month.



# AT&T U-verse

May 15, 2014

City Manager Alan Tandy  
City of Bakersfield  
1600 Truxtun Avenue  
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301

## Re: U-verse TV® Programming Changes

Dear City Manager Tandy,

### Possible U-verse TV Programming Changes

AT&T's contracts with programmers for the content displayed on our U-verse TV® service periodically expire, or may be terminated, but are usually re-negotiated or extended with no interruption or change for our U-verse members. Additionally, from time to time it is necessary to change channel line-ups as well as television package contents. The programming changes set forth below may occur as follows:

#### May 2014:

As previously noticed, AT&T's contract with the programmer for the following channel is set to expire. While this channel will continue to be available to U-verse members so long as AT&T has the right to carry it, if a reasonable agreement cannot be reached with the programmer the programming will no longer be available. AT&T may modify the channel location for the programming by moving it from its current channel location to a channel between 9501-9599, and if a reasonable longer term agreement cannot be reached with the programmer, we may lose the right to carry the following channel in or after May 2014: Star India (channel 3706).

#### June 2014:

As previously noticed, AT&T's contract with the programmer for the following channel is set to expire. While this channel will continue to be available to U-verse members so long as AT&T has the right to carry it, if a reasonable agreement cannot be reached with the programmer the programming will no longer be available. AT&T may modify the channel location for the programming by moving it from its current channel location to a channel between 9501 – 9599, and if a reasonable longer term agreement cannot be reached with the programmer, we may lose the right to carry it in or after May 2014: Bloomberg TV (channel 222).

Effective June 12, AT&T U-verse High Speed Internet service is required for U-verse Games (channel 93). Existing U-verse Games subscribers without AT&T U-verse High Speed Internet service will be unsubscribed from U-verse Games.

Effective June 13, FEARnet (Free VOD) is being discontinued by the programmer and therefore will no longer be available on the U-verse platform.

Effective June 20, AWE (channel 470 and 1470 in HD) will move to channel 147 and 1147 in HD.

**July 2014:**

AT&T's contract with the programmer for the following channels is set to expire. While these channels will continue to be available to U-verse members so long as AT&T has the rights to carry them, if a reasonable agreement cannot be reached with the programmer the programming will no longer be available. AT&T may modify the channel location for the programming by moving them from their current channel location to a channel between 9501-9599, and if a reasonable longer term agreement cannot be reached with the programmer, we may lose the rights to carry them (listed in alphabetical order) in or after July 2014: C-SPAN (channel 230), C-SPAN 2 (channel 231), and C-SPAN 3 (channel 232) .

Effective July 1, MCU (channel 5104) will be rebranding to MC Indie.

Customers will be provided with written notification of the above: customer bills include a message referring them to the Legal Notices in USA Today on the first and third Tuesday of each month, and to the AT&T website [www.att.com/U-verseprogrammingchanges](http://www.att.com/U-verseprogrammingchanges), for information on programming changes.

If you have any questions, please contact your local AT&T External Affairs manager, Richard Roche on 626-585-3542.

Sincerely,



Vice President – Regulatory Affairs

## BAKERSFIELD BREAKFAST ROTARY CLUB



### **First-Annual Memorial Day Celebration at The Park at Riverwalk Will Feature Display of One Thousand Flags**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:  
May 13, 2014

For More Information:  
Becky Brooks  
Event Planner  
(661) 345-0015

**Bakersfield, CA.** The Park at Riverwalk will come alive over Memorial Day weekend with the flying of 1,000 flags in honor of the many heroes who have served, and continue to serve, our nation and our local community.

The event is presented by Breakfast Rotary, and the flags are sponsored by community members wishing to honor friends and loved-ones who are veterans and active service members, plus first responders (including law enforcement, fire personnel and emergency medical technicians) who put their lives in jeopardy for their communities' safety. At the end of the weekend, flag sponsors may pick up their flag and a keepsake certificate to keep or present to their honoree.

Flag sponsorships are still available at \$50 per flag and can be ordered online at [www.thousandflags.org](http://www.thousandflags.org).

Flags will fly beginning at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 24 and will be on display through Monday, May 26. The public is invited to visit the display anytime during the weekend, but highlights are listed below:

**-MORE-**

- Saturday 11:30 a.m. – Display opens
- Saturday 12:00 noon – National Anthem
- Saturday and Sunday Evenings - “Taps” will be played at sunset
- Memorial Day 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. - Patriotic Fair featuring exhibitors and vendors
- Memorial Day 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. – Ceremony and presentation featuring a drum corps performance and color guard presentation, the National Anthem, and presentations by Senator Jean Fuller, Bakersfield Mayor Harvey Hall, Kern County Sheriff Youngblood and other guests. To conclude the program, “Taps” will be played while the main flag is lowered at the entrance of the display, then presented to representatives of the National Guard.
- Memorial Day 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. – Flag sponsors may pick up their flag and a keepsake certificate to either keep or present to their honoree.

*Proceeds from corporate and flag sponsorships will be donated to local causes such as Honor Flight Kern County, Wreaths Across America and other local projects. Event partners include the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion Post 26, ROTC, Golden Empire Drum Corps, the City of Bakersfield, Bakersfield Police Department, the Kern County Sheriff's Department, KGET-TV and The Bakersfield Californian.*

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**BOX OFFICE HOURS**  
 Mon-Fri 10 AM - 5 PM  
 Closed Saturday & Sunday  
 (Excluding Event Days)

**TICKETMASTER LOCATIONS**  
 Walmart - 2601 Fashion Place  
 Walmart - 6225 Colony Street  
 Walmart - 8400 Rosedale Hwy

**CHARGE-BY-PHONE**  
 1-800-745-3000

**GROUP SALES INFORMATION**  
 661-852-7309

**SEASON TICKET INFORMATION**

**Bakersfield Condors**  
 661-324-PUCK (7825)  
[www.bakersfieldcondors.com](http://www.bakersfieldcondors.com)

**Bakersfield Symphony**  
 661-323-7928  
[www.BSONow.org](http://www.BSONow.org)

**Bakersfield Community  
 Concert Association**  
 661-589-2478  
 661-663-9006  
[www.bakersfieldcca.org](http://www.bakersfieldcca.org)



# UPCOMING EVENTS



May 23 – Condors vs Alaska \$35, \$34, \$27, \$22, \$19, \$14	7:00 PM On Sale Now
May 24 – Condors vs Alaska \$35, \$34, \$27, \$22, \$19, \$14	7:00 PM On Sale Now
May 25 – Condors vs Alaska \$35, \$34, \$27, \$22, \$19, \$14	6:00 PM On Sale Now
July 17 – Jesus Christ Superstar \$149.50, \$99.50, \$79.50, \$59.50, \$39.50	8:00 PM On Sale Now
July 23 – Goo Goo Dolls & Daughtry \$59.50 & \$44.50	7:30 PM On Sale Now
April 30-May 3, 2015 – Marvel Universe Live! \$150, \$100, \$50, \$40	On Sale Now



May 20 – American Idiot \$57, \$47, \$37	7:30 PM On Sale Now
May 22 – Gloria Trevi \$97.00, \$77.00, \$57.00, \$47.00, \$42.00, \$32.00	7:30 PM On Sale Now
May 31 – George Lopez \$49.50, \$39.50	8:00 PM On Sale Now
June 3-4 – Sesame Street Live \$50.00, \$32.00, \$24.00, \$17.00	On Sale Now
June 6 – Ron White \$53.25, \$43.25	8:00 PM On Sale Now
June 7 – Art Laboe's Super Freestyle Explosion \$69.50, \$49.50, \$39.50, \$34.50, \$28.50	8:00 PM On Sale Now
June 14 – Intocable \$85.00 \$70.00 \$55.00 \$45.00 \$35.00 \$25.00	8:00 PM On Sale Now
August 7 – Prince Royce \$198.50, \$53.50, \$43.50, \$33.50	8:00 PM On Sale Now

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September 13 – Starship \$12.50	8:00 PM On Sale Now
October 4 – Bluffett \$12.50	8:00 PM On Sale Now

[www.rabobankarena.com](http://www.rabobankarena.com) - [www.bhnamphitheatre.com](http://www.bhnamphitheatre.com)