

PORTERVILLE NEWSLETTER

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EAGLE MOUNTAIN CASINO NAMED OUTSTANDING ORGANIZATION HONOREE

The City of Porterville is pleased to announce Eagle Mountain Casino as an Outstanding Organization Honoree.

Eagle Mountain Casino is celebrating their 20 year anniversary and opened for business on June 1, 1996. The casino started as three manufactured trailers with slot machines, table games and a snack bar. As demand grew, the Tule River Tribe listened to their guests and expanded the casino's offerings. Food outlets expanded, the casino doubled its size and more slot machines and other amenities were added. The facility now encompasses over 20,000 square feet including 1,200 slot machines, 10 table games, a food court, a buffet and a steakhouse. The Forest Buffet and the River Steakhouse remain community favorites.

General Manager, Matthew Mingrone, attributes the success of Eagle Mountain Casino to "providing fantastic hospitality and tremendous guest service at the same time as always offering a "value" to our guests. Our prices are always set for our guests to get more "bang for their buck". We know our guests have many options when it comes to spending their disposable cash, so we try and make our guest's experience our number one priority." Mingrone stated that their team distinguishes them from other businesses. "We truly believe in the people business." He continued to explain that their team provides the most incredible, warm and welcoming guest service around. This is evident by the outstanding growth that the casino has seen since it opened 20 years ago.

The Tule River Tribe, Eagle Mountain Casino and Tule River Economic Development Corporation are all active members in several chambers of commerce including Porterville, Visalia, Bakersfield, Tulare/Kings County Hispanic Chamber and the Kern County Hispanic Chamber to name a few.

Over the past 15 years Eagle Mountain Casino has held an Annual Golf Charity Golf Tournament, which benefits local community organizations throughout Tulare and Kern counties. Five local non-profit organizations are selected and the funds raised are evenly distributed to them. The recipients for 2015 were Tule River Scholarship Fund, Golden Empire Gleaners, Porterville Area Coordinating Council, Porterville Adult Day Services and Wounded Heroes of Kern County. Eagle Mountain Casino doesn't only contribute money, they also donate gift baskets, dinners and concert tickets for raffles and silent auctions, and offer special fund raising bus tours to the casino.

Matthew Mingrone stated that there are more great things in the works for the casino, restaurant, and entertainment. Eagle Mountain Casino is always looking for ways to enhance the customer experience, and give more value when they visit the casino.

Congratulations to Eagle Mountain Casino for being recognized as a Porterville Outstanding Organization Honoree.

CITY INFORMATION CITY COUNCIL

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DOWNTOWN FARMERS' MARKET



The City of Porterville and Sierra View Medical Center have partnered to bring the farmers' market downtown for the month of August. The farmers' market will take place every Tuesday on Main Street in front of City Hall from 9:00 a.m. –12:30 p.m. beginning August 2nd. The community is invited to shop, eat, and enjoy the many healthy options at the market. Come out and support your local farmers' market.

PORTERVILLE'S NEW DOG PARK



Every dog has it's day and that day has come with the grand opening of Porterville's first dog park located at the Sports Complex on West Scranton. The celebration and leash cutting ceremony took place in June and the park is now open daily from 6 a.m. to dusk. Owners and their four-legged friends can enjoy the park's special amenities including separate play areas for large and small dogs, fire hydrants and obstacles, doggy drinking fountains, new trees and benches and dog waste disposal stations. There are even plans to start a monthly Yappy Hour. These social meet-ups will give owners and their canine companions a chance to unleash and unwind, maybe even have some "yappetizers". Look out for more information on that program in the future.



FIRST TIME HOMEBUYER EDUCATION



The First Time Homebuyer Program is designed to help first time homebuyers learn the process to purchase a home and qualify for long-term financing from a participating lender of their choice from the list provided by City staff. The class is provided in partnership with Community Services and Employment Training (CSET).

HOMEBUYER EDUCATION CLASS REGISTRATION:

Alternating English and Spanish classes offered one Saturday of each month.

Participant(s) must remain for the full 8 hour class to receive a "Certificate of Completion."

This is only the first step to participant in the City's First Time Home Buyer Assistance Program as attending the class does not guarantee qualification for loan.

Registration is at City Hall, 291 N. Main Street, from 8 am to 5:30 pm.

Please bring in 2015 Federal Tax Forms, or most recent pay stubs for one month, of all working family members 18 years or older to verify income.

You can also register at:

<http://www.ci.porterville.ca.us/depts/CommunityDevelopment/HousingAssistance.cfm>



WATER CONSERVATION/DROUGHT RESPONSE PHASE III

Effective June 1, 2016 the City of Porterville has moved to Phase III of the City's Water Conservation Plan, which permits watering twice a week based on property address and prohibits watering between the hours of 5 am to 10am and 5 pm to 10 pm and also prohibits watering on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

Should you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact the Field Services Division at 782-7514.

Mandatory Odd/Even Watering Schedule

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
DO NOT WATER	OK TO WATER	OK TO WATER	DO NOT WATER	DO NOT WATER	OK TO WATER	OK TO WATER
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■ Odd Address ■ Even Address

PORTERVILLE CITY LIBRARY EVENTS

Free Summer Lunches

Exercise Programs

Summer Reading 2016

"Read for the Win"

Prizes

Carnival

June 13th-August 6th
Fun for children, teens, and adults

Gaming

Pool Party



Read for the win!



For more information on these or any other library programs contact the Porterville City Library at 784-0177 or visit us at facebook.com/portervillelibrary.