

# PORTERVILLE

## SUMMER 2019

# NEWSLETTER



### GIOVANNI'S PIZZERIA ARCADE NAMED OUTSTANDING BUSINESS HONOREE

## Giovanni's Pizzeria & Arcade



The City of Porterville is pleased to announce Giovanni's Pizzeria and Arcade as an Outstanding Business Honoree.

Giovanni's Pizzeria & Arcade is owned and operated by Pat and Maria Mena. The Mena's, being entrepreneurs with a background in real estate, began looking for a business opportunity that was completely different from their real estate business in 2006. The Mena's soon realized that Porterville was in need of a family friendly pizzeria and arcade. They purchased their facility at 45 North Second Street and opened Giovanni's Pizzeria and Arcade in August 2007.

The Mena's goal was to offer the best pizza, arcade, and party experience for families in Porterville. They sought the expertise of arcade vendors and began attending the International Pizza Expo. They had a great business idea in opening Giovanni's Pizzeria and Arcade, but didn't have experience in operating a pizzeria and arcade business. They were fortunate to meet an arcade vendor that helped guide them through the games, they continue to attend the International Pizza Expo to bring back new ideas to implement at Giovanni's.

Giovanni's offers a great venue for families, sports teams, and clubs to have parties and fundraising events. This is evident, as they host over 1,200 parties a year. They have over 50 video games as well as nine 50-inch televisions to entertain young and old alike. Giovanni's menu boasts choices of delicious pizzas, buffalo wings, chicken strips, chile verde tornado, nachos and specialty pizzas like the Pancho Villa, Farmers Market, Hot Cheetos Pizza, and their famous salad bar.

The Mena's are not just about pizza and games, they are also involved in the community. Giovanni's supports several local youth activities throughout the year, including the annual Kids Fest. Pat and Maria both are graduates of Leadership Porterville and members of the Porterville Exchange Club. Maria is a past president and member of SETCO. Pat has also been a board member of the Central Valley Family Crisis Center, United Way and Sierra View Foundation Board.

The Mena's attribute the success Giovanni's Pizzeria and Arcade has had to God and the Porterville residents, who continue to support them. Their favorite part of the business is the joy in watching kid's faces when they walk in and see all the games.

Congratulations to Giovanni's Pizzeria and Arcade for being recognized as a Porterville Outstanding Business Honoree.

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## PORTERVILLE CORPORATE GAMES!

Let the games begin! The ninth annual Porterville Corporate Games will officially start competition on September 7. This premier business-to-business contest brings local organizations of all sizes together for a variety of fun and entertaining activities all while vying for the most accumulated points and ultimately, ownership of the coveted Corporate Cup. The Games are a two-week challenge and an incredible opportunity for organizations to engage in creative team-building. They stimulate camaraderie and a renewed sense of company pride while also promoting health and wellness outside the work setting. It also allows local organizations to interact and get to know each other in a unique way— think of it as an extended networking mixer with an element of friendly competition. Some of this year’s events include cornhole, volleyball, archery, a scavenger hunt, bowling, footgolf, basketball challenge, and an obstacle course. Get your organization involved and realize the benefits of playing together. Contact Parks & Leisure Services for more information or check out portervillecorporategames.com. Only the first 16 teams to register will be accepted.



Take the Survey



Tome la Encuesta

### ENGLISH

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RSGM3JG>

By completing this **ONLINE SURVEY**, you will help the City of Porterville prepare its 5-year Consolidated Plan to receive Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) money and will help the City set future goals and programs to better serve the community. Paper surveys are available at City Hall: 291 N. Main St., Porterville CA or by calling (559) 782-7460.



### ESPAÑOL

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TJ368ZF>  
Al completar esta **ENCUESTA EN LINEA**, usted ayudará a la Ciudad a preparar su Plan Consolidado de 5 años para recibir fondos Federales del Programa Federal de Subvención en Bloque para el Desarrollo Comunitario (CDBG por sus siglas en inglés) y establecer metas y programas para servir mejor a la comunidad en la Ciudad: 291 N. Main St., Porterville CA o al hablar al (559) 782-7860

## FIRST TIME HOMEBUYER PROGRAM

Would you like to know more about homeownership? The City of Porterville has a First Time Homebuyer Loan Program which can help with up to 35% of purchasing price. Please call Community Development at (559) 782-7460 to learn more.



## HOUSING REHABILITATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES LOAN PROGRAM



Do you need help with **HOME REPAIRS** to make your house a healthy and safe place to live? The City of Porterville has a loan program designed to help lower income homeowners make affordable home improvements, repairs, ADA ramps, and connections to City utilities. Due to limited funding, this will be on a first come, first serve basis. Please call Community Development at (559) 782-7460 to see if you qualify.

## WATER CONSERVATION/DROUGHT RESPONSE PHASE III

Effective **June 1, 2019**, 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 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. and also prohibits watering on Mondays, Thursday 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				