

# PORTERVILLE

## NEWSLETTER

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### S.T.O.P. ALARM NAMED OUTSTANDING BUSINESS HONOREE

The City of Porterville is pleased to announce S.T.O.P. Alarm as an Outstanding Business Honoree.

S.T.O.P. Alarm opened in 1978. Ron Irish had the know-how, experience, opportunity and a vision. After thirty plus years in business, it shows that all four were needed to succeed. With Ron doing the sales, installation and service, Teri Irish took care of the books and record keeping. Their partnership worked well as Ron was a big-picture person and Teri was detail-oriented.

Ron did the sales, installations and service 24 hours a day, seven days a week. They would use Teri's paycheck from her day job to finance the projects Ron scheduled and then hope and pray that they would get paid before their personal bills were due.

He recalls that often, he would be in the attic running wires when a call would come in for a possible new project. He would then go home to get cleaned up, go to the sales call, then return to the job site to continue pulling wires. Teri often wore many hats as well, working as an office manager for another firm during the day and in the evenings she would work on S.T.O.P. Alarm books and answer customer's questions.

Once their business started growing, they moved into a 1,200 square foot office at Prospect and Henderson. After 20 years, they expanded to 2,200 square feet at the same location. In 2015, they bought and renovated their current 5,000 square foot facility at 65 S. Hockett Street in Downtown Porterville. They now have room enough for their monitoring, shop and all their employees.

Ron and Teri attribute many factors to their growth; being local, keeping their promises, and being fair are some of the obvious reasons, as well as having dedicated employees. They are real team members.

S.T.O.P. Alarm distinguished themselves from other security services because they are a local monitored solution and are there when their customers need them. This is evidenced through their long term customers, some that are third and fourth generation customers.

S.T.O.P. Alarm ownership and employees not only live in Porterville, but are active in the community. Ron has been director of Porterville Adult Day Services, member of the Porterville Masonic Lodge, Porterville Eagles Lodge, Porterville Elks Lodge, past member of Porterville Exchange Club and is currently a member of the Rotary Club of Porterville. Ron was also elected to the Porterville City Council 1997-2001, then again 2003-2007 and was the Mayor from 2010-2012. Teri was Co-Chair for the Chamber of Commerce Blood Drives from 1983-1996, member of the Soroptimist, while also serving as the President, Treasurer, and Corresponding Secretary. She is also involved in the Rotary Club of Porterville and both Ron and Teri are graduates of Leadership Porterville.

Their favorite part of the business is being challenged every day to help others by providing protection for families and businesses...but in reality, they want to install alarm systems to catch the bad guys.

Congratulations to S.T.O.P. Alarm for being recognized as a Porterville Outstanding Business Honoree.

#### CITY INFORMATION CITY COUNCIL

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Brian Ward

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John Lollis

#### CITY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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(559) 782-7566  
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(559) 782-7460  
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(559) 782-7536  
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(559) 782-7441



**City Hall**  
City of Porterville  
291 N. Main St.  
Porterville, CA 93257

## 40 YEARS OF THE ZALUD HOUSE MUSEUM

The Zalud House was built in 1891 by John and Mary Zalud when they moved to Porterville from Tulare. With a thriving saloon business and a rumored interest in gambling, the family acquired wealth in the form of land. The home was willed to the City of Porterville by their youngest daughter, Pearle, in 1970 along with 15 acres to build Zalud Park in honor of her younger brother Edward. After some legal wrestling over the estate, the City opened the doors to the museum in May of 1977, followed by the dedication of the park in 1978.

The Zalud House was built in the Second Empire style and has a unique mansard roof construction that was believed to be the first of that design in the community. It is one of few homes from that era that has not undergone any remodeling and one of few museums in the nation that is furnished entirely with the owners' original possessions. It is listed on the National Historical Registry of Old Houses and the National Register of Historic Places.

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the museum being open in the community. Be sure to join the special celebration in May and in the meantime, take a tour of the house for a nostalgic glimpse into the past. The museum is open to the public Thursday – Saturday, 10:00 am– 4:00 pm. Enjoy the legacy of the family and the early history of Porterville pioneers.



## 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 IV

Effective December 1, 2016, the City of Porterville has moved to Phase IV of the City's Water Conservation Plan, which permits watering once 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, Tuesday, Wednesday, 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				
ODD	EVEN	ODD	EVEN	ODD	ODD	EVEN

■ Odd Address    ■ Even Address

## PORTERVILLE CITY LIBRARY EVENTS

### Easter Bunny Pictures

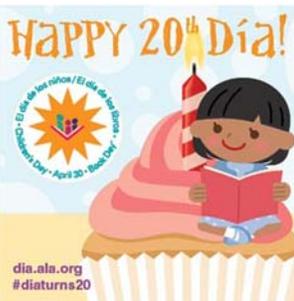
The Easter Bunny will be stopping by the library for photo opportunities.

April 4, 2017– 4:00pm-5:30pm  
 April 8, 2017– 3:00pm-5:30pm  
 April 11, 2017– 10:30am-12:00pm



### National Library Week

April 9-15, 2017  
 Libraries Transform  
 @ your library  
 Stay tuned for events that transform



### Día de los Niños/Day of the Child Día de los Libros/Day of the Books

April 29th, 2017  
 10am-12pm  
 Centennial Plaza Park  
 Help the library celebrate Children's Day with lots of free, fun activities for all children.



**MAY THE FOURTH  
 AT YOUR LIBRARY  
 MAY 4TH AT 5 PM**

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](https://facebook.com/portervillelibrary).