

PORTERVILLE

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NEWSLETTER



OACYS TECHNOLOGY NAMED OUTSTANDING BUSINESS HONOREE

The City of Porterville is pleased to announce OACYS Technology as an Outstanding Business Honoree.

OACYS Technology was founded by Ted and Asih Olsen in 1982 and on October 1, 2016, the company was acquired by Vice President and General Manager Ryan Walker and his wife Joslyn. OACYS Technology began with Founder, Ted Olson, purchasing an Osborne “portable” computer. Ted’s passion for computers led them to become Osborne Computer dealers, working part-time out of their home and registered as Olson Computer Services (OCS) for the 1982 Porterville Fair.

In 1995, Ted realized that no one was offering a local dial in number for internet services in the Porterville area. When OCS first announced local internet service with a true local number, people lined up outside of their Porter Road office to sign-up. They had a rack of 20 modems, which were soon overwhelmed.

Within a couple of years, OCS was no longer in the business of computer sales, they had become one of the country’s first Internet Service Providers and the new primary business became the internet. Around this time is when they changed the name to OACYS.

As technology advanced and DSL emerged, people were asking for faster service. At the time, Porterville was somewhat isolated, the larger corporate companies did not consider Porterville a large enough market to be worthwhile. During this time OACYS started researching wireless technology and building towers. This allowed them to better serve the local community and expand into the rural areas and foothills, reaching people where neither DSL nor cable providers could or were willing to deliver service. OACYS continues to expand their services and build new towers in and around the Porterville area.

OACYS attributes the success they have had in Porterville to relentless work and perseverance. When asked of their community involvement the reply was easy, “First and foremost, our primary involvement has been to ensure that our community had a quality local go-to resource as we emerged into the age of technology. OACYS also provided the first free, local Wi-Fi hotspots in several public venues, and continued to do so.

Finally, last but certainly not least, OACYS has provided a local employment and training opportunities for many young people hoping to find careers in technology. A great example of growing local talent is Ryan Walker, who has been with OCS/OACYS when he was a senior at Monache High School.

After 18 years of employment with OACYS, Ryan Walker and wife Joslyn recently assumed ownership and control of the company, which marks the official retirement of Ted and Asih and the passing of the reins to the next generations. As the company moves forward with new owners, they plan to continue in their long running heritage of excellent customer service.

Congratulations to OACYS Technology for being recognized as a Porterville Outstanding Business Honoree.

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VETERANS PARK TRAIL



The Veterans Park trail is getting a facelift! Thanks to a grant awarded to the City of Porterville, you will notice construction taking place this winter. The trail is a 1.8 mile jaunt around the interior of Veterans Park which offers a great way to get outside and enjoy some exercise.

The improvement project will transform the existing decomposed granite path into an eight-foot wide paved concrete trail that is wheelchair friendly. It will connect the two existing parking lots from the skateboard park to the east lot near the Vietnam War helicopter memorial. New solar lighting will improve safety and accessibility along the trail.

In conjunction with the project, local physician, Dr. Pandya is leading a 'sponsor a bench' campaign. His foundation has pledged \$10,000 towards new benches along the upgraded trail to ensure there are places to gather or rest. You too, can commemorate a loved one, celebrate a special occasion or show the community that you care by sponsoring a bench at Veterans Park. Contact Parks & Leisure Services or the Pandya Family Foundation for more information.

We continue to invest in our parks because they improve our physical and psychological health, strengthen our community, and make our city a more attractive place to live and work. Parks Make Life Better!



REPLACE YOUR TURF GRASS AND RECEIVE A REBATE OF UP TO \$2,000!



The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has a rebate program for removing turf and replacing it with landscapes that require little water at California single-family residences to support the State's drought response. Eliminating or reducing the amount of grass in your landscape can make a significant impact on a household water usage. For more information on the program's history, go to the DWR turf site at www.water.ca.gov/turf/.

The \$24 million program budget is expected to support the conversion of more than 10 million square feet of turf, or approximately 20 percent of the statewide goal of 50 million square feet of turf. Up to \$2 per square foot of removed and replaced turf will be rebated per eligible household. The total rebated amount, including any rebates the homeowner has already applied for from another agency, can't exceed a total of \$2 per square foot.



WATER CONSERVATION/DROUGHT RESPONSE PHASE III

Effective June 1, 2016, the City of Porterville has moved to Phase III of the City's Water Conversation 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, 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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PORTERVILLE CITY LIBRARY EVENTS

FOOD FOR FINES

For every can of food submitted during the "Food For Fines" drive, the Porterville Public Library will waive \$1.00 of overdue fees. The cans of food and other nonperishable food items receive must not be damaged or expired. For more information, please contact Donna Silvas at 559-784-0177.



**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 21, 2016**
Board, card and video games, vendors, demos, tournaments, and raffles.

Santa @ the Porterville City Library

You better watch out!
You better not cry!
You better not pout!
Why? Because Santa Claus is coming to...
The Porterville City Library!
Photo opportunities with Santa will be available this December!



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.