

# PORTERVILLE OCTOBER 2017 NEWSLETTER



Promoting Self Worth since 1956



## PSW-PROMOTING SELF WORTH SINCE 1956 NAMED OUTSTANDING BUSINESS HONOREE

The City of Porterville is pleased to announce PSW – Promoting Self Worth as an Outstanding Business Honoree.

In 1956, Lupe and Dean Hahn as well as other concerned parents of developmentally disabled children organized the “Porterville Association for Developmentally Disabled Children,” which has become known as PSW. Their desire and vision was to create an organization that would offer expanded instructional and care services for developmentally disabled individuals after they completed the school programs available.

In 1957 Lupe organized a habilitation program for developmentally disabled adults in an old war surplus building located behind the Olive Street School. An ironing service was also offered to the public and is still operating today as Sunshine Laundry located in the Value Village Thrift Store.

Parents liked the Workshop’s proactive approach in assisting developmentally disabled adults and the program started to grow. In 1964 the Workshop, still with an all volunteer staff, found another opportunity for the disabled adults and began its recycling program.

By the early 1980’s PSW had grown to 38 staff members and 198 clients. In 1985, the Independent Living Program was introduced to meet the needs of those in the community that needed independent living skills training. It helps to assist them in becoming as self-reliant as possible in the community.

By the 1990’s, there were 25 company vehicles in the transportation department and 444 clients were being transported on a daily basis. In 1993, the Graffiti removal program began, where clients and staff would paint over or remove graffiti within the City limits. The Boomerang Recycling Center was remodeled into a drive through, expanding their services. PSW has additional programs employing their clientele in many additional occupations including; Landscaping, Sweeping Crews, Copy Center, Assembly Services, Confidential Shredding, Value Village, and Dairy Janitorial Services. These programs serve the community and the clients of PSW.

PSW celebrated their 60th anniversary this year and have over 225 staff and serve nearly 875 clients. They attribute the success they have had in Porterville to the support of the Porterville Community and the tireless dedication of the staff. PSW is a nonprofit corporation with the majority of the financial support coming from the community members of Porterville.

When asked about their current and future plans of PSW the reply was simple...”to continue to meet our mission of assisting individuals with a disability achieve a more independent and productive life. As we move forward into the future, PSW is developing plans to assist individuals moving from the Developmental Center into the community to have the quality of life that all of our current clients enjoy.”

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

### CITY INFORMATION CITY COUNCIL

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Martha A. Flores  
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### CITY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

City Manager’s Office  
(559) 782-7466  
Department of Finance  
(559) 782-7566  
Community Development  
(559) 782-7460  
Police Department  
(559) 782-7426  
Fire Department  
(559) 782-7526  
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**City Hall**  
City of Porterville  
291 N. Main St.  
Porterville, CA 93257

## PORTERVILLE VETERANS DAY RUN!

NOVEMBER 11, 2017 @ 7:30 AM



DOWNTOWN PORTERVILLE

CHIP TIMED!

Runners and walkers of all ages from around the Valley join in this scenic route to compete for top honors. The race takes place annually on November 11 prior to the Veterans Day Parade. Awards are given to the top three finishers in every division and each pre-registered participant is guaranteed a long sleeved commemorative t-shirt.

## 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 \$40,000 to help you purchase. 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

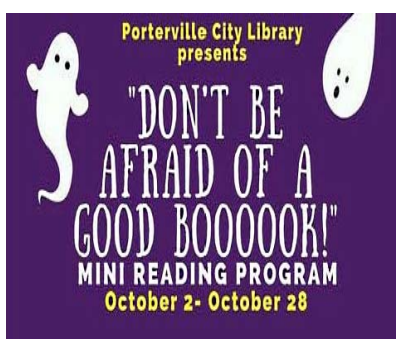
Effective May 23, 2017, the City of Porterville has moved to Phase III of the City's Water Conservation Plan, which permits watering twice a week based on property address and prohibits watering between the hours of 5 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. and also prohibits watering on Mondays, Thursday 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
—	ODD	EVEN	—	—	ODD	EVEN

■ Odd Address ■ Even Address

## PORTERVILLE CITY LIBRARY EVENTS



October 28, 2017  
4 pm—5:45 pm

# Halloween Contest



Saturday  
November 19, 2017  
10:00 am—5:00 pm



The "1,000 Books before Kindergarten Challenge" is a program that encourages all families and caregivers to read at least 1,000 books with their young children before they enter Kindergarten.

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://www.facebook.com/portervillelibrary).