

TWAIN HARTE AREA



SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

MONTHLY UPDATE

July 2024

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NOTES FROM THE PROGRAM MANAGER

by Carol Hallett



Okay, okay already, can we be done with this hot weather? It is impossible to believe that we have endured this many consecutive days at these high temperatures here in Twain Harte. Unheard of, unprecedented but here we are! We always remind ourselves that if it is hot in Twain Harte it is much hotter elsewhere but when it is 99-105 degrees, it does not really matter where you are. Hot is HOT!

We have to take refuge where we can and mine is in my own backyard. I have 3 bucks who have decided that "mi casa es tu casa". For the longest time they have made their day bed under our deck. It made sense, a shaded area with cool dirt to lie in but when we came or left our house they were disturbed. By that I mean, they would look at us as if to say, "what in the world are you doing here?" I guess we disturbed them one too many times because one day they were gone.

Then one sunny afternoon, my husband came in and said have you looked out the upstairs window today? I had not, so up the stairs I went to find the three amigos in their new heat of the day bed. It was so picturesque I had to share it.

I hope that you read and headed to the information from last month safety article about heat exhaustion and heat stroke. I tried as much as I could to drink lots of water but it seemed like the more I drank the more I needed.

Stay cool and
drink lots of water!



The moment you remember you live in paradise

THCSD GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

by Tom Trott, THCSD General Manager



GM REPORT

July 10, 2024



ADMIN ACTIVITIES

- FY 23-24 Year End Actions
- FY 24-25 Year Begin Actions
- Grant Reporting and Coordination
- Pickleball Expansion Construction Management
- TH Meadows Park Construction Management
- Fire Training Parking Lot Design Coordination
- TH Meadows Park Grand Opening Planning

MEETINGS OF INTEREST

- 6/12 Community Center Grand Re-Opening
- 6/14 Cedar Pines Pressure Re-Zoning Meeting
- 6/26 County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan
- 7/1 Fire Training Parking Value Engineering
- 7/3 County OES Operational Area Meeting

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Twain Harte Meadows Park

Budget: \$3,000,000

Pavilion, restrooms, water play area, planting, pathways and parking are complete. Street lighting, picnic/BBQ areas, and bocce path connection will continue this month. The Christmas tree will be planted in fall, but the grand opening will be August 10th.

Tennis/Pickleball Court Improvements

Budget: \$310,000

Pickleball expansion and surface conversion to a sport grid surface is mostly complete, but requires some additional safety improvements before it can be opened. It is anticipated to be open in August. Contracting to convert the tennis courts to a hybrid clay surface is ongoing - construction is anticipated in early fall.

SCADA System Improvements

Budget: \$465,000

Design of a radio communications system to support the SCADA Systems Improvement Project is underway. The Project will provide remote monitoring and control of the District's water treatment plant, pump stations, tanks and sewer lift stations.

Fire Training Parking Lot

Budget: \$331,000

Design of a grant-funded project to enlarge the parking lot used for the fire training facility is complete. It includes a permeable parking surface, bioswales and landscaping watered by captured rainwater. The new lot will provide more parking for fire trainings and will fix drainage issues. Construction is anticipated in early fall.

PLANNING PROJECTS

Water System Evaluation/Analysis

Budget: \$777,151

Hydraulic model, water loss analysis, condition assessment and identification of priority capital projects is complete. Grant applications for the Sherwood Forest System have been submitted.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

SRF / BUDGET EARMARK - \$4.5M

TH Sewerline Project / Award: Fall 2024

SRF / BUDGET EARMARK - \$6.55M

Sherwood Forest Water / Award: Fall 2024

ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT - \$75,000

Structural Fire Turnouts / Award: Fall 2024

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT - \$24,000

Median Household Income Survey / AWARDED

PROP 1 STORMWATER GRANT - \$1.75M

TH Meadows Park / AWARDED

PROP 68 RURAL RECREATION - \$1.25M

TH Meadows Park / AWARDED

PROP 68 PER CAPITA - \$178K

Tennis & Pickleball Improvements / AWARDED

To learn more details, join us at our monthly THCSD board meetings.

TWAIN HARTE FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

by Neil Gamez, THFD Fire Chief



June Training Hours-275



June Responses-54



June Staffing

- Full-Time Captains-3
- Intern Operators-2
- Relief Captains-5
- Reserve Firefighters-6
- Intern Firefighters-5

Fuels Reduction Project



EDITOR'S NOTE

God Bless our firefighters and keep them safe. They are working extremely hard this year. THFD have had crews dispatched out to several fires including the Hill and Park fire. The guys that are at the station are doing double shifts to keep us safe. We see trucks come in from other areas (including out of county) in front of the station doing rotations to ensure that our area is covered. I always say hello to the guys and give them a hug to thank them. Lately when I look them in the eye I see their exhaustion. If you see them, make sure they know we appreciate them. If you can donate water, gatorade, liquid IV and/or cookies, please drop it off at the station. This fire season is extreme.

C-shift assisted in fuel reduction projects at the community center and tennis and pickleball courts.

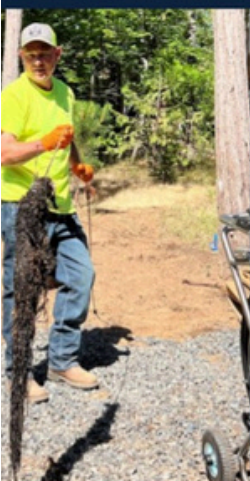
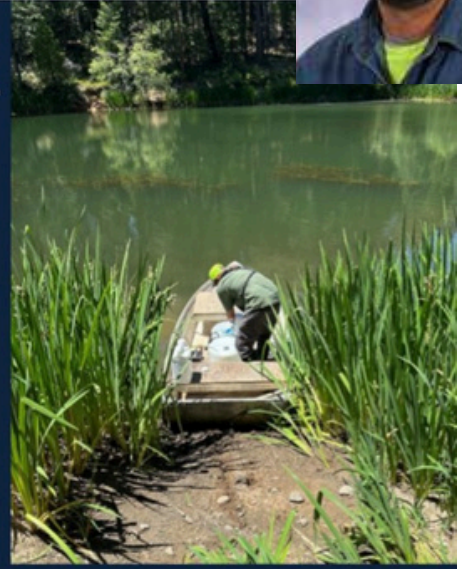


THCSD WATER & SEWER REPORT

by Lewis Giambruno, THCSD Operations Manager



ITEMS OF NOTE



Items of Note Page 1

- Top Left: Twain Harte Drive service line break with assistance from THFD's Captain Neftali for flagging.
- Top Center: Fuller Rd pavement patching with help from THA CERT for road flagging.
- Top Right: Lake weed/Algae vegetation management at Shadybrook Reservoirs.
- Bottom Left: SCUBA diving tank inspections (every 5 years).
- Bottom Center: Shadybrook Reservoir overflow leak.
- Bottom Right: No Parking striping at Twain Harte Lake fire hydrant.

Items of Note Page 2

- Top Left: Workplace violence class put on by Kim Silva
- Top Right: Vegetation clearing at the pickleball and tennis courts. Work performed by both W & FD Crews
- Bottom Left: Root removal from a sewer main.
- Bottom Center: Manhole Go-Round removal for repairs.

FLAGS GO UP AND DOWN

by Lise Lemonnier,
Planning Section Chief



Hooray for the Red, White, and Blue! As we have in years past, our CERT team went all out to celebrate and honor the 4th of July. We decorated the town with our 41 flags and 8 bunting. It was very satisfying to see our local businesses getting into the spirit of the holiday with us, with red, white, and blue decorations all over town.



The “putting up the colors” team were Mike Mandell, John Buckingham, Randie Revilla, Matt Kain, Mike Dearborn & me (pictured here) also helping were Ed Proctor, Allan Hancock, Bob & Mary Schreiner, Carol Hallett, and John Bagnal.



Of course, we then had the task of taking them all down on Monday July 8. We did that with the help of Matt, Mike, Allan, John, John, and, from Switzerland, Sydney (my daughter)! It is always an honor to do this. If anyone would like to help, please let me know.

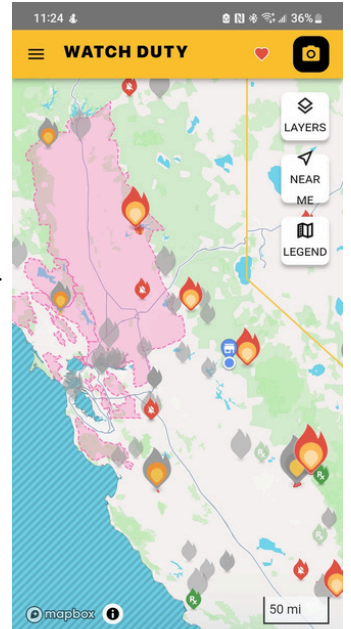
WATCH DUTY

by Mike Mandell,
Team Leader



How do you get your fire warning information? Try this app, it is called Watch Duty.

You can load it on your phone and access it anytime you want. It shows you where the fires are happening, and shows the red flag warning zones.



You can select one of the fire icons and it will list all the information regarding that fire. For example: currently our Fire Chief is on the Hill Fire in Humboldt County. It shows the size of the fire (7,074 acres), containment (8%) and the status (active). The app shows the burn area and the evacuation (order vs warning) areas as well.

It is pretty cool and allows you to be even more prepared and knowledgeable about fires in the area.

LAST BANNER

by Carol Hallett,
Program Manager



The banners under the arch have been a great source of advertisement for upcoming events. The pulley system has gone through a couple of modifications over the years but it has always needed the THFD to climb a very tall ladder to put up and take down the banners.

If the wind comes up the banners have a tendency to flip and fold over and fire department is back up the ladder fixing it.



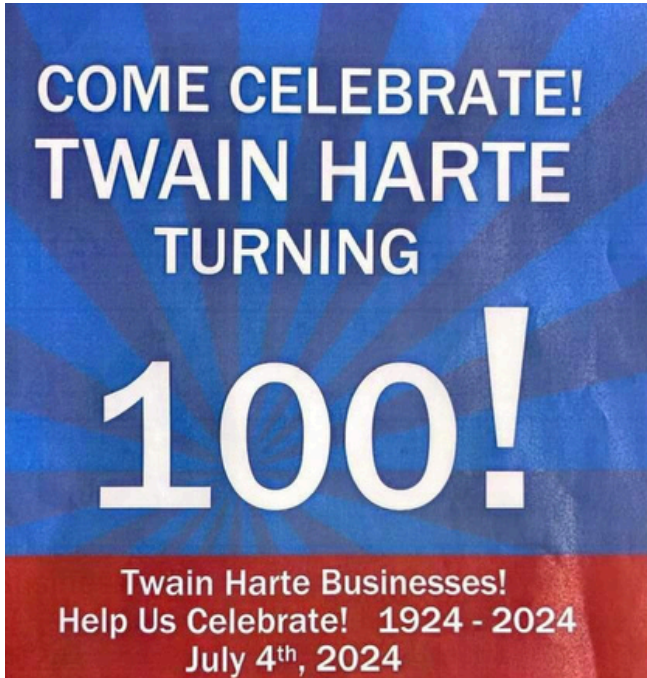
The last banner has come down using this old system. Stay tuned for the update.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TWAIN HARTE

by Mary Schreiner, CERT volunteer



A group of local residents celebrated the centennial of Twain Harte on July 4th, at the TH Arch, with the singing of "happy birthday" along with some patriotic songs. Business First in Twain Harte provided free banners for all local businesses that wanted to honor occasion.



Twain Harte has so much to offer with such a rich mining, logging history but today it is not just a vacation destination but the home for many retirees. We covet the small town feel and charm, as well as embrace sense of community.

Although the area has been inhabited for centuries, first by the Mi Wuk people, and later by prospectors searching for gold, it didn't gain its current name until the early 20th century. Keturah C. Wood, bought the land from John D. Williams in 1923. Wood named it for two famous Mother Lode authors, Mark Twain and Bret Harte, and subdivided the land in 1924, calling the area "Twain Harte Lodge".



The businesses celebrated in different ways. The Harte of the Kitchen handed out homemade cookies, Twain Harte Lumber (ACE hardware) gave free hot dogs and other specials could be found around town that day.



The most important part was the community feeling that everyone felt. Happy Birthday Twain Harte!

TWAIN HARTE ART & WINE FESTIVAL 2024

Mary Dearborn, Secretary & Asst to Program Manager



As temperatures soared into the triple digits, visitors strolled through booths featuring unique artisans, vintage jewelry, health and wellness products, and more. This year, our CERT booths again served beer, wine, margaritas, SWAG, and, new to the event... Lockford sausages.



The Event Leader torch was passed this year to me. On the heels of the Outhouse Races, we pulled together a core planning team. Sherry Harrington, our newly appointed Event Volunteer Coordinator, spent countless hours recruiting volunteers to fill slots from set-up, to take-down, food service, and of course, serving iced cold beverages.

With Chief Gamez's cooperation, we were able to set up all of our booths in the TH Fire Department bays. Crowds walked by to get a close-up glimpse of Engine 721, speak to and thank one of our dedicated firefighters, or take a quick picture.

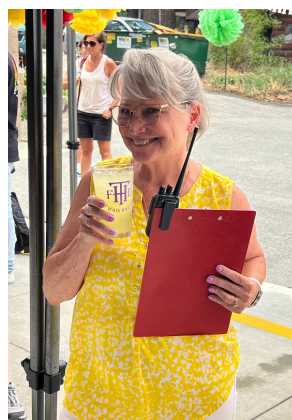


We introduced a couple of new T-shirt designs inspired by the fire crew. Sales of the t-shirts, hats, and pint glasses far exceeded our expectations, thanks to Pops and John for all their hard work. If you missed out, we have the glasses and mugs at the Harte of the Kitchen Store and the shirts



Just like last year, margaritas were our biggest seller. Traditional was the crowd favorite, closely followed by mango. Strawberry was a great mixer if you wanted to try something different. Sherry and her team did a fantastic job decorating the booth. Next year, expect a little competition from the beer and swag booths...

& hats at Earthly Essentials here in Twain Harte. Remember that purchasing these items is a great way to support our local fire department and our fundraising efforts to purchase additional AED units for the Twain Harte Fire Department and the surrounding area.



TWAIN HARTE ART & WINE FESTIVAL 2024



John Buckingham coordinated the rental of beer trailer. We had two different types of beer on tap. This enabled us to pour ICE COLD beer all day long. The beer team was lead by Matt Kain and Eileen kept him in line.

A huge THANK YOU to Allan & Carol Hancock of



The Harte of the Kitchen for feeding the volunteers during the event. Having a quiet, cool place to eat a light lunch and rest for a few minutes was invaluable. The homemade rolls and salads were delicious.



We want to take a moment to express our sincerest gratitude and thank all of our volunteers for their time and tireless effort at the Art and Wine Festival. This event could not have succeeded without their dedication and hard work.



GEARHEAD REVIVAL CAR SHOW

During the Twain Harte Art & Wine festival was the annual Twain Harte car show, the Gearhead Revival. This year they had 75 antique collectable gorgeous cars. The drivers always arrive early and spend time not just



looking at the cars but walking around the fair and the stores in town. The trophies are almost as beautiful as the cars themselves. This year all the proceeds from the show will be donated to THA-CERT. This is such a gift to the festival and to the town.



HELP US REACH OUR GOAL

FHFD Twain Harte Fire Dept.

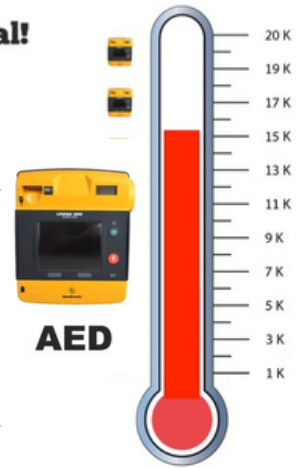
Please help us reach our goal!

GOAL!

The team worked very hard this month on fundraising. We had the Twain Harte Art & Wine Festival, we had a booth at the Concert in the Park and we had many people purchase wine, soda, and sausage from us to help us reach our goal. Special thanks to those people and to all our volunteers. We also added in the Father's Day Fly-in profits.

So in June & July we added \$5,500 to our war chest which brought us even closer to our goal.

You can also make a contribution to THA-CERT & Fire Assoc. with a check or venmo @CERT_Fire. The life you save may be your own.



WELCOME NEW MEMBER OF STAFF

Mindi Durland, Traffic Control Unit Leader

We are blessed to have another new member join our staff, welcome Mindi Durland as our new Traffic Control Unit Leader. Mindi took and graduated our CERT Basic Training course in April. She has been volunteering when she is available, which is all we ask.



During the Art & Wine Festival she told me she would like to be more involved in THA-CERT and as a leader. I explained the Traffic Control Unit Leader role and she said, "YES". I could not be happier. I love having new leadership in our team.

MAIN WATER BREAK

Mindi Durland, Traffic Control Unit Leader

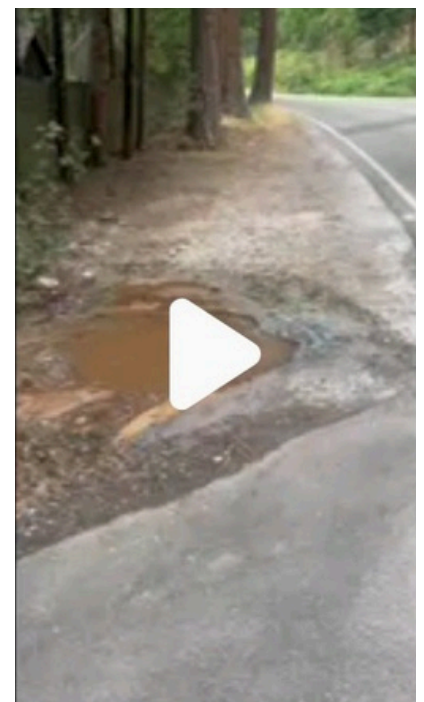
It was early Sunday morning and we had staff showing up to help with the Twain Harte Art & Wine Festival when Carol received a call from the Fire Chief. The message, "we need traffic control, water main break on Twain Harte Drive". Carol told the Chief that she had the majority of her volunteers at the Festival. Then she said, "yes, we can do it".

She turned to Mike and Matt to see if they had their gear, they are well trained and bring everything with them (what they forgot someone else had) and off they went to ensure the safety of THCS D staff and the local residents.



Carol and I had already been talking about the new role I would be taking and she took me to the site. She had arranged for a second shift to replace Mike and Matt but when she spoke to the work crew she found out that they would be done in about 30 minutes, so we left the original crew on duty.

I was impressed to see how professionally the team takes on this task. I look forward to my training and becoming the Unit Leader of Traffic Control.



COOL CONCERT IN TWAIN HARTE

by Ed Proctor,
Cooling Station
Unit Leader



The fourth of July weekend was one of the hottest weekends on record, even in beautiful Twain Harte. We received a call from the Twain Harte Chamber of Commerce asking if we could host a cooling station during the concert at the park. The concerts start at 6 o'clock in the evening which after a hot day inside we all wanted to get out.

We had several people say that they would volunteer. The team consisted of Carol & Dave Hallett, Mary & Mike Dearborn, Matt Kain, John Bagnal and Mike Mandell. We set up the misting fan, sold collapsable handheld fans, water and cooling scarves. We ordered dinner from Mountain Q and rocked to the music.

Carol got up and introduced THA-CERT and invited people to walk through the tent to cool off. Dance a little, cool off a little. It is always great to give back to the community and this was a fun way to do that.



Eproson Park filled up with local residents and visitors to enjoy the sweet Jazz sounds of the talented guitarist, Johnny Valdes. As tradition would have it there was one set with Jana Bumgarder singing to the delight of the crowd.

We had lots of people enjoy the cool mist in our tent, While they were there we shared with them information about the CERT program.

CERT ONLY TRAINING

by Margaret Lawrence,
Training Officer



We attempt to have training each month and for the most part we invite and include the community. Once in a while we have CERT only training and August will be one of those months.

We sent out a survey to find out what kind of training people would like to see next year. I hope you were able to participate and recommend your ideas. If not, feel free to send your thoughts to: twainhartecert@gmail.com

NEXT FUNDRAISER

by Lise Lemonnier,
Planning Officer



Our next event is over Labor Day weekend, the 29th Annual Firemen's Pancake Breakfast. Mark your calendar for Sunday, September 1st. The flyer is on the last page for more details. Come down and enjoy a wonderful breakfast with THFD and CERT.

This will be our last fundraiser this year, we hope to really make it a good one. We hope we can reach our goal for the year. If you can donate time, money or goods please do!

Sherry Harrington,
Event Volunteer
Coordinator



Ok, I am starting up a blank spreadsheet for our volunteers for this great event. Watch for an email and if you can spend some time helping out, we would absolutely love it!





Tuscan-Inspired Summer Roasted Veggies



6-10 Serves



10 min prep
20 min cook

INGREDIENTS

- 2 small zucchini
- 1 red onion
- 1 red bell pepper
- 1 yellow bell pepper
- 1 orange bell pepper
- cherry tomatoes on the vine
- 1 corn on the cob sliced
- fresh green beans
- egg plant
- large mushrooms
- 3 Tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- sea salt to taste
- 3 unpeeled garlic cloves
- 1/4 cup fresh parsley, chopped
- 1 tsp fresh oregano (or dried flakes)

Add or subtract veggies depending on your preference.

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees.
2. Wash, dry and clean all vegetables, then cut them in half. Toss the veggies in the oil and a pinch of salt.
3. Place all vegetables, including garlic, on an oven grill, pizza pan, or parchment-lined baking sheet.
4. Place pan into the oven at 400 degrees for 20 minutes, or until vegetables are cooked through but not overcooked. Remove from the oven and let cool just enough for handling.
5. Slice all vegetables to desired thickness (about 1/2 inch to an inch), and peel and slice garlic cloves.
6. In a large bowl or serving dish, combine the vegetables with the parsley and oregano. Mix well and season to taste.

NOTES

It is hard to even think of turning your oven on in the summer, I use the BBQ as an oven.

I also drizzle balsamic vinaigrette or a balsamic glaze over the top, delicious!

Recipe shared by: Carol Hallett

WHERE DOES THE TIME GO?

The total THA-CERT volunteer hours:

July

Administration = 546

Training = 14

Deployment = 39

Total hours = 599



SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS

by John Buckingham, Safety Officer

Safety Tips for getting to to and from School

It may be only August but it's also time to think about how your children are going to get to and from school with starting time just around the corner.



Here are some safety tips:

Walkers;

- Walk on sidewalks when available on pathways next to the road, facing traffic
- When crossing a street always look both ways and make eye contact with any drivers
- Stay Alert and avoid distracted walking



Bike Riders;

- Ride on the right side of the road with traffic in a single file.
- Stay Alert and avoid distracted riding
- Wear a helmet and bright clothing
- come to a complete stop when crossing a road and walk the bike across the street

Bus Riders;

- Go to the bus stop your children will be using to teach your children how to get on and off the bus
- Teach your children to stand 6 feet from the curb where the bus stops
- If your child must cross in front of the bus, teach them to walk on the side of the road until they are 10 feet ahead of the bus before crossing. Your child and the bus driver should always be able to see each other.



Some simple tips to improve the experience of getting to and from school.
Enjoy your vacation before school starts while being safe!!

WHAT'S NEXT?

Events

Visit Tuolumne County:

<https://www.visittuolumne.com/events>

Twain Harte Chamber of Commerce:

<https://www.twainhartecc.com/events>



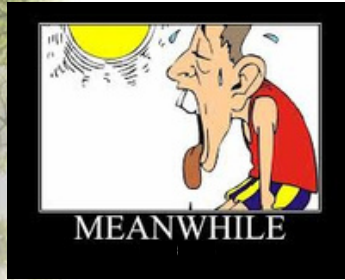
TWAIN HARTE MEADOWS PARK

- GRAND - OPENING

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

PARK TOURS, MUSIC,
FOOD TRUCKS & FUN

COME WALK THROUGH OUR BEAUTIFUL NEW PARK, LEARN ABOUT ALL THE EDUCATIONAL FEATURES AND ENJOY MUSIC & LUNCH IN THE PARK!



Concerts in the Pines Twain Harte CALENDAR

Presented by :



- 03 AUG** KINLAND STATION
EPROSON PARK | 6:00 PM
- 10 AUG** BURN PERMIT
EPROSON PARK | 6:00 PM
- 24 AUG** SMALL TOWN WINE DOWN/BIGFOOT
EPROSON PARK | 6:00 PM
- 31 AUG** TICKET TO RIDE ELECTRIC
EPROSON PARK | 6:00 PM
- 07 SEP** CALIFORNIA CREEDENCE
EPROSON PARK | 6:00 PM

Twain Harte Rotary Annual Deep Pit Bar-B-Que Saturday, August 17, 2024

WE LOVE OUR LOCAL SPONSORS



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EPROSON FIELD

Gates open at 4:00 PM
Serving from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

RAFFLE PRIZES, SILENT AUCTION
& LIVE MUSIC
ADULTS - \$40.00 / 10 & under \$15.00
3 & under Free

Proceeds to benefit Community Service Projects & Scholarships
Call 209-386-6338 for more information
NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL PERMITTED

CONCERT ON THE BALL FIELD
7 ~ 9PM "AGENT"

Twain Harte 29th Annual Firemen's Pancake Breakfast

Sausage, Eggs,
Melon, Juice or
Milk, Coffee and
All You Can Eat
Pancakes

Adults \$15
Children 5-12 \$10
(children 4 and under
no charge)



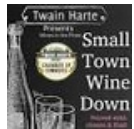
Sunday, Sept. 1st, 2024
8 am to 12 noon
At the Firehouse
18781 Cedar Drive
Twain Harte



Sierra Bigfoot Music Festival

4th Annual

Friday, August 23rd- 25th
12:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Twain Harte, Eproson Park



Small Town Wine Down

Come enjoy an array of wines and small bites from our local Twain Harte shops under the pines at Eproson Park on Saturday, August 24th from 4p-8p. You'll receive a tasting paired with small bites and a souvenir glass. This is a popular annual event with limited ticket availability!



Meetings



NEIGHBORHOOD
RADIO WATCH
WE LOOK OUT FOR EACH OTHER™

Join the weekly:

Twain Harte Neighborhood
Radio Watch

Wed: 7:00 PM Sun: 9:00 AM

FRSM: ch 18

To learn more contact:

Lee Smith 209-988-8832

THCS Board Meeting, 22912 Vantage Point, TH
<https://www.twainhartecsd.com/board-meetings>
Wednesday, Aug 14, 2024 9:00 am

THA-CERT & Fire Association Board Meeting
Vantage Point Brd Mtg Rm, 22912 Vantage Point, TH
Thursday, Aug 8, 2024 9:30 am