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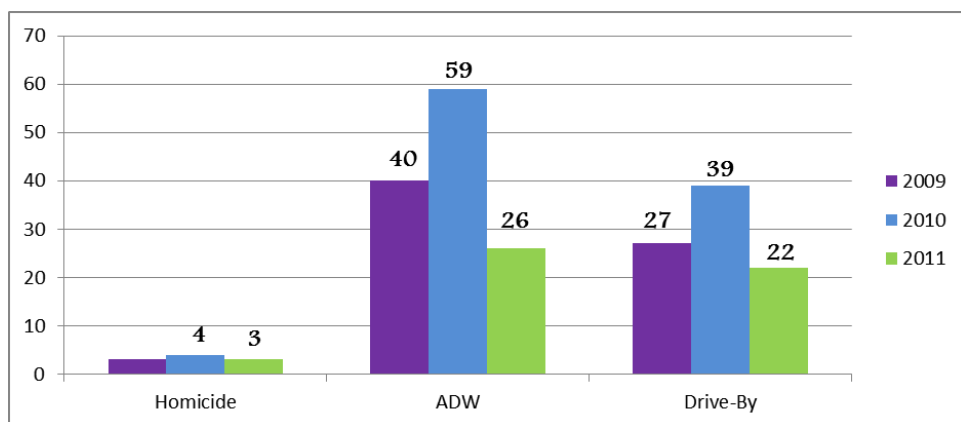
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## CITY UPDATES

### **Applications Available for Visalia Member of Measure R Citizen Oversight**

**Committee:** Applications are now being accepted for a Visalia representative to the Measure R Citizens Oversight Committee. Applications, available on the City of Visalia’s website at [www.ci.visalia.ca.us](http://www.ci.visalia.ca.us), will be accepted until 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27. Applications may be mailed or hand-carried to Administrative Assistant Gladys Ruiz at City Hall North, 425 E. Oak Ave., Suite 301 in Visalia, or by email to [gladys.ruiz@ci.visalia.ca.us](mailto:gladys.ruiz@ci.visalia.ca.us). The vacancy of the Visalia representative on the committee is the result of the untimely death of Karen Cooper. The individual will be appointed, at the recommendation of the Visalia City Council, by the Tulare County Transit Authority to complete Ms. Cooper’s term through July 31, 2012, and would be eligible for reappointment. the Measure R Expenditure Plan calls for a 16-member Oversight Committee to provide input on the implementation of the plan. Those interested in applying must be at least 18 years of age and reside in Tulare County. Committee representatives may not be elected officials or an employee of any State, County, or local City agency. All members also must submit the appropriate Fair Political Practices Commission financial disclosure statements. The Oversight committee meetings are held at noon on the second Monday of the month in February, May, August and November, and locations may vary. Applicants must be able to commit to meeting dates and times. For information, contact Gladys Ruiz at the City of Visalia at 559-713-4314. For an application, click [here](#).

**City’s Gang-Related Violence Drops:** A comparison of gang-related statistics in 2010 to 2011 show a drop in gang-related violence of 50%. Gang-related homicides have dropped 25%, gang-related assaults with deadly weapons down by 56%, and gang-related shots into inhabited dwellings are down by 44%. The Visalia Police Department credits the Tulare County District Attorney’s Office for successful prosecutions of violent gang crime, along with community-based organizations and other law enforcement agencies working together.



## COUNCIL MEETING RECAPS

**Public Opinion Survey Results:** Members of the Citizens Advisory Committee presented results of the annual Public Opinion survey to Council members at the Jan. 17 meeting. To help in diversifying the sample and promote geographic balance, supermarkets were selected from each quadrant of the city. A total of 342 surveys were taken on October 15, down slightly from last year’s survey tally of 395. One new question of concern this year was about Elections at large or by district. The majority of the public was in favor of district elections. For complete survey results, click [here](#).

**Council Approves Establishing On-Site Health Clinic:** The City Council approved a partnership with Elite Corporate Wellness to establish an on-site health clinic for employee and family use. Employee’s will have access to the clinic for acute and episodic medical care. In addition to the medical services, the program will include a comprehensive wellness component to help individuals identify health risks and take action before they become a major health issue. Employees will be able to access the clinic at no cost upon completion of the health risk assessment. The focus of the clinic and wellness program will be to promote a healthy, productive workforce and ultimately reduce employer and employee health benefit costs. For the staff report, click [here](#).

**Other Council News:** Visalia Rawhide presented its annual operation and maintenance report. The 2012 season will be the fourth of Visalia Rawhide baseball since the stadium in Recreation Park. Click [here](#) for the staff report.

## CITY CALENDAR

**Togni Building to Receive Plaque through Historic Recognition Program:** The Togni Building will receive a historic plaque through the City’s Historic Recognition Program at a special ceremony at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 26, at 116 E. Main St. The plaque is the second to be installed through the program, sponsored by the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee, which allows interested property owners of residences or commercial buildings to be considered for a plaque to identify their local historical significance to the community. Individuals and/or organizations can nominate a home or commercial building for the program. An application and property owner authorization form is required to be submitted for all nominated structures. Participation in the program is voluntary, with the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee making the final determination for the awarding of plaques. Funding for the program was provided by Kaweah Kollectors, a local organization dedicated to historic preservation. For information, contact Community Relations Manager Nancy Loliva at 713-4535.

**Dump On Us For Free on January 21:** The City will hold a Dump On Us event from 7 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 21, at the City of Visalia Corporation Yard, 335 N. Cain in Visalia. The event is free and available for all Visalia residents, and provides an opportunity to rid your property of any garbage, electronic waste, green waste, and household hazardous waste items. A commercial shredding service will also be on site. For more information, call 713-4500 or go to [www.DumpOnUs.org](http://www.DumpOnUs.org).

**Tule Fog 5K/10K & Kids Fun Run:** Kick off your new year with a healthy step. The Tule Fog Race event on Saturday, January 21, 2012 will feature a 5K/10K run and Kids Fun Run. The event will start at Cutler Park and will run along the scenic St. John’s River Trail. Race day events include registration 7am, Kids Fun Run 7:45am and 5K/10K run at 8:00am. Early registration fees include \$10 Kids Fun Run, \$20 5K run and \$25 10K run.

**Healthy Visalia Business Challenge:** Healthy Visalia Committee & Visalia Parks and Recreation Department are teaming up to provide the first Business Challenge. The Visalia Business Challenge is a fun way for your business to compete with other businesses by participating in ongoing Visalia Parks and Recreation health and wellness events. Participants sign up for races through Visalia Parks and Recreation and write their business name on the registration form. Participants then receive (1) point per person that participates from your business in each race throughout the year. The “Business Challenge Cup” will be awarded to the business with the most points at the Healthy Visalia Festival in Oct 2012. Participants will be able to follow point totals after each event at [www.healthyvisalia.com](http://www.healthyvisalia.com). The first qualifying event is the Tule Fog run on Saturday, January 21, 2012. For more information visit [www.healthyvisalia.com](http://www.healthyvisalia.com) or [www.liveandplayvisalia.com](http://www.liveandplayvisalia.com) or call John at 713-4585 or email [jbradley@ci.visalia.ca.us](mailto:jbradley@ci.visalia.ca.us)

**Need a Holiday Gift Idea?** Just in time for the Holidays! Purchase your Father-Daughter Dance tickets now for the 2012 event. This year’s theme is “Night at the Oscars.” Live music, prizes, appetizers and a complimentary photo help to make this a night to remember. The event will be held at the Visalia Convention Center on February 24<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 9pm. Tickets are \$45 per couple and \$20 for each additional daughter. For more information contact 713-4365 or email [mfitzgerald@ci.visalia.ca.us](mailto:mfitzgerald@ci.visalia.ca.us).

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