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Gracing the stage of the L.J. Williams Theater on Saturday, September 9th, tomorrow's top teen stars will face a panel of celebrity judges to compete for the title of Visalia Teen Idol 2017 and you're invited!

The City of Visalia Parks & Recreation Department invites the community to come on out and support local talent in this signature event that is great for the whole family. Tickets are on sale now, pre-sale are \$7 and tickets will be \$10 at the door.

The celebrity panel, representing professionals from the fields of music and entertainment, will judge performers as they take the stage. It's this celebrity panel that will ultimately decide who will be the Visalia Teen Idol of 2017. Will your pick win big? Don't miss this chance to see the stars of tomorrow today, Visalia Teen Idol is local entertainment at its finest.

Tickets are on sale now at the Visalia Parks & Recreation Business Office, located inside the Anthony Community Center. Tickets must be purchased to attend, doors to the L.J. Williams Theater open at 5:30 p.m. and the show starts at 6 p.m. For more information on Visalia Teen Idol, call 559-713-IDOL, email [recreation@visalia.city](mailto:recreation@visalia.city) or visit [www.liveandplayvisalia.com](http://www.liveandplayvisalia.com).

*Visalia Teen Idol is not associated with Fox Broadcasting's American Idol, 19 TV Limited or & Fremantle Media Enterprises.*

## **Citizens Sought for Aquatic Complex Committe**

City of Visalia Council Member and aquatics advocate Greg Collins is seeking citizens interested in serving on a committee that will explore the potential development of an aquatic complex.

Topics to be examined by the committee will include location and design, marketing and programming, operations and maintenance, and fund raising. Persons representing the many facets of the aquatics community, including, but not limited to, swimming, water polo, diving, lap swimmers, seniors and swim lessons are welcome.

In addition, individuals who work with disadvantaged youth, youth organizations and citizens that are interested in this next chapter of Visalia history are welcome to inquire.

No previous committee or local government experience required. If interested in serving on this committee, please submit your name, aquatic experience (if any) and whether you are part of an organization or are a private citizen by email to [greg.collins@visalia.city](mailto:greg.collins@visalia.city) no later than Friday, September 8th.

To submit your information by mail, send it to:

City of Visalia, Attn. Council Member Greg Collins, 220 N. Santa Fe, Visalia, CA 93292

For questions or more information, contact Council Member Collins at City of Visalia Administration, (559) 713-4300.

## **Over 60 Pets Now in Forever Homes**

Thanks to an outpouring of community support, 63 pets are now in their forever homes.

"We are so thankful to everyone that helped make our "Clear the Shelters" adoption event such a huge success," said Ivy Ruiz, Visalia Animal Services Supervisor. "In total, 60 dogs and three cats found their forever homes and now are part of a loving, forever family."

One of nearly 700 shelters across the country, and the only in Visalia to take part in the official campaign, Visalia Animal Services teamed up with KSEE 24, Eyewitness News 47 and Telemundo 51 for the nationwide pet adoption drive that helped find loving homes for animals in need.

"We had people lined up at the door, waiting for us to open, waiting for the opportunity to be able to adopt a pet," shared Ruiz. "For many of them, this was a dream come true."

Added Ruiz, "Adoptions were not on a first-come, first served basis, but rather shelter staff determined the eligibility of adopters on what the best fit for the animal was. We were happy to answer questions about adoption and pet care and make sure we made the proper matches with pets to families."

With "Clear the Shelters" wrapped for 2017, Visalia Animal Services will continue their adoption efforts.

"We work with a great network of care centers, rescue groups, veterinarians and organizations from across the country to provide adoptable animals that come into our shelter a forever home," says Ruiz. "We'll continue educating the public about responsible animal ownership, providing spay/neutering services, licensing and microchipping and the many functions we serve the City in."

For more information, contact Visalia Animal Services at (559) 713-4700.

## **Labor Day Refuse Schedule Change**

In observance of the upcoming Labor Day holiday, City of Visalia offices will be closed on Monday, September 4th.

Due to the holiday, there will be no Residential or Commercial refuse services on Labor Day.

For Residential service, if your pickup day falls on a day from Monday, 9/4 through Thursday, 9/7, your refuse pickup day will shift one day. It will take place one day later for the holiday week, to Tuesday, 9/5 through Friday, 9/8.

For Commercial service, if pickup day falls on a day from Monday, 9/4 through Friday, 9/8, your refuse schedule will shift one day to Tuesday, 9/5 through Saturday, 9/9.

For additional information, visit the City of Visalia Solid Waste Division or call 855-203-1315.