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SEQUOIA ADVENTURES EXPO URGES CITIZENS TO ‘STAY AND PLAY’ IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD:

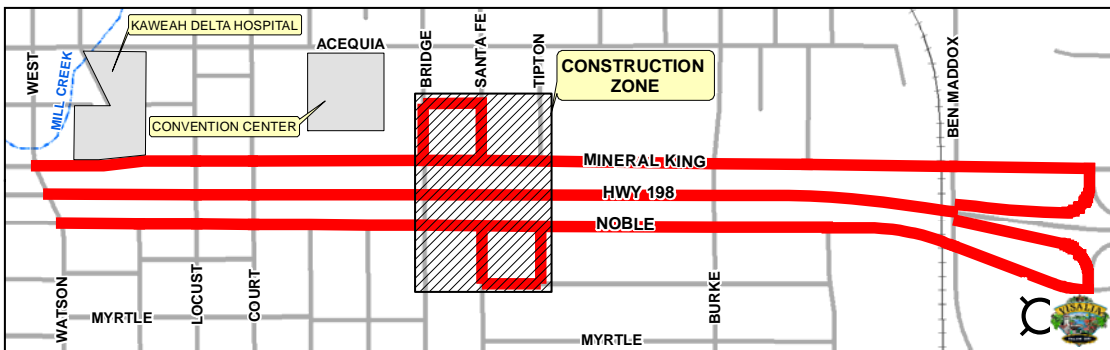
The Visalia Convention & Visitors Bureau encourages local consumers to pump some of their vacation budget into our local economy by hosting the Second Sequoia Adventures Expo from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 30, at the Visalia Convention Center, 303 E. Acequia Ave. This amazing, informative event will take local consumers to places they may not have known exist, right here in our own backyard. Did you know that locally we have three National Parks and numerous agricultural sites that fascinate visitors worldwide. Many destinations throughout Tulare, Kings, Madera, Fresno and Kern counties will be showcased, each represented by one of the attractions that bring thousands of tourists to our area each year. The Central Valley’s natural and cultural beauty, as well as sports, recreation, wildlife and preserves, will be on full display. Everyone will enjoy the interactive environment, winning prizes and discount coupons from exhibitors as they discover just how many places there are to visit right here in the central valley. In connection with this expo the Visalia CVB is conducting a photo and YouTube contest covering five categories associated with the uniqueness of our area. Prizes donated by local merchants will be awarded for “Best of Show” along with 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in each category. The beauty of the Central Valley will be on display in all categories. Sample food, beer, & wine as you learn how to “Stay and Play in our own Backyard” at the Sequoia Adventures Expo on Thursday, April 30th, 2009, at the Visalia Convention Center. Major sponsors include: Z104.9FM / KJUG 106.7FM, Tulare County, and the Sequoia Valley Visitors Council. For more information, visit www.sequoiaadventuresexpo.com.



RIBBON CUTTING/OPEN HOUSE SET FOR VISALIA'S NEWEST FIRE

STATION: The official ribbon cutting for Visalia Fire Station No. 55 will take place at 10 a.m. Friday, May 8, at 6921 W. Ferguson. The event includes a short ceremony and light refreshments. The Fire Station also will be open for the community to tour the facility and meet many of the firefighters who work at the station. This station and training facility was funded through “Measure T”, the quarter cent sales tax that was passed by Visalia voters in March, 2004. On Saturday, May 9th, the Fire Department will hold an Open House from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to allow citizens to observe fire department personnel perform training drills in the new facility. In addition, there will be a bounce house and hot dogs for the children. The City’s Fire Department began operation from its newest Fire Station on April 1st. Fire Station #55 is located at 6921 W Ferguson in the northwest portion of the city, and this station will help to reduce fire and emergency medical response times in this area of the city by approximately 30 percent. The new 7,288-square-foot Fire Station will house a full service paramedic engine company as well as the City’s hazardous materials response team. The 6,832 square-foot “state of the art” training facility will allow fire personnel to train in realistic scenarios with “environmentally safe” burn props and confined space structures.

CENSUS DAY IS APRIL 1, 2010: It's a little more than a year away, but the City of Visalia has already begun developing strategies for Census 2010. An accurate census count is vital to the City and its residents. More than \$300 billion per year in federal and state funding is allocated to states and communities based on census data, and an accurate count is essential to a full and fair distribution of funding to the City. Working with Census Bureau Representative Dolores Gallegos, the city's Community Relations Manager Nancy Loliva will chair the Complete Count Committee and will oversee representation from government, education, faith- and community-based organizations, media, and business. City staff representatives from Planning, Parks & Recreation, Code Enforcement and Public Safety will also participate in the work of subcommittees to reach populations where access is an issue. If you are interested in participating in one of these subcommittees, contact Nancy Loliva at nloliva@ci.visalia.ca.us or at 713-4535.



WORK ON SANTA FE OVERCROSSING CONTINUES: Regular updates will be provided as work progresses and significant aspects of the project occur. Agee Construction is the General Contractor hired by the City of Visalia to do the work on the Santa Fe Overcrossing. The resident engineer is David Vallejos with Mendoza and Associates. The project manager for the City of Visalia is Fred Lampe.

- **Week of April 20-24:** Asphalt paving will be installed on Santa Fe Street, Mineral King Avenue, and Noble Avenue. Sidewalks and driveways will be completed.
- **Week of April 27-May 1:** Traffic on Noble Avenue will be shifted to the south side of the street. Traffic on Mineral King Avenue will be shifted to the north side of the street. These traffic controls on Mineral King and Noble Avenues will be in place for the remainder of the project. Construction on Highway 198 will include both daytime and nighttime work.

Construction of the City of Visalia's Santa Fe Overcrossing Project is completely funded by Measure-R, a Tulare County tax initiative which provides local funding for transportation projects. For more information concerning this project, please contact City of Visalia Project Manager Fred Lampe at (559) 713-4270.

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For more information, visit the City's website at www.ci.visalia.ca.us, email nloliva@ci.visalia.ca.us or call 713-4535

eARTH Day



Saturday
April 25, 2009

8 am - Noon

West Main Street Park
(Mill Creek at Main)



Volunteer to **GREEN UP** our Community

Receive a light breakfast at 8 am and a
FREE reusable shopping bag.

Volunteers under 18 must be accompanied
by a teacher, group leader, parent,
or legal guardian



EARTH DAY OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE



- **Mill Creek Beautification - Dollner to Chinowth**
Removing trash, planting native species and separating recyclables.
- **Sign Installations**
Installing "DO NOT DUMP - DRAINS TO CREEK" placards along Mill Creek.
- **Tree Planting**
Plant 20 trees near Diamond No.1 at Plaza Park
- **Graffiti Removal**
Remove graffiti near Santa Fe Street and Houston Avenue



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