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BRING IN THE NEW YEAR WITH THE PERFECT RESOLUTION - ONE YOU CAN ACTUALLY KEEP

No doubt if you are reading this, you have an affinity for the idyllic foothill village of Sierra Madre. It is a town within miles of the country's 2nd largest metropolis that manages to mesmerize residents and visitors alike with its beauty, serenity, opportunities and history. It's a town where you see every single day people living life to the fullest, enjoying nature, walking, hiking, and riding their bikes. You see parents and grandparents strolling through the town with their children, some of whom are still in carriages. You see people enjoying the shops and restaurants in town and having fun while doing so. You don't see red lights, congestion and an overwhelming feeling of a fast paced life.

And, every single month, there is an event or activity for residents and visitors to enjoy. Whether it is the Wistaria Festival, the Mount Wilson Trail Race, the Fourth of July Parade, the Halloween Festivities, Art Shows and more...there is always something going on for the entire family in Sierra Madre. Sierra Madre, the 2007 recipient of the national All American City Award!

Ever wonder how all that happens? Without question Sierra Madre has the best municipal services around, the best Police and Fire Departments, the best city staff. However, that in and of itself is not enough. The real life blood of Sierra Madre are its volunteers.

Without the generosity of time and talent of literally dozens of residents and business owners who support Sierra Madre's civic organizations, this would be a very different place.

Yes, volunteers are the life blood of this town. It is the one thing that we always agree on, all the time!

So, about that New Year's Resolution....make a commitment to become a part of the solution to sustaining this great city! There are lots of ways you can do that and it's actually a resolution you can keep!

In Section B of this edition of the Mountain Views News, you can learn a little about the groups that sustain this community. No matter how long you have been around, you will be pleasantly surprised to learn what these groups do and more importantly, how you can help support them and contribute to the magnificence of this city.

Think about it.....Happy New Year Susan Henderson, Editor Mountain Views News

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PLEASE REMEMBER TO SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES

VOLUNTEERS PUT FINISHING TOUCHES ON SMRFA'S "ENCHANTED MUSIC BOX"

The Sierra Madre Rose Float Association's 2024 entry to the Rose Parade is almost done! The 2024 float depicts a carousel-themed music box that invites us all to experience the enchanted music of childhood and the lovely surprise of a music box. In this magical scene, one of the carousel horses has taken flight and is soaring off with the music.

This will be the 93rd volunteer-built float entry from the SMRFA. Over the last 18 years, float entries from Sierra Madre have won a remarkable 17 float awards in 10 categories.

The finishing touches to float are done by volunteers during Deco Week and local community organizations and businesses make certain that the volunteers are fed. Beginning on the day after Christmas, food was provided by the following businesses and/or groups:

- December 26th
December 27th
December 28th
December 29th
December 30th



Casa Del Rey and Nano Cafe
Only Place In Town
The Mountain Views News, and the SM Chamber of Commerce
Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club
Sierra Madre Rotary Club

Watch for No. 17 in the parade line up. That will be the SMRFA float. After the parade, weather permitting, the float will begin its journey to the parade route on Sunday, December 31, 2023 and will go by Kersting Court at approximately 6:45 pm.

After the parade, the float viewing will be along Sierra Madre Blvd in East Pasadena until January 2, 2024.

On January 3, 2024, Sierra Madre's Entry will be available for viewing and purchasing of flowers at Kersting Court or at the Float Barn, again, depending on the weather.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

We Wish you all a Magical Holiday Season with your Family and Friends

Our Homes are only as important as the people inside them. May yours be filled with Love, Laughter, Shared Memories, Favorite Recipes, Lots of Treats and Good Health.

We look forward to meeting you all in the New Year and Helping to Make Your Real Estate Dreams Come True !!!

Warmly, Barbara and Sileen



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# Year in Review

## ANOTHER OUTSTANDING WINNER!



## THE WISTARIA FESTIVAL RETURNS IN FULL BLOOM!



## TOP STORIES 2023

**HUG VS. HARM: SIERRA MADRE-ANS SPLIT OVER HOW TO HANDLE BLACK BEAR BOOM**



## SIERRA MADRE HONORS!



CONGRATULATIONS CLEM & NINA BARTOLAI  
Sierra Madre Older Americans 2023



**SUPERVISOR BARGER AND COMMUNITY CELEBRATE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF WWII VETERAN IN SIERRA MADRE**



**LIZZIE'S TRAIL INN DESIGNATED HISTORICAL LANDMARK**

**SIERRA MADRE VOTERS SHOW THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE MEADOWS AT BAILEY CANYON AT THE BALLOT BOX FOR THE SECOND TIME**



## CITY COUNCIL MAKES HISTORY!

*Sets A New Record for the Longest Council Meeting - Ever.*  
4/15/2023  
7 Hours  
RE: Alverno Conditional Use Permit

## SIERRA MADRE WOMAN'S CLUB HOLDS 47TH COMMUNITY INTERFAITH PRAYER BREAKFAST

## SURVIVING THE STORM



## MOUNT WILSON TRAIL DAMAGED BY RAINS



**SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY MOVES TO TEMPORARY LOCATION DURING \$10 MILLION RENOVATION**

## TRUCK FILLED WITH DRUGS CRASHES IN SIERRA MADRE DRIVER WITH GUNSHOT WOUND TRANSPORTED TO HOSPITAL

## GUS BARRIENTOS IS THE NEW SMPD CHIEF



**PAX PHARMACY SIERRA MADRE RIBBON CUTTING A HUGE SUCCESS DESPITE ATTEMPTED BURGLARY**

## SIERRA MADRE WELCOMES THE CANCER SUPPORT COMMUNITY GREATER SAN GABRIEL VALLEY



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

**To make parking easier for you and Santa during the holiday season, Sierra Madre PD will begin parking exemptions on 12-22-23 at 2:00 AM, which will extend until 1-3-24 at 2:00 AM.**



**NOT ALL THE TURKEYS WERE ON THE TABLE!**

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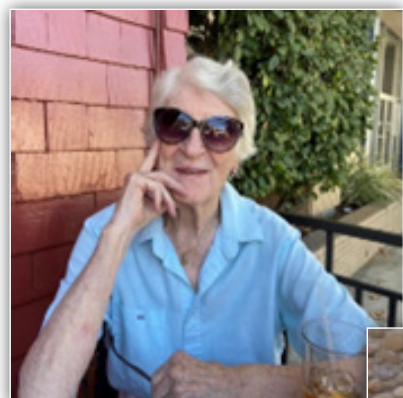
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## REMEMBRANCES:

### Family & Friends We Honored in 2023 (partial listing)



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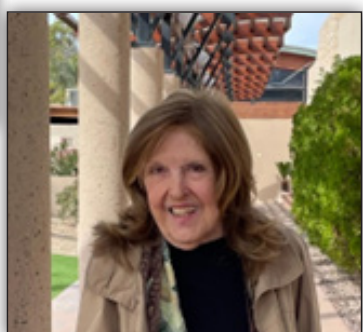
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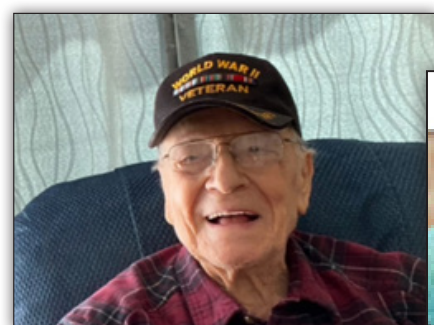
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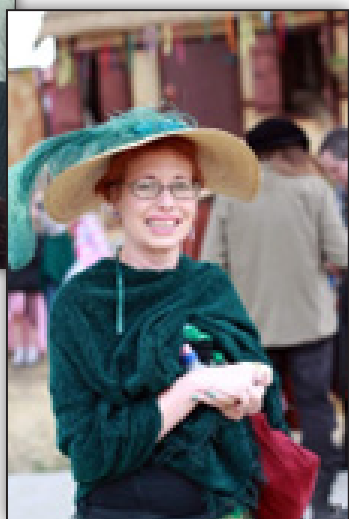
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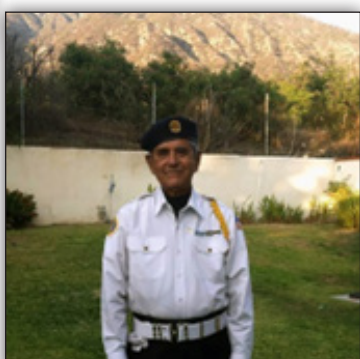
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ADOLPH TORRES

## WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

*"Hope is the thing with feathers,  
That perches in the soul,  
And sings the tune without the  
words,  
And never stops at all,  
And sweetest in the gale is heard,  
And sore must be the storm,  
That could abash the little bird,  
That kept so many warm."  
Emily Dickinson, 1830-1886*



Writing 2023 for the last few times is odd. 2024 came way too soon. Monday is New Year's Day and I can't wait to see our fabulous float, "Enchanted Music Box," in the Rose Parade. Volunteers and our talented and extraordinary Sierra Madre Float Association folks have been scrambling the last few days to get the flowers in place and be sure everything is perfect for the Parade. We are always prize winners and there's no doubt we will be again in 2024. We will all enjoy the Parade with Doritos, the beverage of our choice and our heart will be filled with enthusiasm for either Michigan or Alabama.

It will be a glorious day. And now the holidays are officially over and we have weighed ourselves. This is the time of year when we are usually making resolutions. We pretty much always start with things like losing ten pounds, getting more exercise, watching less TV, reading more, being kind, asking God to put His arm around my shoulder and His hand over my mouth!

These past few years, instead of "resolutions," we've been calling them "intentions" or "suggestions." "Resolutions" seems to be way too serious and eternal. I didn't write the following thoughts; they are anonymous.

1. I am not Atlas. The world does not rest on my shoulders.
2. It doesn't hurt me to give compliments freely and generously. Compliments are a mood enhancer, not only for the recipient, but for the giver, too. If someone gives me a compliment, I have quit protesting that I didn't deserve it, I just need to say "thank you!"
3. I don't spend time with people who don't value me. We don't need people around us who don't see us for the splendid people we are. That person who says something mean and then covers it up with a hearty laugh and a "I was just kidding!" isn't someone we need to be with.
4. I'm learning not to be embarrassed by emotions. I cry in most movies, lots of TV shows, and even some commercials are guaranteed to make me tear up. It's OK!
5. I am learning to live each day as though it were the last. It might be the last!
6. I am doing what makes me happy. I am the only one responsible for my happiness and I owe it to myself to do my best. In our family, we have always said that we bring our good time with us in our pocket and it's not somebody else's job to be sure we're happy. In short, this means if we want to put our pajamas on at 4:00, have a glass of wine and watch an old movie on Turner Classic Movies instead of the news, that's OK. For instance, I have watched "The Bishop's Wife" (Cary Grant, Loretta Young, David Niven version) at least three times in the last couple of weeks. If we want to keep our jammies on all day, that's just fine. However, brushing teeth and flossing is non-negotiable, no matter how relaxed we plan to be.
7. Going the extra mile to be as nice as possible to all people who are out there working: store clerks, Post Office people, waitpersons in restaurants, is a good idea. They are just as worried about themselves as we are but doing the job anyway.
8. Just be kind. That's pretty much it.

You've all heard the idea of picking one word to be your New Year's intention or mission statement for the year. I'm already seeing many people picking JOY!

The word I picked last year is: HOPE!

And I'm picking it again this year. I'm going to lean heavily on HOPE to keep me/us going in these difficult times. Hope helps me believe beyond a shadow of a doubt that Jeremiah 29:11 is for all of us: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

So much has been written about HOPE:

"Hope is the only thing stronger than fear."

"HOPE is the little voice that whispers "maybe" when it seems the entire world is shouting "no!"

"H.O.P.E. - Hold On, Pain Ends"

"The only difference between those who threw in the towel and quit and those who used their energy to rebuild and kept it going is found in the word...HOPE."

"Once you choose HOPE, anything is possible." Christopher Reeves

"Where there is HOPE, there is faith. Where there is faith, miracles happen."

"Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without HOPE and confidence." Helen Keller

The picture is a pencil drawing by my Dad. It shows an old rusty shovel with a wooden handle, thrust into the ground. Amazingly, the wooden handle has come to life, sprouted leaves and branches and a bird is perched on one of them, singing a joyful song. This shouts HOPE to me.

So that's my word again for the year, HOPE. I'm hoping you'll pick one that will work for you.

"At the end of the day, all you need is hope and strength. Hope that it will get better, and strength to hold on until it does."

We start a brand, shiny, bright New Year filled with HOPE. We can pass it along to everyone we know by simply smiling at them and wishing them a great New Year. I'm passing along to you, friends and neighbors...Have the best New Year ever, filled with joy and God's blessings.



Mountain View News Saturday, December 30, 2023

## Weather Wise

6-Day Forecast Sierra Madre, Ca.

Sun	Rain	Hi	60s	Lows	40s
Mon	Ptly Cldy	Hi	60s	Lows	40s
Tues	Ptly Cldy	Hi	60s	Lows	40s
Wed	Rain	Hi	60s	Lows	40s
Thur	Sunny	Hi	60s	Lows	40s
Fri	Sunny	Hi	60s	Lows	40s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

### SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 9, 2024 5:30pm

**THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD  
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Emails will be acknowledged at the Council meeting and filed into public record. The public may also comment in person at the meeting.

The meetings will be streamed live on Foothills Media website at [foothillsmidia.org/sierramadre](http://foothillsmidia.org/sierramadre) and broadcast on Government Access Channel 3 (Spectrum)..

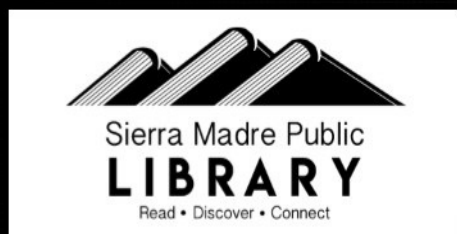
### 1630 AM EMERGENCY RADIO & Free on-air publicity for local events

Sierra Madre's EMERGENCY radio station is now accepting scripts for Public Service Announcements (PSAs) about community events. PSAs will be broadcast on the air at no charge. The station operates 24/7 and can be heard at 1630 on the AM dial.

Any local non-profit or non-commercial organization can have their event information broadcast to the public on Sierra Madre Community Information Radio. The station covers the city of Sierra Madre, plus surrounding areas of Pasadena, Arcadia, and Monrovia.

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  - Be open to the public
  - Be of general interest to local citizens

Just write a Public Service Announcement that describes your event and e-mail it to [radio@cityofsierramadre.com](mailto:radio@cityofsierramadre.com).



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# Pasadena Altadena

News From Your Community For Your Community

## Rose Parade Safety Tips

As the 135th Rose Parade approaches on Monday Pasadena's fire and police departments are issuing the following safety tips.

### What You Can Do:

-Overnight camping is permitted only on Sunday night.

-A position on the sidewalk may be maintained along the parade route beginning at noon Sunday. All persons and property, such as blankets, chairs and personal items, must remain on the curb until 11 p.m.

-Small, professionally-manufactured barbecues, elevated at least one foot off the ground are allowed on the parade route as long as they are 25 feet from buildings and other combustibles. A fire extinguisher must be available.

-Minors under the age of 18 may be on the parade route from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. only if they are supervised by an adult.

-Dress for cold weather! Children and seniors may need extra layers of clothing to avoid hypothermia. Remember hats and gloves.

-Drink healthy fluids and consume nourishing meals to avoid dehydration.

### What You Can't Do:

-Appearance in the parade is prohibited for any entries/marchers who have not been approved by the Pasadena Tournament of Roses.

-Tents, sofas, and boxes of any type that can be used as stools or seats are prohibited.

-Unoccupied chairs are not allowed.

-Bonfires are strictly prohibited.

-ALL fireworks are prohibited except as part of official scheduled events.

-No items may be sold along the parade route without a City permit or selling space along the parade route.

-It is illegal to buy, sell or give away horns on the parade route.

-No public areas—sidewalks, curbs, gutters may be blocked or roped off.

-No ladders or scaffolding may be used.

-Pets are not recommended along the parade.

-Throwing any object into the parade—or at passing vehicles or pedestrians.

-Unauthorized vehicles obstructing emergency travel lanes or parked in restricted areas will be towed.

-Open containers of alcohol are illegal on public streets, sidewalks. Violators will be cited or arrested.

-The throwing of any objects into the roadway or parade route is prohibited.

-A Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) will be in place for both the parade and Rose Bowl Game. Anyone who attempts to fly a drone will be subject to fine, arrest and/or imprisonment.

For your safety and for the safety of others, please remember the City's no-smoking policies [Pasadena Municipal Code section 8.78.071 (A) 4] prohibit smoking in outdoor public gathering events/special events/parades/fairs.

This policy includes the use of cannabis and vaping devices (aka e-cigarettes). The public is advised to NOT use any vaping products.

Colorado Boulevard will close beginning at 10 p.m. on Sunday, and will remain closed through the clean-up following the parade.

For more visit: cityofpasadena.net. Or call Visitor Hotline at (877) 793-9911.



## Last Minute Rose Parade Float Preparations

Although weather reports are calling for rain today and Sunday, New Year's Day is expected to have sunny skies, perfect for this year's Rose Parade. Float builders could not be more pleased with natural conditions in their final preparations.

"The weather is ideal, it's warm enough that our volunteers are comfortable but cool enough that our flowers are going to do really well," said Ed Donnelly president of the South Pasadena Tournament of Roses

Donnelly said that the back story of their float [South Pasadena] "Boogie Fever" (pictured) has a cargo plane flying over the rainforest and then a vintage turntable falls from the sky with the song Boogie Fever playing and all the animals, including a giraffe, snake, toucan, elephant and orangutan "are getting down to the groove"

Photo by D.Lee/MVNews



Thousands volunteered as part of Kiwanis Rose Float Club of Pasadena, to not only finish the Kiwanis International float "Serving in Harmony" but volunteers also worked on nine other floats this year organizers said.



Volunteers finish one of the most iconic roses seen every New Year's Day, since 1985. The large rose placard will again be put on the side of the Norton Simon Museum across from TV corner near the beginning of the parade route. The rose is built and decorated in two halves before being hung from the side of the building. Photo by D.Lee/MVNews

## Bob Lucas Library: L.A. County Notice of Hearing



The Los Angeles County Hearing Officer will conduct a public hearing Tuesday, January 23 at 9:00 a.m. to consider the Bob Lucas Library Expansion & Renovation in Altadena. A presentation and overview of the project will be given, and any interested person or authorized agent may appear and comment on the project at the hearing. The Hearing Officer will then consider to approve or deny the project or continue the hearing if it deems necessary. If the final decision on this proposal is challenged in court, testimony

may be limited to issues raised before or at the public hearing.

Hearing In-Person Location: Hall of Administration, 500 W. Temple Street (Basement), Assessment Appeal Board Hearing Room B4 (Board Room C), Los Angeles.

Virtual (Online) at bit.ly/ZOOM-HO

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For more information visit: altadenalibrary.org or contact Sean Donnelly (213) 974-6411. sdonnelly@planning.lacounty.gov.

## Art Deco Tour of the Playhouse District



Join Pasadena Heritage on Saturday, January 6, as they unveil a new Playhouse District Walking tour, The Art Deco Architecture of the Playhouse District. The Pasadena Playhouse Historic District contains approximately 34 buildings, which represent the eastward growth of the city's urban core during the 1920s and 1930s. During this period, Art Deco architecture was gaining popularity and was the chosen style for several commercial buildings in the District. This walking tour includes notable landmarks designed in the style, including the Scottish Rite Temple, the United Artist Theater, and the Warner Building. Come explore Art Deco in this historic district (both old and new), learn about the prominent architects behind their design, and hear about Pasadena Heritage's involvement in the preservation and development of these buildings. Tour starts at 10 a.m. and lasts approximately 1.5 hours with a walking distance of approximately 1 mile.

Pasadena Playhouse District Tours are sponsored by the Playhouse Village Association

For more information or to buy tickets visit: pasadenaheritage.org.

## Sample Pasadena Senior Center Winter Classes Free



As the registration deadline for winter classes approaches Friday, members and nonmembers of the Pasadena Senior Center can sample some of the most popular offerings for free by attending 30-minute mini-class sessions, meeting the instructors and learning more about the courses.

Known as Class Tasting, samplings of 15 of the 36 classes will take place Tuesday, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Most Class Tastings will be onsite, with one being online via Zoom.

### Tuesday

9 a.m. – Yoga in the Scott Pavilion  
9:30 a.m. – Strength Training via Zoom

10:30 a.m. – Tap in the Dance Studio  
Noon – The Art and Joy of Sewing in the Cliff Benedict Room

1 p.m. – Ballroom Dancing in the Dance Studio  
1:30 p.m. – Ballroom Line Dancing in the Dance Studio

1:30 p.m. – Spanish Reading for Beginners in the Community Room  
Wednesday

9:30 a.m. – French Language for Beginners in the Community Room  
10:30 a.m. – Get to Know Your Android Device

11 a.m. – Qigong and Tai Chi in the Scott Pavilion  
Noon – BollyX in the Dance Studio

12:30 p.m. – Computer Class for Beginners in the Computer Lab  
1 p.m. – Step to the Beat Aerobics in the Dance Studio  
1:30 p.m. – Spanish Reading for Beginners in the Community Room  
2 p.m. – Strength Training in the Fitness Center  
2:30 p.m. – "Let Us Play" Improve in the Cliff Benedict Room  
How to Register

To register for Class Tastings or for more information, visit: pasadenaseniorecenter.org/ and click on Lectures & Classes, then Classes or call 626-795-4331.

The regular winter course schedule will be offered beginning Monday, Jan. 8. After sampling classes for free Jan. 2 and 3, register for courses at: pasadenaseniorecenter.org/(click on Classes and Lectures, then Classes) or pick up a registration form at the Welcome Desk. The registration deadline is Friday.

While Class Tastings are available to members and nonmembers of the Pasadena Senior Center, regular classes beginning Jan. 8 are available to members only. For membership information, visit the website and click on Membership.

Most courses range from \$25 to \$55. Based on evaluation of need, scholarships for low-income members may be available.

The Pasadena Senior Center is located 85 E. Holly St.

For more information, visit the website or call (626) 795-4331.

## Tournament Partners with Vet Tix Foundation for Rose Bowl Game

The Pasadena Tournament of Roses is again partnering with the Veteran Tickets Foundation (Vet Tix) to provide tickets to veterans of all eras and first responders for the 2024 CFP Semifinal at the Rose Bowl Game.

Vet Tix, the Tempe, Arizona-based national non-profit, has worked with the Rose Bowl Game since 2015 and partners with thousands of venues around the country. Every ticket purchased or donated by Vet Tix goes to verified members of the military community or first responders.

In the coming months, Vet Tix will hit a staggering milestone of distributing over 20 million free event tickets to their 1.8 million members.

"When we achieve this extraordinary milestone of distributing over 20 million tickets in early January, we will have been able to give back by creating memories that will last a lifetime like the Rose

Bowl Game to our VetTixers and 1stTixers who've made the sacrifices of service to our nation and local communities," stated Michael Focareto III, Navy veteran, Founder, CEO of Vet Tix. "We can continue to achieve our mission of 'giving something to those who gave,' due to the generosity of amazing donors like the Rose Bowl Game. We are grateful for their continued support and our staff for their daily efforts to make us a 99% charity. Every dollar donated goes to purchase more tickets in underserved areas and big events."

Vet Tix has more than 20,000 donors who believe in their mission. Donors include the live music industry, sports leagues and teams, motorsports organizations, college athletics programs, performing arts and family-oriented entertainment organizations, individual entertainers, and private donors.

Rose Bowl Game testimonials can be found online at: vettx.org/myfeedback/228194.

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## San Marino Upcoming Events & Programming



### Upcoming Facility Closures

December 31, 2023: All Facilities

January 1, 2024: All Facilities

January 2, 2024: All Facilities except Crowell Public Library

Pursuant to the City of San Marino's Municipal Code Section 25.01.02(D), all construction work and construction activity is prohibited Monday, January 1st in observance of New Year's Day.

### Holiday Tree Collection Schedule

Athens Services will be providing their annual Holiday tree curbside collection, now through Friday, January 12, 2024. Follow these steps to properly recycle your holiday tree:

1. Remove all ornaments, tinsel, lights, and the tree stand
2. Cut tree in half if over six feet tall
3. Place curbside on your regularly scheduled trash day

If your tree is flocked or artificial, it is considered trash and will need to be disposed of by requesting a bulky-item pick-up. Residents can report any issues to Athens by visiting their website or calling (888) 336-6100.

### Holiday Parking Information

Overnight parking passes will not be required for vehicles now through the morning of Friday, January 5th. For more information on overnight parking, please contact the Police Department at (626) 300-0720.

### Sandbag Self-Fill Location

The Parks and Public Works Department is providing a sandbag self-fill location in the Stoneman parking lot (1560 Pasqualito Drive) that is available to residents. Sand and bags are available at the location, and residents are welcome to fill up to six bags to help protect their homes. A limited supply of additional bags is also available in the Public Works yard at City Hall and can be picked up by appointment if necessary. PLEASE do not take the shovels from the fill station.

For any questions, please get in touch with the Parks and Public Works Department at 626-300-0765 or publicworks@cityofsanmarino.org.

### Parks & Public Works Recent Happenings

Over the past week, Parks and Public Works maintenance staff worked on the following tasks: removing fallen tree branches, palm fronds, and other debris from the public right-of-way; replacing streetlight bulbs and street signs; performing minor trimming of tree limbs and vegetation; and repairing pavement and concrete; and completing minor repairs at City facilities. Public Works staff also assisted in the set-up and take down for the Home for the Holidays event last week, and responded to an after-hours call out related to a fallen streetlight pole. Residents who wish to report non-emergency issues in the public right-of-way or City streets may do so via the San Marino Service Request Center: [www.cityofsanmarino.org/report](http://www.cityofsanmarino.org/report).

### Fire Department Recent Happenings

The Fire Department successfully passed the annual Los Angeles County Emergency Medical Services Agency paramedic program review with no corrections. The paramedic program review verifies the department's compliance with all policies and protocols within the Los Angeles County Prehospital Care Manual and California State regulations.

### Meetings

**Design Review Committee Meeting - CANCELED**

Wednesday, January 3

**Recreation Commission Meeting**

Monday, January 8 at 6:00 PM; Barth Room and Zoom (Public Access)

**City Council Meeting**

Wednesday, January 10 at 6:00 PM; City Hall Council Chambers and Zoom (Public Access)

## All Saints Church to hold New Year's Eve Services



At 10:00 a.m. (One morning service only) — Christmas Carol Sing-Along

Led by the Susie Glaze New Folk Ensemble; followed by hot chocolate and cookies on the lawn. If you can't be with us in church this Sunday, stream the service live here.

The Forum at 9:00 a.m. is on Christmas hiatus and will resume on Sunday, January 7.

There will be no Children's Chapel or Childcare during the 10 a.m. service on December 31st. Children's Chapel and Childcare will return on Sunday, January 7th.

Join Greeter Jenn McGaw in our Online Coffee Hour on Zoom following the 10:00 service.

7:30 p.m. (in-person only) — New Year's Eve Eucharist

This special service is a great way to prepare for the New Year. Canterbury Choir soloists offer music; Susan Russell preaches. This service will be in-person only. Validated parking is available at Plaza las Fuentes.

Streaming at 10:00 a.m. is offered on our website's live stream page, our Facebook page and our YouTube channel. Check out our live streaming page to download service leaflets and take part in our action of the week.

For in-person worship, our guiding principle remains to follow common sense risk reduction guidance for as long as we remain in a declared public health pandemic, so to keep our community safe and well, our in-person worship guidelines include (as of 1/30/23) Because Los Angeles County, including Pasadena, currently have low levels of COVID-19, masks are recommended, but not required, for everyone indoors.

Masks are optional outdoors.

Both outdoor and indoor seating is available for services and communion will be served in both locations.

For more information visit: [allsaints-pas.org](http://allsaints-pas.org).

## Shelter Dogs to Ride on Pasadena Humane Float

Pasadena Humane and Hill's Pet Nutrition are joining forces to raise awareness about the importance of ending pet homelessness with a float in the 2024 Rose Parade on New Year's Day.

Adoptable dog Lua (pictured) has been selected as one of their featured canine riders to represent Pasadena Humane in the Rose Parade this year. Along with the other dogs on our float, who were all adopted from shelters or rescues, Lua will be an ambassador for shelter dogs all across the country who are still waiting for their forever homes.

The float "Feed the Love" built by Artistic Entertainment Services, will showcase the joys of welcoming a pet into your home. From kittens playing underneath a cat tree to a



hungry dog eagerly awaiting a bowl of nutritious food while sporting an "Adopt Me" bandana, the float will show what it's like to give shelter pets a warm welcome home. For more information visit: [pasadenahumane.org/2024-rose-parade](http://pasadenahumane.org/2024-rose-parade).

## PWP Town Hall Virtual Meeting

The community is invited to join Pasadena Water and Power (PWP) for a Water Town Hall virtual community meeting on Thursday, January 18 from 6-8 p.m. on Zoom.

Learn about your water: where it comes from, what it takes to deliver it, how costs are recovered, and how we ensure sustainable and reliable delivery of safe, high-quality water services into the future. Assistant General Managers Lynne Chaimowitz, Finance and Administration, and Stacie Takeguchi, Water, will lead a presentation followed by questions and answers.

Residential and commercial customers are invited to attend the meeting, ask questions, and join the discussion. For accessibility information, or to request an accommodation, please contact (626) 744-7311 or [CSC@cityofpasadena.net](mailto:CSC@cityofpasadena.net). Providing at least 72 hours advance notice will help ensure availability. For Virtual Meeting Credentials visit: [cityofpasadena.net/city-manager/news](http://cityofpasadena.net/city-manager/news).

To join by telephone, dial (669) 444-9171, and use the code 886 696 1478 when prompted.

Pasadena Water and Power (PWP) provides electricity to more than 65,000 customers within Pasadena. PWP delivers water to almost 38,000 households and businesses in Pasadena and adjacent communities in the San Gabriel Valley. As a community-owned utility, PWP is a not-for-profit public service owned and operated by the City of Pasadena for the benefit of its customers and the community. Its priorities are reliability, responsiveness to customers, reasonable rates and environmental stewardship.

## Volunteer for the January Pasadena Homeless Count

The Homeless Count sets in motion a year full of education, engagement & action for the Pasadena Partnership. Each year, volunteers help count people experiencing homelessness living on the streets of Pasadena during one night in the last ten days of January.

Volunteers will be sent in teams of 3-4 to an assigned zone on the night of January 23 (8:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m.) and the morning of January 24 (6:00 a.m.- 8:00 a.m.) to help count and administer a survey to our neighbors experiencing homelessness. The same teams go out together in the evening and the morning. Volunteers should be 18+ and are asked to attend an online orientation to prepare for the

Count on January 16, 2024. The volunteer registration deadline is January 5, 2024.

The annual homeless count helps inform the state of homelessness in Pasadena, helps advocate for vital community resources and engages directly with our neighbors experiencing homelessness. This year we will assemble cold weather kits to hand out during the survey.

Volunteer registration is now open and will remain open until January 5th. All volunteers can sign up at: [pasadenapartnership.org](http://pasadenapartnership.org).

Volunteers are the backbone of ensuring the Count is a success and is carried out effectively and comprehensively. For questions, contact: [info@pasadenapartnership.org](mailto:info@pasadenapartnership.org).

## Senior Center Cultural Thursday: Barbara Wong

Everyone loves the experience of listening to a good tale conveyed by a master storyteller. Storytimes are not just for children; more and more often, they are scheduled for adults.

The Pasadena Senior Center, 85 E Holly St., will present a special story hour for members and nonmembers 50 and older Thursday, Jan. 25, at 2 p.m. Storyteller Barbara Wong will provide a memorable afternoon of ancient and modern tales ranging from personal to supernatural in a way that will stay with participants long after the story hour is over.

Wong began sharing her love of stories as an artist in schools program for the Hawaii State Department of Education and the University of Hawaii cultural outreach program. She was a resident storyteller for the Honolulu Zoo, produced storytelling



programs for adult audiences for the theater at the Honolulu Academy of Arts Museum and developed and led walking and culinary tours of Honolulu's Chinatown. She now shares her tales with audiences of all ages at libraries, schools, museums and festivals throughout Southern California.

Presented by the Pasadena Senior Center, this event is free for members and only \$5 for nonmembers 50 and older. To register or for more information, visit: [pasadenaseniorecenter.org](http://pasadenaseniorecenter.org) and click on Activities & Events, then Cultural Thursdays or call 626-795-4331.

## Winter Concert and Dance at Pasadena Senior Center

The American Swing Band will perform a winter concert and dance Saturday, Jan. 20, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Pasadena Senior Center, 85 E. Holly St.

Trumpet player Jodi Gladstone will lead the band in danceable favorites to celebrate the new year. The sizable floor in the Scott Pavilion will be plenty big for dancing. There also will be ample seating for watching and listening.

Participants are encouraged to dress elegantly or festively for this celebration, or simply come as they are. Light snacks and beverages will be available; a meal will not be served.

The cost is only \$8 for members and \$12 for nonmembers. To register or for more information, visit: [pasadenaseniorecenter.org](http://pasadenaseniorecenter.org) and click on Activities & Events, then Special Events or call 626-795-4331.

In addition to online classes, onsite events and other activities, members and nonmembers of the Pasadena Senior Center are encouraged to visit the website regularly for a quarterly online magazine, free food delivery for older adults in need, COVID updates specifically for older adults and more.

For more information visit: [pasadenaseniorecenter.org](http://pasadenaseniorecenter.org).

## Tournament of Roses to Livestream Rose Parade

As the 135th Rose Parade "Celebrates a World of Music," the Tournament of Roses announced that they are inviting people from around the world to join the celebration via their first-ever livestream, which will be carried, in its entirety, by four streaming services, including Fubo TV, Christmas Plus, Pluto TV and LocalNow.

The two-hour extravaganza, which will feature stunning floral floats, high-stepping equestrian units and spirited marching bands, will be hosted by Jericka Duncan of CBS Weekend News, actress Gabrielle Elyse and TikTok sensation Pressley Hosbach.

While the Parade will continue to be broadcast live nationwide on linear television via ABC, The Cowboy Channel, The Cowgirl Channel, Great American Family, KTLA,

NBC, RFD-TV and Univision, the new livestream will not only allow more people to access the show, but also will feature each of the 85 Parade units that will journey down the 5.5 mile Parade route.

Since its inception in 1890, the Rose Parade has been a dazzling showcase of creativity, symbolism and spectacular storytelling that is sure to be embraced by millions of streetside, broadcast and streaming viewers from across the country and around the world.

Join them on January 1, 2024, beginning at 8 a.m. PST, to experience the awe and wonder of the floats, marching bands and equestrian units of the 135th Rose Parade presented by Honda. The stream will be available through January 14.

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The List that you've been waiting for

1. I resolve to drink more water when I drink.- Translation – add more ice to my drinks
2. I resolve to send back cold food, even if I'm starving. Translation – No Mr. Nice Guy
3. I resolve to ask to be moved if there are screaming kids next to me. Translation – “Two things I can't stand crying women and crying babies.”
4. I resolve to send back my meat if its not cooked to my liking. Translation – I want more perfection in 2024
5. I resolve to order a Grande at Starbucks instead of a Venti to save money. Translation – Watch out Starbucks a big dip in the stock in 2024
6. I resolve to smoke more cigars this year. Translation – I always smoke with my friends.
7. I resolve to ask the dumb question, is it really a Champagne Brunch or a Sparkling Wine Brunch? Translation – It is always a Sparkling Wine Brunch
8. I resolve to ask, is it really World Famous? Translation – Never World Famous, often people in the neighborhood don't know the place.
9. I resolve to tip 10% if the service warrants it. Translation - Yeah right - I know I am a coward when it comes to stiffing these waiters, even when they deserve it.
10. I resolve to cook one meal a week at home. Translation – One more than I am now!

Bonus When ordering to-go food I will have my order ready before getting on the phone!


## HAPPY NEW YEAR LET'S MAKE 2024 A GREAT ONE!

### ALL THINGS By Jeff Brown

#### NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

Here are some popular and beneficial resolutions:

- Prioritize Health:** Whether it's eating healthier, starting a new workout routine, or getting more sleep, focusing on your well-being can make a big difference.
  - Learn Something New:** Expand your horizons by learning a new skill or hobby. It could be anything from a language, musical instrument, coding, painting, or cooking.
  - Practice Mindfulness:** Incorporate mindfulness or meditation into your daily routine. It can help reduce stress and improve mental clarity. Study Non-duality
  - Volunteer or Give Back:** Dedicate time to helping others, whether through volunteering, donations, or simply being more kind and compassionate in your daily interactions.
  - Read More:** Set a goal to read a certain number of books or explore different genres. Reading can be both entertaining and educational.
  - Set Financial Goals:** Establish a budget, save more, invest wisely, or work towards paying off debts. Financial stability can offer peace of mind.
  - Improve Relationships:** Focus on nurturing relationships with family and friends. Make an effort to spend quality time with loved ones and communicate more effectively.
  - Reduce Stress:** Find healthy ways to manage stress, such as yoga, journaling, or taking regular breaks to relax and recharge.
  - Travel and Explore:** Make plans to visit new places or experience different cultures. Traveling can be a source of inspiration and personal growth.
  - Practice Gratitude:** Cultivate gratitude by keeping a journal or simply taking a moment each day to appreciate the things you're thankful for.
- Remember, the key to successful resolutions is to make them specific, achievable, and to approach them with patience and consistency.



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS:**  
 Happy Holidays from Athens Services 🎄 Athens will be closed on Monday, December 25 for the Christmas Day holiday. Service for this week will be delayed one day due to the holiday.  
 ☑ Monday pickups will occur on Tuesday  
 ☑ Tuesday on Wednesday  
 ☑ Wednesday on Thursday  
 ☑ Thursday services will occur on Friday  
 ☑ Friday services will occur on Saturday  
 #AthensServices #TheAthensWay #Christmas #HappyHolidays

**HOLIDAY TREE DISPOSAL:**  
 Follow these steps to properly recycle your holiday tree 🎄  
 1. Remove all ornaments, tinsel, lights, and the stand  
 2. Place curbside on your trash day  
 3. Trees will be recycled into mulch!  
 View the tree pickup schedule for your city by visiting AthensServices.com/Tree 🎄  
 \*Flocked and artificial trees are considered trash. Please schedule a bulky pick-up for these items by visiting AthensServices.com/Bulky.  
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**NEW YEARS DAY SERVICE REMINDER:**  
 Athens Services will be closed on Monday, January 1 for New Years Day 🎉  
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**STAYING HEALTHY DURING THE HOLIDAYS:**  
*Hello City of Sierra Madre! This is your local pharmacist with some reminders on how to stay healthy this holiday season if you have diabetes:*

1. **Exercise.** The CDC recommends 150 minutes of moderate to vigorous exercise per week. Take advantage of this time with your family and friends and head outside.
2. **Distribute your carb intake** throughout the day. Try to avoid eating all your carbs in one meal, as this can heavily impact your blood glucose levels and lead to hyperglycemia (high blood sugar).
3. **Get your flu shot.** Protect your family and friends by getting vaccinated before hosting holiday parties or traveling.
4. **Travel smart.** Pack healthy snacks for road trips to avoid eating fast food. If flying, always carry your diabetes medications with you on the flight.
5. **Stay on track** while monitoring your blood sugar and lookout for signs of hypoglycemia (low blood sugar) and hyperglycemia. If you experience things like dizziness, hunger, extreme thirst, or a rapid heart rate, check your blood glucose and treat accordingly.

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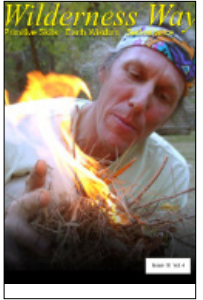


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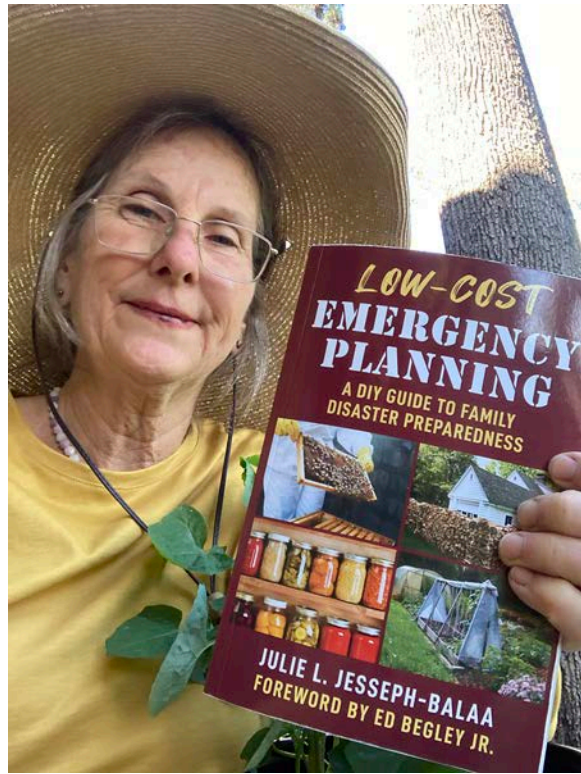
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**LOCAL BACKYARD "FARMER" PUBLISHES HER FIRST BOOK** Urban farmer Julie Balaa sells unique plants at the local farmers market Her first book just released: "LOW COST EMERGENCY PLANNING." Foreword by Actor Ed Begley Jr.

Urban farmer Julie Balaa has just produced her first book, an in-depth guide to being prepared for emergencies and life's crises without breaking the budget. Her book, "Low Cost Emergency Planning: A Do-it-Yourself Guide to Family Disaster Planning," (Skyhorse, 2023), covers the basics of water and food storage, home food production, making things, and how to live a more self-reliant life without spending an arm and a leg. The book is fully illustrated with color photos. The actor and environmentalist Ed Begley Jr. wrote the optimistic foreword.



She is scheduling book readings, lectures, and classes based around her book.

Balaa grew up in San Marino, and now lives across the Arroyo Seco in Highland Park, where she does urban farming. Besides growing things in the greenhouse she built, she farms the one acre urban sanctuary of the non-profit where she works.

At the Tuesday Highland Park Farmers Market, Julie Balaa has been teaching her customers how to create sustainable gardens in their own yards for several years now. Balaa's booth at the market caught my attention because she was selling less-common foods, and instructing people how to grow their own.

At her farmers market booth, she sells New Zealand spinach, lamb's quarter, California pepper seeds, cactus pads, as well as a variety of potted foods, such as purple tree collard, sapote, and ficus trees.

Balaa is always engaged in conversations with customers, explaining that these are all the plants she grows and sells can be used to create sustainable gardens. Her book will be one extra tool that her customers can use as a guideline to creating their own self-sufficient home.

Her book addresses all the basic needs of any urban or suburban dweller who doesn't have a lot of land, but wants to still be prepared for emergencies and wants to be a bit more self-reliant.

Balaa begins with a chapter on water, and since she's in the Los Angeles area, she lets readers know that only 26% of the water that Los Angeles uses is local - all the rest comes to the city via 3 aqueducts from sources about 300 miles away. Thus, Balaa encourages her readers to do as she does: conserve water, don't waste water, and lots of grey water recycling. She describes what it takes to collect rain water, and how to store water in plastic buckets in case of emergencies.

Next, she explains how to store food, and that you can have some food in your yard if you grow food producing trees and vegetables. She discusses even the common wild foods - such as prickly pear cactus, lambs quarter, and purslane - which are common and have great nutritional value.

How do you cook when the power goes out? Balaa shares some simple methods, including how to make a low-cost solar oven. She also addresses the basics of first aid in emergencies, how to create a simple backyard "survival camp," and all the very important economic considerations that are all too often ignored in "survival" books.

The book is a pleasure to read, with lots of common sense coming from someone who had to work with a limited budget.

When she is selling her products at the local farmers market, one of her popular foods is the prickly pear cactus pad, or nopales, which have been used in Mexican cuisine for centuries. She sells the pads ready to be cleaned and eaten, as well as the potted pads which can be grown as a border plant. The prickly pear cactus has been demonstrated to be effective for treating high cholesterol and type 2 diabetes, as documented in such books as "Prickly Pear Cactus Medicine" by Ran Knishinsky.

At her table at the Farmers Market, Balaa had a list of all the plants that her clients could grow in their yards to create a perennial, sustainable garden for the least amount of work. The list included trees, of course, like olives, citrus, and figs, and grape vines, asparagus, onions, Jerusalem artichoke, potatoes, tree collards, and, of course, prickly pear cactus.

As part of the permaculture philosophy which is embodied in Balaa's new book, she and her family also recycle all of their kitchen and yard scraps by composting them into soil, rather than just tossing it all into the trash can. "It's very rewarding to do these techniques," said Balaa, "because I feel it's what we should all be doing. Sometimes it's hard, but it makes you feel good for doing it." She also practices safe grey-water recycling, where she sends all her kitchen and bath water into the garden.

[Her book is available from Amazon. Balaa can be reached for consultations, and the hours of her nursery, at juliebalaa@gmail.com. The Highland Park Farmers Market occurs every Tuesday from 3 to 7 p.m., at Avenue 58 and Figueroa in Highland Park.]

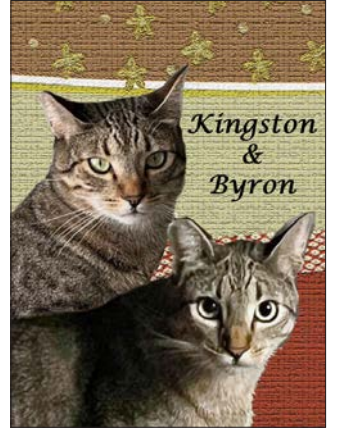
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**Pet of the Week**

If you're looking for a fun companion to ring in the New Year, look no further than Sebastian! This handsome guy is sure to turn heads as you walk him down the street!

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Bring this stunner home with you today!

The adoption fee for dogs is \$150. All dog adoptions include spay or neuter, microchip, and age-appropriate vaccines.

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**WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE SIERRA MADRE PLAYHOUSE**

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**CORI CABLE KIDDER'S** **NOV 24 - DEC 23, 2023**

*Holiday Spectacular*  
**A 1940s CHRISTMAS REVUE**

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Our holiday show begins this Friday! Cori Cable Kidder's Holiday Spectacular: A 1940s Christmas Revue will play on our stage from Nov 24 (the day after Thanksgiving) through Dec 23.

These original WWII-era military-themed holiday concerts star Sierra Madre Playhouse's Patsy Cline, Cori Cable Kidder, who received an Ovation nomination for her 2015 Sierra Madre Playhouse performance following a four-month run of sold-out performances of Always...Patsy Cline. You won't want to miss Cori performing military and holiday classics of the 1940s, with live musical accompaniment by Sean Paxton on piano and a 3-piece band.

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Ticket prices start at \$39. Additional ticket information at [www.BroadwayInHollywood.com](http://www.BroadwayInHollywood.com).

Jackson is one of the greatest entertainers of all time. Now, Michael Jackson's unique and unparalleled artistry comes to Los Angeles as MJ, the multi Tony Award-winning new musical centered around the making of the 1992 Dangerous World Tour, begins a tour of its own.

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## ESSENTIAL TOPICS YOU NEED TO DISCUSS WITH YOUR AGING PARENTS

### Dear Savvy Senior:

My siblings and I don't know much about our elderly parent's financial situation or their wishes if and when something happens to them. They are both in their mid-eighties. What's the best way to handle this and what all should we know? *Apprehensive Daughter*

### Dear Apprehensive:

Many adult children don't know much about their elderly parent's financial situation or end-of-life plans, but they need to. Getting up to speed on their finances, insurance policies, long-term care plans and other information is important because some day you might have to help them handle their financial affairs or care, or execute their estate plan after they die. Without this information, your job becomes much more difficult. Here are some tips that can help.

### Have the Conversation

If you're uncomfortable talking to your parents about this, use this column as a prompt or see [TheConversationProject.org](http://TheConversationProject.org), which offers free guides that can help you kick-start these discussions.

It's also a good idea to get all your siblings involved too. This can help you head off any possible hard feelings, plus, with others involved, your parents will know everyone is concerned.

When you talk with your parents, you'll need to collect some information, find out where they keep key documents and how they want certain things handled when they die or if they become incapacitated. Here's a checklist of areas to focus on.

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Contacts: Make a list of names and phone numbers of your parent's doctors, lawyer, accountant, broker, tax preparer, insurance agent, etc.

Medical information: Make a copy of their medical history and a list of medications they take.

Personal documents: Find out where they keep their Social Security card, marriage license, military discharge papers, etc.

Secured places: Make a list of places they keep under lock and key such as safe deposit boxes, safe combination, security alarms, etc.

Digital assets: Make a list of their digital assets – everything from social media accounts to online banking. It should include usernames and passwords.

Pets: If they have a pet, what are their instructions for the animal's care?

End of life: What are their wishes for organ or body



donation, and their funeral instructions? If they've made pre-arrangements with a funeral home, get a copy of the agreement.

### LEGAL DOCUMENTS

Will: Do they have an updated will or trust, and where is it located?

Power of attorney: Do they have a power of attorney document that names someone to handle their financial matters if they become incapacitated?

Advance directives: Do they have a living will and a medical power of attorney that spells out their wishes regarding their end-of-life medical treatment? If they don't have these documents prepared, now's the time to make them.

### FINANCIAL RECORDS

Financial accounts: Make a list of their bank accounts, brokerage and mutual fund accounts, and any other financial assets they have.

Debts and liabilities: Make a list of any loans, leases or debts they have – mortgages owed, car loans, student loans, medical bills, credit card debts. Also, make a list of all credit and charge cards, including the card numbers and contact information.

Company benefits: Make a list of any retirement plans, pensions or benefits from their former employers including the contact information of the benefits administrator.

Insurance: Make a list of the insurance policies they have (life, long-term care, home, auto, Medicare, etc.) including the policy numbers, agents and phone numbers.

Property: Make a list of the real estate, vehicles or other properties they own, rent or lease and where they keep the deeds, titles and loan or lease agreements.

Taxes: Find out where they keep copies of past year's tax returns.

You're probably not going to get all this figured out in one gathering, so it's important to keep the conversation going to ensure your parent's wishes will be accurately executed.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit [SavvySenior.org](http://SavvySenior.org). Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

## FITNESS FOR LIFE

### BEYOND JANUARY: Resolutions That Last

by Michele Silence

Have you ever experienced or witnessed someone passionately committing to a New Year's resolution, only to see it fizzle out within a few weeks? You genuinely aspire to make positive changes, yet despite your best efforts, the momentum fades away? After recurrent attempts, there comes a point when the question arises: 'Is it even worth it?'

Don't give up! Persistence is crucial. Despite past successes or setbacks, your resolutions can indeed succeed if you remember a few essential strategies. Sometimes, without realizing it, we might unknowingly undermine our plans right from the start. Here are some key concepts to keep in mind when you decide on bettering yourself in the new year:

**Be Specific.** Resolutions are often too vague or broad. For instance, saying "I want to get in shape" is less effective than setting a specific goal like "I want to lose 10 pounds in three months by going to the gym three times a week." A vague resolution lacks a clear plan or measurable milestone, making it challenging to track progress or stay motivated. But, a specific resolution outlines a clear goal, a specific timeframe, and actionable steps. Being highly specific provides a roadmap for learning and allows for better tracking of progress towards the goal.

**Set Realistic Expectations.** Setting unattainable goals can set you up for failure. For example, resolving to completely change your lifestyle overnight may not be feasible, leading to disappointment when you don't meet those high expectations. But, incorporating more vegetables into your every meal by adding a serving to lunch and dinner 5 days a week is very specific. Better than just saying you want to cut out sugar, carbs, fat and/or processed food. Just as unrealistic is setting a goal to run a 5K next month without any prior training. But, if you set out to run a 5K in six months after training on a structured plan that increases mileage each week task success becomes more likely. Setting realistic expectations ensures that goals are attainable, sustainable, and aligned with your capabilities. Think simple.

**Have A Detailed Plan.** A resolution without a clear plan is just a wish. Failing to outline the steps needed to achieve the goal makes it harder to follow through. Breaking down the resolution into actionable steps, detailing what actions need to be taken, how often, and for how long. It includes elements such as frequency, duration, intensity, and methods of tracking progress. Create a roadmap, making it clear what needs to be done to achieve the goal. That will increase the likelihood of success.

**Build In Accountability:** Without support or someone to hold you accountable, it's easy to lose motivation. Sharing your goals with friends, family, or joining a group with similar objectives can help maintain motivation. Example, if you want to exercise three times a week share it with a friend who also wants to get fit. You can provide mutual support and help each of you stay on track. When one of you feels demotivated, the other can offer encouragement and help maintain consistency.

**Make One Resolution.** Attempting multiple big changes at once can be overwhelming and dilute your focus. It's better to concentrate on one achievable goal at a time. This allows for better concentration, dedication, and success. If you have more than one goal, prioritize one main goal first. Once you have established that habit, focus on the next change.

**Have Patience and Persistence.** Results take time, and setbacks are common. Many people give up when they don't see immediate progress or face challenges. Developing patience allows you the time needed for growth and improvement. With persistence, you develop resilience and the ability to push through challenges, ultimately increasing your chances of success. Remember, lasting changes and accomplishments often come from consistent effort and perseverance over time.

**Mindset and Habit Changes.** Successful resolutions often require a shift in mindset and long-term habit changes. It's not just about the goal but about changing behaviors and attitudes, which can be challenging. Shifting your mindset and habits means changing how you think and act. It's about making conscious efforts to approach life differently. Instead of just focusing on reaching your goal, it's also about appreciating the steps you take to get there. Making these shifts isn't always easy, but it's super important if you want to make lasting changes in your life and achieve your goals in the long run!

If you want to get going on a fitness journey to improved health, contact me via my email or Facebook page for a month of free classes. I'll be happy to help you get started in the new year!



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**HULA & POLYNESIAN DANCE**



## OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

### THE REGIFTING QUEEN OF THE FAMILY

Sitting around the Christmas tree with my family and opening up Christmas presents stirred fond memories of my Aunt Edith. She was known as The Regifting Queen of our family. And believe me, she earned that name quite well.

Most of the family didn't catch on to what she was doing. I know I didn't realize it until several years before she passed.

Little did we know that when we gathered as a family at Christmas time, the gifts we received from Aunt Edith were regifted. I had no idea what that meant then, but I was to find out what it was all about.

One of my cousins caught on first. One Christmas, he received a gift that he remembered from last Christmas, which was given to her. At first, he thought he was imagining things, but as the gifts kept going around, he began to notice that the gifts given to his family members were given to his Aunt Edith last year.

She had it very well worked out because nobody got a gift from her that they gave to her the year before. When my cousin mentioned this to me, I thought he was joking, and I just went along with him. But I was to realize that maybe what he was saying was true.

I started paying attention to the gifts Aunt Edith gave to the family so I could remember them for next year. And sure enough, the following year, people received gifts from Aunt Edith that had been given to her the year before.

My cousin looked at me, looked back, and we just smiled, hoping we could keep our secret.

Based on that thought, my cousin and I gave Aunt Edith a present we would want the following year. Sure enough, those gifts appeared to our family from good old Aunt Edith. Everybody smiled, thankful for Aunt Edith's thoughtfulness at Christmas time.

That was the one thing my cousin and I looked forward to each year. And the thing was, everybody got from Aunt Edith a present they gave her the year before. She was very good at this regifting.

We discovered that when Aunt Edith got a Christmas gift, she always put the giver's name on the gift. That way, she would not get the gifts mixed when she regifted them.

My cousin and I let it fly because we did not want to embarrass Aunt Edith. She was such a wonderful lady, and we felt that if that was her way of celebrating Christmas, so be it.

As the years went on, Aunt Edith got older. No surprise there. Everybody gets older. But as she got older, her memory began to play tricks on her.

I began to notice one year when Aunt Edith gave me a Christmas present that I gave her the year before. Up to this time, that had never happened. She was very particular in how she distributed her regifting.

As I opened my gift from her, I began to chuckle because it was what I gave her last year. I didn't say anything because I respected her and everybody makes mistakes. I just went along with her regifting program.

I almost told my cousin, but I thought I'd just better leave everything under the table at this point. After all, Christmas is a merry time of the year, and I didn't want to sabotage the merry element.

Watching Aunt Edith throughout the year, I noticed her memory was slipping. With that in mind, I was anxious for Christmas to come and see how Aunt Edith would handle her regifting. As it turned out, that year was the last year Aunt Edith was around for Christmas. It was a special Christmas, although we did not know it then.

As the gifts were being passed around and as people began opening their gifts from Aunt Edith, people began to recognize that this was a gift they had given her last year. It was hard for me to believe, but everybody got from Aunt Edith what they had given her the Christmas before.

After those years of meticulously regifting those Christmas presents, it was finally catching up. Nobody knew what to do or say at that point. Everybody just thanked Aunt Edith for her wonderful Christmas presents. Nobody realized what was happening, but Aunt Edith confused the names on the gifts as the "for" and not the "from."

It wasn't until Aunt Edith's funeral that people began to share their ideas about Christmas. Someone said, "Did you know that at the last Christmas party, I received a gift from Aunt Edith that I gave her the year before?"

When she said that, everybody began to laugh and had the same story to tell. Aunt Edith had been meticulously regifting all her Christmas presents for all those years, and nobody knew it until her last Christmas.

What I took away from it is that if I'm going to give a gift, I should give a gift I want to receive myself. And I must thank good old Aunt Edith for that thinking.

I couldn't help but think of a Bible verse. "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Galatians 6:7-8).

Whatever I do to others will finally come back on me. Give what you want to receive is my motto.

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STUART TOLCHIN PUT THE LIGHTS ON NO COMPARISON



What is meant by great art? Is it art that is better than other art? It is great because it is "more" colorful or brighter or bigger than other art? Of course not! A work of art is "great" because of something unique to itself. It is something, without comparison to any other work, communicates directly with the appreciating viewer and touches that viewer in a unique way.

I strive to create these articles as something worthwhile to the reader and to myself not by comparing it to any other essay of mine or an essay by anyone else. Rather I attempt to create something that resonates with me and is capable of reaching out to my unknown readers and touching them in its own unique way.

The current film Oppenheimer in which the Director of the Manhattan Project is considered a threat to the American way of life because of his connection or alleged connection to the worker's movements of a Marxian Nature that intended to bring about a kind of equality, a classless culture which preached the importance of individuality at the expense of continual competition in the attempt to be better than anyone else. This kind of intent was considered to be anti-American and in the film Oppenheimer is shown to be eventually deprived of his Security Clearance and disgraced.

The intent to create a classless, non-competitive society brings to my mind the factors involved in the creation of the State of Israel. What has always appealed to me was that Theodore Herzl, the original Zionist, attempted to establish a nation wherein Jews would always be welcome and safe but that the state would be a secular State. The original Labor-Zionist was a leftist Marxist, call it Socialist attempt to establish an independent secular state wherein Jews would be in the majority and always welcome. The hope was that working class Jews, from all over the world would come to the land of Israel and live in rural "kibbutzim". There's were intend to be communal villages centered around collective farms and were exercises in radical communal democracy. Nothing would be considered private property and all children would be raised communally. The original immigrants who funded Kibbutzim rejected capitalism and inter-personal competition. Be the best person you can be spoke in terms of individual aspiration rather than in terms of comparisons with others.

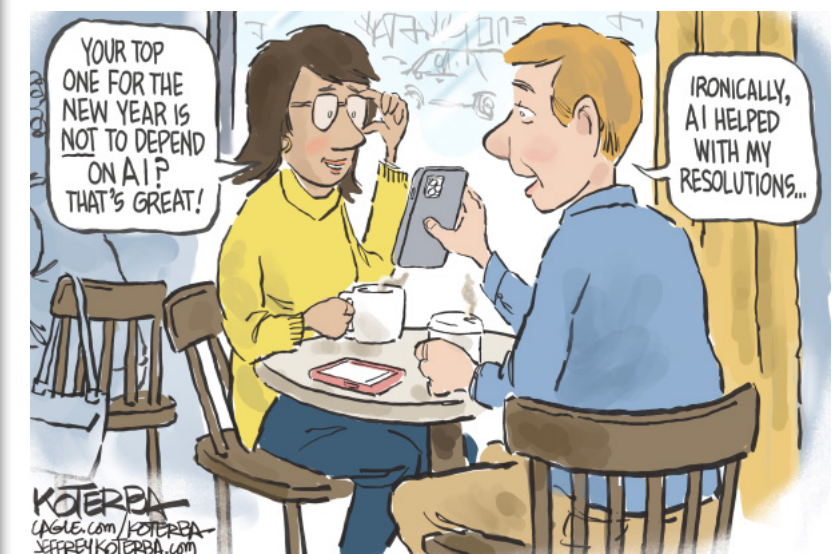
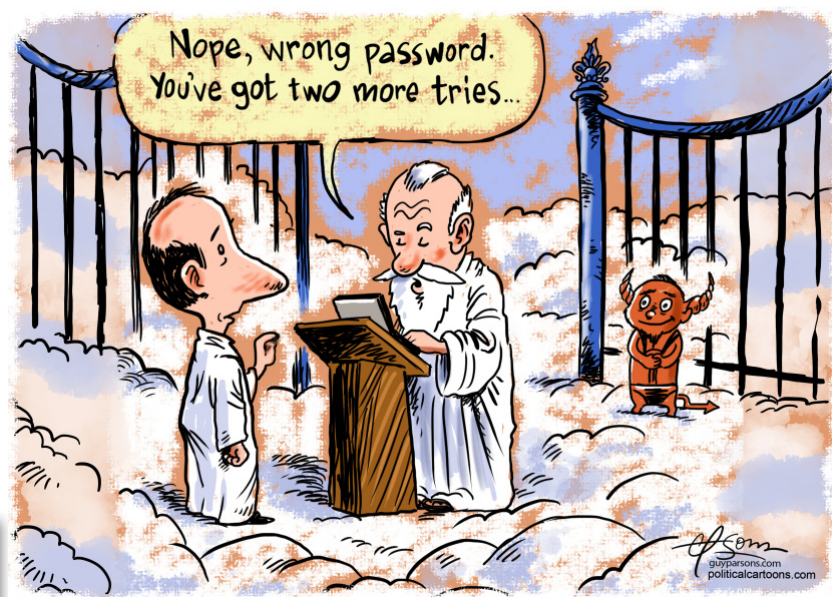
These ideals have always moved and appealed to me as I am sure they energized people like Oppenheimer. Nonetheless these ideals are a threat to the capitalistic order of the European world. Few Kibbutzim still exist and I read today of children found butchered on Israeli Kibbutzim. I don't want to read anymore about that but it is clear that Israel which was dreamt of as a land of peace and tolerance has become a capitalistic nation dedicated to competition and the total destruction of its perceived enemies. It is now seen as a colonizer nation indifferent to the welfare of people that have been displaced.

I am sure you have also read about the ongoing missile strikes and bombings which have taken the lives of over twenty thousand people. This is not the world I want to live in. I don't want to root for one team at the expense of another.

I see the whole world situation resulting from competition and comparison. People learn to accept themselves mainly in terms of comparison with others rather than simply enjoying and experiencing their own individual worth for the ability to support and reach out to help others.

Today, I am even tempted to stop watching competitive sports on TV. Seriously, what kind of people adore watching a sport where even before it begins the players hve to wear protective padding before the game even begins—and what is that game but a violent demonstration of accepted brutality. It would be nice to live in a different world wherein we experience our own individual worth in the way we experience a sunset or a piece of art, not in terms of better or worse, but as something worthy of the best of our common human spirit.

Anyway let us hope for a 2024 which fulfills I believe our communal hope for peace and maybe it would be best to limit our addiction to violent sports. Happy New Year.



RICH JOHNSON NOW THAT'S RICH NEW YEAR'S REVOLUTIONS



Time to give up on "Resolutions". My past track record on adopting lasting resolutions is dismal. What about yours? Let's try "Revolutions". Experts have told me the failure rate for New Year's resolutions is about 80%. We don't even make it through February. I have an idea! We should all collectively reject the following

resolutions:

- 1. Live healthier 2. Lose weight

And as if I don't feel guilty enough the fitness industry has statistics. Their study shows four out of five people who join a gym in January will quit by May. Might as well ask me to resolve growing hair! Toss resolutions on the trash heap. And forget your body. Let's shift away from selfishly focusing on improving the body and try working on improving society. Micro to macro. Why not? My suggestion is volunteer for something.

I think it just might be easier to succeed taking on the much easier task of improving society. DeAnn Hollis said: "Volunteers do not necessarily have the time, they just have the heart." (Who is DeAnn Hollis?)

Here are some mind altering quotes on volunteering:

"Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless." Sherry Anderson

"If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else." Booker T. Washington "Volunteers are love in motion." Unknown

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." Ghandi "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." Helen Keller

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, what are you doing for others?" Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around." Leo Buscaglia

"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not." Dr. Seuss

"If you want to touch the past, touch a rock, If you want to touch the present, touch a flower, If you want to touch the future, touch a life." Unknown

If you are reading this column on Saturday, December 30th there is still time to come hear my band, JJ Jukebox perform a New Year's Eve concert. Tonight , 6:30 at Nano Café in Sierra Madre. (626) 325-3334. Please pardon the shameless plug!

Speaking of music, let's see here...music quotes!

"Bagpipes are the missing link between music and noise".

"I have an accordion and I'm not afraid to use it." On a bumper sticker.

"The only winner in the war of 1812 was Tchaikovsky." Solomon Short

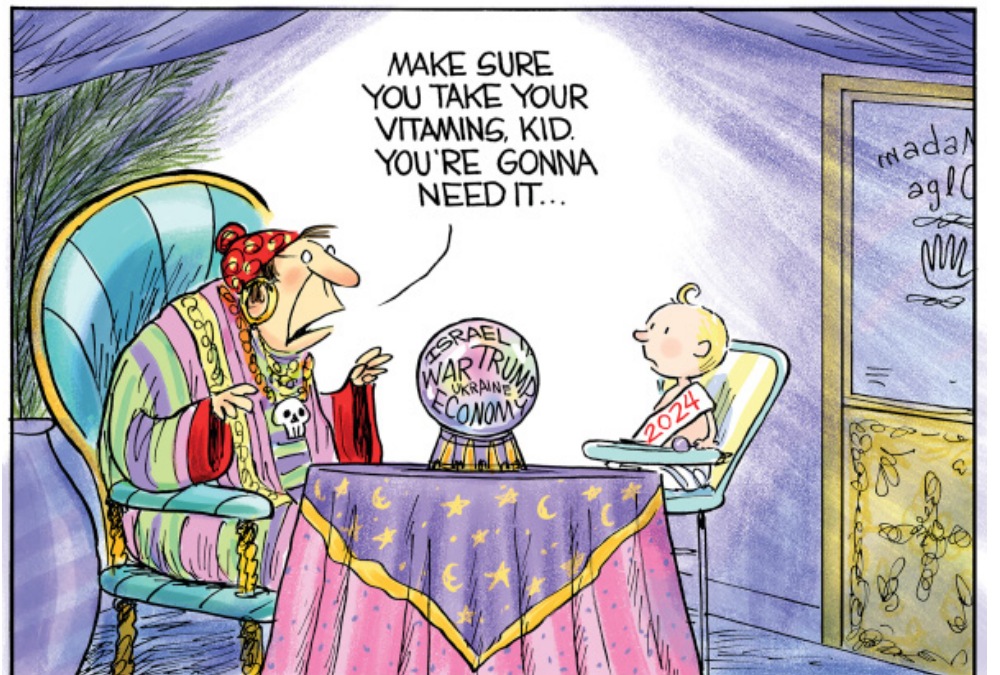
"Anything that is too stupid to be spoken is sung." Voltaire

"Music played at weddings always reminds me of the music played for soldiers before they go into battle." Heinrich Heine

"Without music, life would be a mistake." Nietzsche

Finally, to close off this column is a profound (to me) quote by George Bernard Shaw: "When a thing is funny, search it carefully for a hidden truth."

To my dear friends who read my columns (even sporadically) thank you. I am humbled and blessed knowing a few of you out there enjoy my efforts. If I can equip you with a funny line or meaningful quote that you pass on at a party, I've achieved my goal.



2024 HAPPY NEW YEAR



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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2023262178 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: KABABE, GRILL, 18677 DEVONSHIRE ST NORTHBRIDGE, CA 91224. AON 64554125 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) KABABE, INC., 18677 DEVONSHIRE ST NORTHBRIDGE, CA 91224. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: KABABE INC., HILDIK MINASJOLFA, CEO.. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/07/2023. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/20/2022. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish:ES Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Dec.9,16, 23, 30, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2023262176 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: YWS YOUNG, WILD AND SERENE, 6501 WEST OLYMPIC BLVD LOS ANGELES, CA 90048. LOS ANGELES COUNTY. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ESTHER TALASZAN, 6501 WEST OLYMPIC BLVD LOS ANGELES, CA 90048. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: ESTHER TALASZAN, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/07/2023. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 03/2015. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish:ES Mountain Views News Dates Pub: Dec.9,16, 23, 30, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2023-252330 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: AVUNDANCE, 3616 BARHAM BLVD APT X311, LOS ANGELES, CA 90068. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) RAQUEL VILARINO CAGIAO JOCHER, 3616 BARHAM BLVD APT X311, LOS ANGELES, CA 90068. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: RAQUEL VILARINO CAGIAO JOCHER, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/22/2023. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 03/2015. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: DEC 02, 09, 16, 23, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2023-252929 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: BEACH DRIVING SCHOOL OFFICE, 24328 SOUTH VERMONT AVE SUITE 300 B, HARBOR CITY, CA 90710. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) THOM HOK, 24328 SOUTH VERMONT AVE SUITE 300 B, HARBOR CITY, CA 90710. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: THOM HOK, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/27/2023. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/23/2023. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: DEC 02, 09, 16, 23, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2023-250824 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: COUNTRY BURGERS, 21721 S WESTERN AVE, TORRANCE, CA 90501. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MIGUEL MORENO, 617 N FRIES AVE, WILLINGTON, CA 91744. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MIGUEL MORENO, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/20/2023. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/2022. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Fed-

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2023-255948 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CURRY HOUSE COCO ICHIBANYA, COCO ICHI, COCO ICHIBANYA, 3625 DEL AMO BLVD SUITE 170, TORRANCE, CA 90503. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ICHIBANYA USA, INC., 3625 DEL AMO BLVD SUITE 170, TORRANCE, CA 90503. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: KATSUHIRO KAWAKAMI/SECRETARY. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/29/2023. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/20/11. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: DEC 02, 09, 16, 23, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2023-249394 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ESCO PRINTS, 3718 PENN MAR AVE, EL MONTE, CA 91732. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ENRIQUE G ESCOBEDO, 3718 PENN MAR AVE, EL MONTE, CA 91732. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ENRIQUE G ESCOBEDO, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/17/2023. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: DEC 02, 09, 16, 23, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2023-251457 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: GAN INTERCULTURAL GLOBAL, 9G CONSULTING, 9660 FLAIR DR UNIT 498, EL MONTE, CA 91731. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) YANQIN GAN, 136 SAINT FRANCIS ST UNIT C, SAN GABRIEL, CA 91776. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: YANQIN GAN, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/21/2023. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/23/2023. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: DEC 02, 09, 16, 23, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2023-254866 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: J GAMAS PAINTING, 133 W 66TH ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90003. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) JUAN GAMAS, 133 W 66TH ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 91731. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ENRIQUE G ESCOBEDO, 3718 PENN MAR AVE, EL MONTE, CA 91732. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: JUAN GAMAS, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/28/2023. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/23/2023. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: DEC 02, 09, 16, 23, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2023-254883 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: J GAMAS PAINTING PARTNERS, 133 W 66TH ST REAR, LOS ANGELES, CA 90003. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) CARLOS DORADO URENDIA, 133 W 66TH ST REAR, LOS ANGELES, CA 90003. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: CARLOS DORADO URENDIA, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/28/2023. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/23/2023. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: DEC 02, 09, 16, 23, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2023-249677 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MAVERICK CLEANING SOLUTIONS, 334 S WESTLAKE AVE APT 109, LOS ANGELES, CA 90057. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) DOUGLAS S GALDAMEZ LOPEZ, 334 S WESTLAKE AVE APT 118, LOS ANGELES, CA 90057. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ROXANA GUADALUPE MEJIA CORDOVA, 334 S WESTLAKE AVE APT 118, LOS ANGELES, CA 90057. This Business

is conducted by: COPARTNERS. Signed: DOUGLAS S GALDAMEZ LOPEZ/GENERAL PARTNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/17/2023. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/20/23. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: DEC 02, 09, 16, 23, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2023-252464 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: MELENA BROS MOBILE CAR WASH & DETAILING, 2130 MAGNOLIA AVE APT # 2, LONG BEACH, CA 90806. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) MOISES MELENA TORRES, 2130 MAGNOLIA AVE APT # 2, LONG BEACH, CA 90806. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: MOISES MELENA TORRES/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/22/2023. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 08/2019. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: DEC 02, 09, 16, 23, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2023-250835 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: NEW CONCEPTS PAINTING AND DRYWALL, 6245 W AVE J4, LANCASTER, CA 93536. MAILING ADDRESS: PO BOX 1421, CANYON COUNTY, CA 91386. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) BALAM ARTURO CARDENAS ZOTELO, 6245 W AVE J4, LANCASTER, CA 93536. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: BALAM ARTURO CARDENAS ZOTELO/OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/20/2023. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 08/2019. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: DEC 02, 09, 16, 23, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2023-251582 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TOBACO ROYAL, 26500 W AGOURA RD #101, CALABASAS, CA 91302. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ROYAL MALIBU INC, 26500 W AGOURA RD #101, CALABASAS, CA 91302. This Business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. Signed: BIMAL SHERETHA, PRESIDENT. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/21/2023. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/20/23. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: DEC 02, 09, 16, 23, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2023-253823 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: YANELI'S JANITORIAL SERVICE, 36742 JAMES PL, PALMDALE, CA 91350. Full name of registrant(s) is (are) ANA I PENNA, 36742 JAMES PL, PALMDALE, CA 91350. This Business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Signed: ANA I PENNA, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/27/2023. The registrant(s) has (have) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. NOTICE- This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See section 14411 et seq. Business and Professions Code) Publish: Mountain Views News/JDC Dates Pub: DEC 02, 09, 16, 23, 2023

FILE NO. 2023-251591 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME The following person(s) ROYAL LION INC, 6500 W AGOURA RD SUITE 101, CALABASAS, CA 91302, has abandoned the use of the fictitious business name TOBACO ROYAL, 26500 W AGOURA RD # 101, CALABASAS, CA 91302. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on 06/15/2022, in the County of Los Angeles on 11/21/2023. The business information in this statement is true and correct (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) GOKUL POUDYAL/PRESIDENT Publish: Mountain Views News Dates Pub: DEC 02, 09, 16, 23, 2023

# LEGAL NOTICES

## NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JASON LAVERT DeWITT CASE NO. 23STPB12011

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of JASON LAVERT DeWITT

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by BRENDA DeWITT in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that BRENDA DeWITT be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act with full authority. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 01/10/2024 at 8:30AM in Dept. 67 STANLEY MOSK COURTHOUSE located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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## NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: DANA GELBERT CASE NO. 23STPB13549

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the lost WILL or estate, or both of DANA GELBERT.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by GEORGE P. MILTON in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that GEORGE P. MILTON be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's lost WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The lost WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 01/12/24 at 8:30AM in

Dept. 2D located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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## NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF FRANCIS JOSEPH SPEERS aka FRANCIS J. SPEERS aka FRANCIS SPEERS Case No. 23STPB13156

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of FRANCIS JOSEPH SPEERS aka FRANCIS J. SPEERS aka FRANCIS SPEERS

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Michael Speers in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PRO-BATE requests that Michael Speers be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on January 10, 2024 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 67 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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## LET'S HUDDLE UP IN 2024!

There are those who have said that sports are a valuable life-learning tool. I do believe this myself. One learns discipline, how to follow rules; the importance of playing a role; understanding about working hard; winning a few and losing a few; taking responsibility; making connections with others and perhaps finding a life-long friend.

During this 2023 sports year I have looked back on some of my own experiences and shared some of my thoughts about coaching, sports and athletics. In my coaching life, some games we won, and some we lost. For myself I remember all the fumbles and interceptions and missed scoring opportunities. It's funny how you remember the dropped passes, the penalties, the poor decisions in play calling. Others may remember the wins and great plays.

I can relate and compare much of these football memories to family and life decisions. I can blame some of these sticky situations on the "no huddle" philosophy. Get up fast to the line of scrimmage, look around and call a new play. Problem in football -- everyone doesn't hear the call, or understand it or may not know his assignment. It takes all eleven positions in football; five in basketball and however many people you depend upon in your family or company or to make that winning play. Family matters and decisions can be as significant as a football play called from the line of scrimmage or called after a bit of time in the huddle together.

Everyone is trying to "win" today. In work, in sports, in family groups, in companies, in committees. I think in 2024 we should be encouraging more communication on all levels. Everyone should care. Family members, team members, work colleagues. To be a part of many groups, we have to prove we are really committed. That we really wanted it.

In football days past, we had to cut our hair, wear the correct uniform, take off the earrings and nose rings, and line up for the team picture looking the same. We are all equal. We had to prove we were willing to pay a small price, and we were mostly proud to be recognized for it.

In 2024 I would like to see more huddles, more meetings, where everyone understands the play and the assignment, and all hear the same thing. Where more are willing to make the sacrifice to be successful. Where we have made a game plan for everyday with a list of what needs to get done. And at the end of the day we go through the list and see what has been accomplished.

Was it a winning day? Remember, "game day is every day." In 2024 let's all communicate to compete. This may not come easy. Don't expect it to. But it can be more rewarding if we have shared that huddle!

I'm fired up for 2024! Huddle up! Let's have a winning season together!  
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**SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES**  
by expanding public transit options and making our downtown areas walkable.



**KEEP NEIGHBORHOODS SAFE** by improving enforcement of our gun laws and investing in rehabilitation.



**IMPROVE SENIOR CARE** by making prescriptions more affordable and repairing the senior safety net.



**FUND MENTAL HEALTH** treatment to get people off the streets and into long-term supportive care.



**COMBAT WILDFIRES** and protect our San Gabriel Mountains by investing in firefighting capacity and our energy grid.



**BUILD AFFORDABLE HOUSING** to reduce homelessness and make homeownership possible for young families.



**INVEST IN HIGHER EDUCATION** to ensure that every Californian can learn the skills they need for the workforce.

**JOHN HARABEDIAN** was born and raised in Sierra Madre, in the heart of the 41st Assembly District. John is a California State Commission President, attorney, father, and former City Councilmember and Mayor. He was elected to the Sierra Madre City Council in 2012, re-elected in 2016, and twice served as Mayor. As Mayor, John worked to improve city services, strengthen fire protection, and support local businesses. Professionally, John has worked as a prosecutor at the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office and as an attorney at Latham & Watkins.

A proud graduate of Loyola High School, John earned his bachelor's degree from Yale University, master's degree in comparative social policy from Oxford University, and law degree from Stanford University. John and his wife Young-Gi are the proud parents of three boys.



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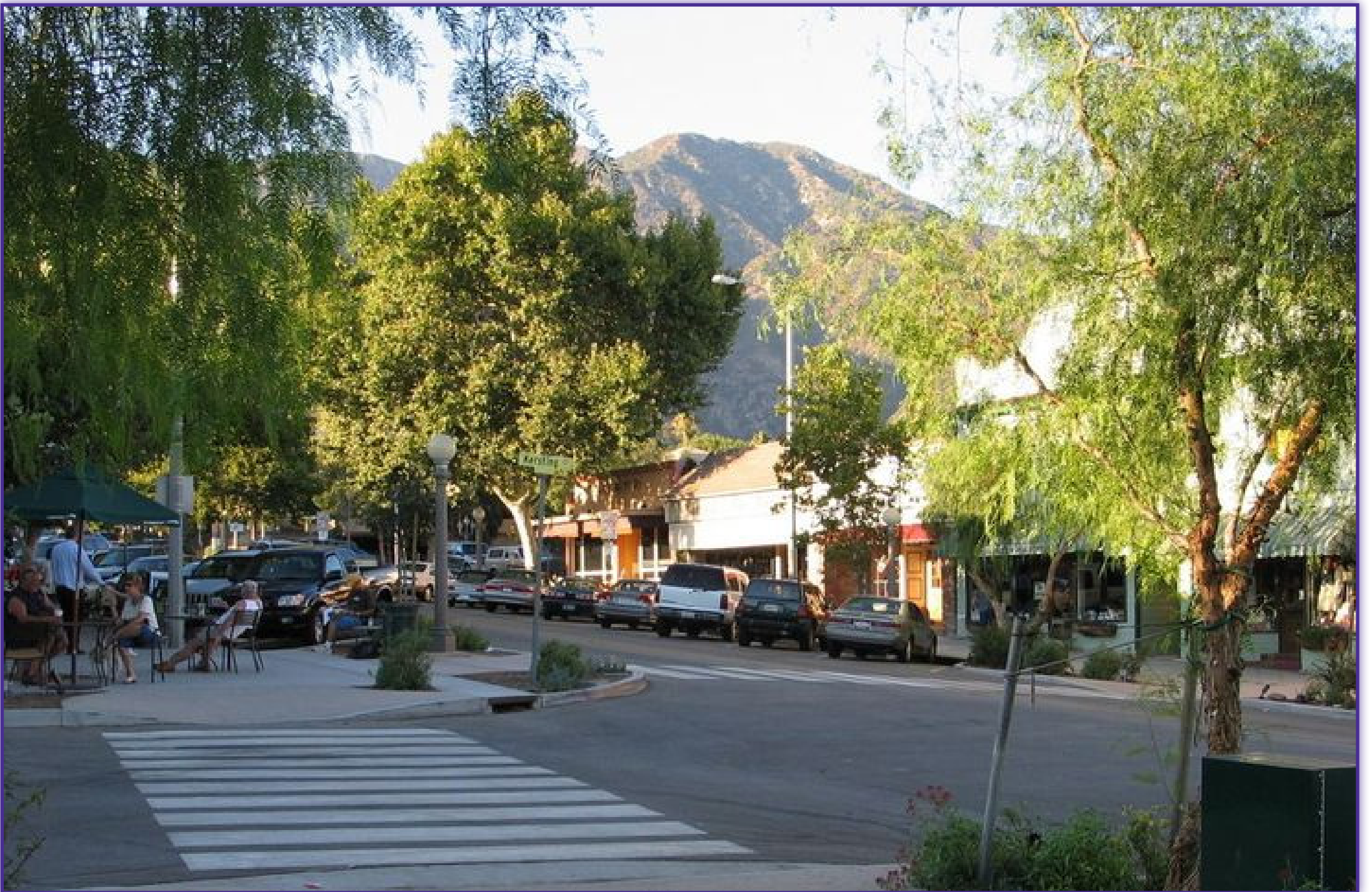


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SIERRA MADRE WOMANS CLUB

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS #3208

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED BADLY! THEY ARE THE LIFEBLOOD OF SIERRA MADRE!**

Volunteering is important as it offers essential help to worthwhile causes, people in need, and the wider community. Indeed, many organizations and charities rely on the generosity of volunteers as often they're only part-funded through government or local councils, and cannot afford to pay salaries for all their staff. In fact, many companies depend almost solely upon teams of volunteers to help them thrive and do their work.

*"Volunteers are love in motion." Unknown*

*"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."  
Ghandi*

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## COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

### WHAT IS CERT?

Do you know what to do after a major disaster? One of the ways is to make sure that you are fully prepared before a disaster occurs. CERT's free Basic Training will teach you how to prepare yourself, your family and your neighbors.

Sierra Madre Community Emergency Response Team is a volunteer organization that provides free emergency preparedness training to the community. We train using FEMA guidelines and are affiliated with the Sierra Madre Fire Department. This year's Basic Training program will be presented in the spring of 2024.

In the meantime, you don't need to be formally trained to participate in our Team meetings. All are welcome. We meet the 4th Thursday of the Month at the Hart Park House. Our meetings consist of various programs including reviews of our basic training, fire department programs, CPR, First Aid and operating amateur radio.

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 25th 7:00 P.M., the SMFD will present their new extensive City-wide disaster communication and evacuation program. They'll also assist you to program your phones to receive this area-specific information. This is a must for all of Sierra Madre.

For more information go to:

www.sierramadreemergency.org;  
info@SierraMadreCERT.org, or the Sierra Madre CERT Facebook page.



## CREATIVE ARTS GROUP

Creative Arts Group (CAG) is a vibrant nonprofit art center founded in 1960. CAG provides a means for discovering creative self-expression and developing an understanding and appreciation of others through the arts.

Creative Arts Group's varied class schedule attracts more than 2,000 students annually from Sierra Madre and beyond. CAG's Jameson Gallery exhibits original art in a variety of media including ceramics, glass, watercolor, jewelry, enamel, metal sculpture and more. Additionally, a robust events calendar celebrates the artists in our community. The Art Festival and Art of the Garden events are fundraisers which support our mission of offering enriching classes, education, and artistic experiences to our community. Each year our popular Art Festival brings together over 50 local craftspeople and artists to display and sell their work. All proceeds from the sale of items in the gallery go directly back to funding the programs offered by Creative Arts Group.



## PRESERVE SIERRA MADRE

Preserve Sierra Madre is an activist group that was formed in Sierra Madre in 1977. Our purpose is to be the watchdog for our town and to help maintain Sierra Madre as such a wonderful place to live.

Our activities include attending City Council and Commission meetings, reporting results, and speaking up as necessary. We monitor the proposed activities that will affect our town. Our members have served on City Council, Planning Commission, the Tree Commission (now Natural Resources), Community Services Commission, and the General Plan Update Steering Committee.

We do not have formal scheduled meetings, but keep the members informed via email and social media. We welcome new members.

To join our contact list, email [preservesierramadrenow@gmail.com](mailto:preservesierramadrenow@gmail.com). Your contact information will always remain private. Our website is [preservesierramadre.com](http://preservesierramadre.com).

## JANUARY EVENTS AROUND TOWN

Brought to you by Sue Cook

<p><b>January 1</b> <b>Tournament of Roses "Celebrating a World of Music: The Universal Language"</b> Experience the beauty of floral floats along with spirited marching bands and high-stepping equestrian units. The parade begins at 8:00 a.m. at the corner of Green St. and Orange Grove Blvd.</p> <p><b>110th Rose Bowl Game</b> Watch as No.4 Alabama takes on No.1 Michigan. Enjoy tailgating, Rose Court appearances and more. A free and open to the public fan fest begins at 8:00 a.m. Kickoff is at 2:10 p.m.</p> <p><b>January 6</b> <b>Kids' Cupcake Wars at Saute Culinary Academy</b> Bring the kids in for Saute's own version of Cupcake Wars! 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>Goat Yoga at The Arboretum with Hello Critter</b> Enjoy communing with gentle goats as you engage in yoga. Bring your love for animals and a sense of humor. 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>The Art Deco Architecture of the Playhouse District</b> Explore Art Deco in this historic district in the heart of Pasadena. Notable landmarks include the Scottish Rite Temple, United Artist Theatre, and the Warner building. 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>January 11</b> <b>2nd Thursday Bare Root Rose Talk and Sale at the Huntington</b> Join Tom Carruth, Rose Collections curator, as he discusses rose varieties available at this year's sale. 2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>January 13</b> <b>Flower Arranging: Tropical Winter White Flowers at The Huntington</b> Join Flower Duet for a hands-on flower arranging class inspired by The Huntington's Jungle Garden. Two sessions are offered: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., and "Bring a Buddy" 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>La Verne Heritage Foundation Orange Picking</b> A great family outing! Pick your own oranges. The Country Store and Weber House will be open from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. for your shopping and touring enjoyment.</p>	<p><b>January 15</b> <b>Kingdom Day Parade 2024, "Can't Stop, Won't Stop, Going to the Promised Land"</b> The world's largest and longest running life celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King steps off at the corner of Martin Luther King Blvd. and S. Western Avenue. 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>January 20</b> <b>Camellia Tour at Descanso Gardens</b> Learn about Descanso's historic camellia collections and hear stories about the varieties in bloom. 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>January 27</b> <b>Pasadena Symphony and Pops at Ambassador Auditorium</b> Kensho Watanabe conducts the orchestra in performances of Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 5 "Emperor", Kolaly's "Dances of Galánta", and Jessica Hunt's "Climb". 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Big Bad Voodoo Daddy at The Arcadia Performing Arts Center</b> Big Bad Voodoo Daddy brings their lively jazz and swing music to the beautiful Arcadia Performing Arts Center. 8:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>January 28</b> <b>Pasadena Comic Con at the Pasadena Convention Center</b> This pop culture event for all ages features panels, celebrity guests and more.</p> <p><b>Ongoing Events</b></p> <p><b>January 1, 2</b> <b>Floatfest: A Rose Parade Showcase</b> Head to Sierra Madre and Washington Boulevards in Pasadena and enjoy a walk within a few feet of the magnificent Rose Parade Floats.</p> <p><b>January 17 - February 11</b> <b>The Pasadena Playhouse presents "Kate"</b> In this widely celebrated one-woman show, comedian Kate Berlant explores events of her life.</p> <p><b>January 21 - 27</b> <b>Cheeseburger Week</b> Pasadena celebrates the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the invention of the cheeseburger in Pasadena. Use your Cheeseburger Passport to win you prizes, take the Cheeseburger Challenge, and go on a Cheeseburger Crawl.</p>
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## FREE ANIMAL DOCTOR

- A non-profit animal welfare organization.
- Founded in 2016, to help sick or injured animals obtain critical medical care when their owners cannot afford it.
- Funds are raised through our crowdfunding website, shown here.
- We have paid over \$1.6 million for the essential medical care of more than 1,100 pets.
- In 2021, we opened a low cost spay & neuter clinic.
- The clinic is self-sustaining, despite the fact it is only open once a week.
- Successfully spayed or neutered more than 2,900 dogs and cats, repaired 30 hernias, removed 27 masses, and vaccinated over 450 pets.



- The Urgent Need to Expand**
- Crowdfunding is an efficient fundraising method; however, it has one significant limitation, it takes time to raise the vital funds.
  - In emergencies, when a pet's condition demands immediate care, time is the one thing these pets do not have.
  - Pets needing immediate care are forced to endure their painful condition until all funds are raised.
  - Delays in treatment may cause secondary complications.
  - Sometimes care may come too late.

- The Solution**
- Replace our existing spay & neuter clinic with a full-service veterinary clinic.
  - A clinic capable of providing a broad and diverse range of quality veterinary care.
  - With a full-service veterinary clinic, we can provide essential veterinary care, when that care is needed, without having to wait until all the funds are raised.

- Proposed clinic Benefits**
- Eliminating delays in treatment provides significant benefits to all pets, especially in emergencies.
  - Providing care when care is needed, yields the best possible medical outcome, and dramatically reduces the time the pet suffers.
  - Offers financially disadvantaged pets' better access to essential medical care.
  - By owning a full-service veterinary clinic, we control costs, allowing us to offer the lowest possible prices. Helping more pets per dollar.

Existing and proposed clinic locations in Arcadia, CA

- We need \$1.1 million to complete the project.
- \$600,000 to purchase 4 used mobile homes (60' X 12') which will be modified and combined to create our new 2880 sq ft. modular surgical clinic. See below.
- Another \$25,000 for utility hookup and site

- preparation.
- And finally, \$475,000 to purchase diagnostic machines, surgical equipment, and kennels.
  - Free Animal Doctor is contributing up to \$200,000 in reserve funds toward risk mitigation during initial years of operation to ensure a successful start.
  - Once construction begins, the clinic should be completed within 4-5 months and operational shortly thereafter.
  - During the first year, we expect to provide essential medical care to 600 pets in addition to offering spay & neuter services.

**Conclusion**  
This integrated crowdfunding and pet care delivery model is a social innovation and will provide disadvantaged pets with broader medical services in a more timely and cost-effective manner. Please donate to their health. Once we have shown this business model viable, we will expand, beginning in southern California [www.freeanimaldoctor.org](http://www.freeanimaldoctor.org)



The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose purpose is to promote awareness of, support for, and utilization of the high quality programs, services, and facilities of the Sierra Madre Library as a lifelong center of learning.

To that end volunteers provide countless hours working both inside the library and on the grounds of the library supporting the library staff. We organize the Best Used Book Sales, Annual Silent Auction, the annual Wine and Cuisine Tasting, Snowflake Celebration, and the spring Art Fair to raise money to augment that which the city is able to provide to the library.

- The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library endeavor to do the following:
- Provide support for the Sierra Madre Public Library's existing programs and services
  - Support additions to the Library's collections, equipment purchases, and improvements and expansion of facilities
  - Encourage membership, participation, and involvement in the Friends by residents of the community served by the Library
  - Plan and implement fund-raising activities and events
  - Actively seek contributions/endowments/grants from individuals, organizations, foundations, and the public sector

We are always looking for volunteers, to learn more please go to our website at [sierramadrelibraryfriends.org](http://sierramadrelibraryfriends.org) or follow us on social media:

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## KIWANIS CLUB OF SIERRA MADRE

The Kiwanis Service Club of Sierra Madre has been an active club since 1927.

It has made many contributions to our town such as the pergola in Memorial Park, cubbies for the children at St. Ritas school, the covered patio at Sierra Madre Elementary School, the emergency radio system for the town, the horn that use to sound at noon every day, The Veterans have been paid tribute by the club each year. We started a Builders Club for the Middle school and help them with their service to several Sierra Madre organizations.

There are many more contributions Kiwanis Club has made over the almost 100 years all focused on building a better community, one child at a time!.

We are a club that welcomes all and would love for you to join us on Tuesdays at noon at the Lodge.

<https://sierramadrekiwanis.com/>





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## ROTARY CLUB OF SIERRA MADRE



### WHAT IS ROTARY?

Rotary is a global network of 1.4 million neighbors, friends, leaders and problem solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create a lasting change across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves.

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LEARN MORE ABOUT US AT: <https://www.sierramadrerotary.org/>

**SIERRA MADRE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

The mission of the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce is to encourage a healthy business environment by advancing, promoting, and supporting the businesses serving our Sierra Madre community.

We are the business voice of Sierra Madre at City Hall and represent your interests in all other local, state and federal agencies. We closely monitor laws and actions that will impact your business. And we do this, even during times of crisis.

In 2020/2021, we helped the city develop the Cares Program which provided some financial relief for qualified Sierra Madre Businesses. We also played an instrumental role in helping the city develop the expanded outdoor dining areas for our members.

In 2021 we also managed to have our Honors/Citizen of the Year Dinner thanking community volunteers and organizations who, in 2020 helped the community and your business through the pandemic.

And, in an effort to get back to 'normal' we held a very successful Winter Festival (Small Business Saturday event), to bring residents and visitors to town to support you.

Although postponed due to the Omnicom Variant, we have postponed our 2021 Honors Dinner, but it will happen soon. AND

On March 27, 2022 we will once again have our Wistaria Festival which brings thousands of people into town to partake of the wonderful shopping and service opportunities in town!

Also in 2022, we will be working on a new branding campaign, 'Shop Sierra Madre' to bring shoppers remind/introduce all residents and even more visitors to our city. Virtual networking opportunities and informational meetings are also on our agenda!



We do all this and much more, promoting Sierra Madre as a 'Destination' as our goal! Whenever the "Chamber" does something, the community sees it as local businesses supporting the community. So, please join our efforts today! Joining the Sierra Madre Chamber adds you to the list of the most highly esteemed, trustworthy and credible businesses in the Community. Please visit our website at: [www.sierramadrechamber.com](http://www.sierramadrechamber.com).

**SIERRA MADRE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

The Sierra Madre Community Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to supporting our beloved city so that it continues to be a unique hillside treasure and valued neighborhood for individuals, families, community groups and businesses.

We do this by making direct financial grants to support Sierra Madre activities, events, organizations and programs.

In 2023, the Sierra Madre Community Foundation awarded nearly \$21,000 in grants. This amount supported 11 local civic and community organizations including:

- Sierra Madre Public Library
- Creative Arts Group
- Sierra Madre Search & Rescue
- Sierra Madre Elementary School
- Mt. Wilson Trail Race Kids' Fun Run
- Sierra Madre Rose Float Association
- Cancer Support Community
- Various City-Managed Community Events



We also assist other local community groups, who do not have 501(c)(3) non-profit status, collect and distribute their funds.

Learn more at [sierramadrefoundation.org](http://sierramadrefoundation.org) or follow us on social media:

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**SIERRA MADRE EVENTS COMMITTEE**  
*(Formerly the 4th of July Committee)*

Sierra Madre Events Committee – Sierra Madre's newest non-profit with a lot of traditional events and activities!

Unveiling the Sierra Madre Events Committee (SMEC), formerly known as the Sierra Madre 4th of July Committee—a dynamic force committed to enlightening and engaging our community. Our primary goal is to produce and support patriotic and community events that support the vibrant spirit of Sierra Madre and foster a sense of community among its residents and businesses.

As a beacon of civic pride and celebration, the SMEC strives to bring the community together through a variety of engaging activities and gatherings. From patriotic celebrations like the stand-out Sierra Madre 4th of July to local festive things like the downtown Holiday Display, that showcase the rich tapestry of Sierra Madre, we curate events that celebrate the unique identity of our community.

But we can't do it alone. We're on a mission to educate those who may not be familiar with our organization, inviting them to join us in making a lasting impact on the community and the true spirit of volunteering that makes Sierra Madre so special. Whether you're a lifelong resident or new to Sierra Madre, there's a place for you in our vibrant community of volunteers.

By becoming a part of the SMEC, you'll have the opportunity to contribute to the planning and execution of events that shape the cultural fabric of Sierra Madre. Whether you have a passion for event coordination, community outreach, or simply want to lend a helping hand, your involvement is vital to our success.

Your donations during our fundraising campaigns also play a crucial role in ensuring the success and sustainability of our activities. Visit our website <https://www.sierramadrefourthofjuly.com> to discover how you can contribute.



**SIERRA MADRE WOMANS CLUB**

The Sierra Madre Woman's Club extends a warm welcome to you! We are dedicated to serving our community while providing club members with opportunities for personal growth and the development of life-long friendships. Membership is open to persons of all ages and genders.

The club is nonpartisan, nonsectarian, and nonprofit. Members come from a variety of backgrounds and interests and are united in caring for our community and for each other.

Our Monthly meeting schedule, newsletter, community events (including weekly pickleball!) along with any other info can be found at [sierramadrewomansclub.org](http://sierramadrewomansclub.org).



## SIERRA MADRE HISTORICAL PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Do you like History? Do you enjoy learning about the people who played a prominent role in developing the area of Sierra Madre and the San Gabriel Valley? Then you may truly enjoy the experience of being a member of our Historical Society!

**What we do:**  
We encourage and develop programs and projects that raise the awareness of our local history.

We gather and catalogue current history for future generations.

We collect, preserve, and display documents, artifacts, and oral histories pertaining to the founding and subsequent development of Sierra Madre.

We showcase and maintain our 2 museums: Lizzie's Trail Inn and The Richardson House.

We support our Landmark homeowners to preserve our historic homes.

We educate our children and community on the importance of the history of Sierra Madre and the surrounding communities.

Through our history talks and programs, museums tours, city tours, home tours, and booths at our city's events we can share so many important stories about our town. These events are fundraisers to help support our archival collections at the Sierra Madre Library and in our museums.

Our on-going Oral History Project documents the stories of our citizens.

We train you to feel comfortable in becoming a docent at our museums and special event tours.

**How can you help and participate?**  
You can become a member, be a docent at our events or at the museums, help on various committees like oral history, newsletter, social media, and fundraising.

**Benefits:**  
This is a way to give back to your community that can be fun and educational for all involved. Sharing the history of our town while meeting new people along the way can be very fulfilling.

We encourage you to contact Leslie Ziff at 626-321-7735 for further info.

Support our community – Get involved!



## SIERRA MADRE ROSE FLOAT ASSOCIATION

The Sierra Madre Rose Float Association is a non-profit organization that creates the beautiful floats representing the City of Sierra Madre for the annual Rose Parade® presented by Honda.

Volunteering at SMRFA is a rewarding experience for individuals who are passionate about community and creativity. It allows individuals to contribute to a long-standing tradition and be a part of a world-renowned event that attracts millions of viewers from around the globe and gives volunteers a sense of pride and accomplishment. Volunteering provides an opportunity to develop and enhance various skills.

From constructing and decorating the floats to organizing events and fundraising, volunteers can gain valuable experience in project management, teamwork, and problem-solving. Volunteering at the Sierra Madre Rose Float Association also fosters a sense of community and camaraderie. Community service hours are available for students. The friendships and connections formed during the volunteer experience can last a lifetime.

SMRFA General Meetings are held the third Sunday of every month (except February, July and August) at 5:00 pm at the Float Barn located at 587 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. We are open for volunteers most Sundays from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Our website is [www.SierraMadreRoseFloat.org](http://www.SierraMadreRoseFloat.org).



### VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS #3208

Sierra Madre has been home to Post #3208 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) for over 100 years. The VFW is America's oldest patriotic and fraternal organization for veterans of the Armed Services.

Our local post members provide the color guard at civic events, host annual holiday observances, and represented veterans issues at gatherings from here in the San Gabriel Valley all the way to Washington D.C.

In the past year, in addition to other acts, we helped serve the homeless, supported the student veterans of Pasadena City College, awarded scholarships, and assisted in the distribution of holiday meals and toys to young veterans.

The accompanying photo is of past-Post Commander Dave Loera accepting citations for the post's efforts from Supervisor Barger and Congresswoman Chu.

Mark your calendar for this coming March 23rd at 1100 when we will host in Memorial Park a ceremony honoring ALL Veterans of the Vietnam War, not just VFW members.



Everyone in the community is encouraged to join us in this important recognition of those veterans who served in Vietnam. Regular meetings are held at 3:00 on the second Sunday of each month at The Hart House in Memorial Park (222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.). Contact information: Commanders Dave Loera (d.loera@verizon.net) or Harold "Doc" Martin (hfmartin@pasadena.edu).

## CREATIVE ARTS GROUP

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