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# Foothill Gold Line Extension Breaks Ground in the City of Glendora

By Jayam Rutnam

**GLENDORA** - The groundbreaking ceremony for the \$1.5 billion, six-station Foothill Gold Line light rail extension from Glendora to Montclair was held on Saturday at the parking lot of Citrus College in Glendora, immediately across from where the the APU/Citrus College Station was built. Elected representatives from all levels of government, as well as transportation and higher education officials and hundreds of community stakeholders, joined the Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority to celebrate the start of construction for the 12.3-mile extension. The historic ceremony marks the first Measure M-funded rail project to begin construction.

Hundreds gathered at a huge tent set up in one of the parking lots on the Citrus College grounds to witness the event. Among the dignitaries was the Mayor of Los Angeles who is also the Metro Board Chair-



All the dignitaries join in for a group photo of the groundbreaking on Saturday, December 2 at the parking lot of Citrus College.

man, who made the opening remarks along with the Foothill Gold Line Board Chairman Doug Tessitor.

The ceremony began with an official welcome by Geraldine M. Perri, Citrus College Superintendent and President, fol-

lowed by the Invocation by Reverend Karen Davis of the First Christian Church in Glendora. This was followed by the Presentation of Colors by the San Gabriel Valley Young Marines. A beautiful rendition of the National Anthem was sung by the Citrus Singers, Kevin Gasio, Andrew Limon and Christopher Nevarez. There were "Remarks" by U.S. Representatives Adam Schiff, Grace Napolitano, Judy Chu and Norma Torres, and also California State Senators Connie Leyva and Anthony Portantino.

There were also "Remarks" by Project Partners by Foothill Gold Line Board Vice Chairman and JPA Chairman, Claremont City Council Member Sam Pedroza Presentation to Metro Board Chairman, Metro Board Members, Los Angeles County Supervisors Hilda Solis, Kathryn Barger, Metro Board Member and Construction Authority Board Member, Mayor Pro Tem John Fasana, Metro Board Member, Glendale Council Member Ara Najarian, Metro CEO Philip Washington, Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority CEO, Habib Balian and the ceremony concluded with an official proclamation from the City of Glendora, delivered by Glendora Mayor Gary Boyer, designating December 2, 2017 Foothill Gold Line Day. KNX 1070 Newsradio host Frank Mottek served as the ceremony's emcee. "Funding the second phase of the Gold Line extension is the perfect example of what we're trying to achieve through our agency's comprehensive transportation plan," said Metro CEO Phillip A. Washington. "As we make transit more available in new communities, we are changing the face of Southern California and creating an infrastructure inheritance for our children and grandchildren."

Dignitaries and special guests from Glendora included the Mayor Gary Boyer, Council Members Mendell J. Thompson, Karen Davis, Judy Nelson and Michael Allowos, Glendora Police Chief Lisa Rosales, Glendora Police Captain Matt Egan and Sergeant Mike Henderson, Joe Cina President/CEO Glendora Chamber of Commerce and Jennifer Vanderhooft Director of the Chamber.

There were refreshments and information displays from

all the Foothill Gold Line stations, including Glendora, Claremont, Montclair, San Dimas, Pomona and La Verne, showing models and photographs of the various stations. There were also marching bands from Montclair, Glendora, Claremont, Bonita and Pomona

work ahead on this transformative project for the San Gabriel Valley."

Construction alone is expected to generate \$2.6 billion in economic output, 17,000 jobs, more than \$1 billion in labor income and nearly \$40 million in tax revenues for Los Ange-



Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti leads the Mayor of Glendora and Glendora Council Members in giving a "thumbs up" at the groundbreaking ceremony.

High Schools. The historic ceremony marks the first Measure M-funded rail project to begin construction.

"When L.A County voters passed Measure M last year, they gave us an unprecedented mandate to create hundreds of thousands of jobs and build one of the most robust public transit systems in the world," said Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, Chair of the Metro Board. "Now, it's our turn to deliver, and that work starts today, with this promising new phase of the Metro Gold Line."

The first three years of construction will be used to relocate strategic utilities, conduct pre-construction activities, hire a design-build contractor and finalize the project design. Major construction will begin in 2020 and consist of two construction phases: (1) relocating/rebuilding the freight/Metrolink systems and (2) building the Gold Line light rail system. Substantial completion is anticipated in 2026.

"The Construction Authority's team has been working tirelessly over the last few years to ready the Glendora to Montclair segment for construction," stated Foothill Gold Line CEO Habib F. Balian. "Today is a celebration of that tremendous effort, as well as the partnership that the Construction Authority has with our corridor cities and Metro that allowed this project to be the first Measure M funded project to move forward. We are ready for the

les County. Nearly \$2 billion in private investments in transit-oriented developments have already been made or planned within a half-mile of the six future stations from Glendora to Montclair.

When completed, the Glendora to Montclair project will extend the Metro Gold Line light rail line from its eastern terminus in Azusa through the foothill communities in the San Gabriel Valley and into San Bernardino County, adding new light rail stations in Glendora, San Dimas, La Verne, Pomona, Claremont and Montclair. Each will connect to the expanding rail network in Los Angeles County, as well as the Inland Empire, and provide opportunities for county residents, workers and visitors to connect to many regional and local points of interest along the corridor, including two dozen colleges, the Los Angeles County Fairplex, several outdoor recreation facilities, historical sites and museums, and retail and dining centers.

Funding for the project is coming from both Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties. The portion of the project within Los Angeles County (Glendora to Claremont) is being mostly funded by Metro's Measure M half-cent sales tax, as well as residual Measure R funds from the Pasadena to Azusa segment. The portion of the extension from Claremont to Montclair is being funded by San Bernardino County.

## Glendora Community Coordinating Council Awardees for November

**GLENDORA** - As a team, Linda and Gary Clifford have contributed to the welfare and betterment of the Glendora community. Their lives as a couple reflect that of service to the City of Glendora in formal and informal ways. Both coached Little League, Lassie League, AYSO Soccer, and other local sporting teams mentoring youth and giving selflessly to create a more robust teambuilding experience. They are members of the St. Dorothy's faith community and have been involved in several leadership roles over the years such as Catechists, Evangelical Leaders and fundraisers. Some of the organizations Linda and Gary have been and are involved in are Eye-DAS, Soroptimist International, Foothill Presbyterian Auxiliary, GUSD Read-In Programs, St. Dorothy's Homeless Shelter, Chamber of Commerce, Selective Services Commission and so many more. They have contributed thousands of hours of their time, love and talent to make Glendora a great place to live, work and play. Glendora Community Coordinating Council is honored to recognize Linda and Gary Clifford with the Humanitarian Award for November.



Gene Morrill, Glendora Community Coordinating Council President presents Linda and Gary Clifford with November's Humanitarian Award.



Dalton White receiving the Youth Recognition Award from Glendora Community Coordinating Council President Gene Morrill and Robin Merkey, Youth Recognition Award Chair.

hundreds of books which were first filtered to ensure they were middle school appropriate. His efforts provided additional reading material for Goddard students. Dalton is an example of a giving youth who goes above and beyond to benefit his community. The Glendora Community Coordinating Council is very honored to have recognized Dalton with November's Youth

Recognition Award. The GCCC is always looking for volunteers from the city to be recognized each month. If you have a nominee please visit our website at [www.glendoracoordinatingcouncil.org](http://www.glendoracoordinatingcouncil.org) for a form and contact information. We'd like to thank the California Commercial Pools for being our meeting sponsor.

## "Historical" Partnership Created

**DUARTE** - Duarte had quite an event in November. In an "historic" move, the Duarte Kiwanis Club and the Duarte Rotary Club partnered with the City of Duarte to provide a wonderful Family Fun Festival. Over 800 folks came and enjoyed activities, crafts, food, rides and fun for kids. A great time was had by all.



# Home for The Holidays: Knowing When It's Time to Consider Assisted Living

Family Involvement Is Key in Helping Aging Parents Make a Successful Move



This holiday season every family looks forward to making new memories and enjoying favorite traditions, but the holidays are also a time when family members may notice some changes in their aging parents. Not the occasional forgetfulness of normal aging, but behaviors which indicate something more. Families should discuss their concerns as this can be the key to a successful next step.

"When you spend an extended period of time together, subtle changes may become more apparent, or may occur with greater intensity" said Beverly Sanborn, Vice President, Belmont Village Senior Living. "Noticeable changes in your parents at the holidays

could be a sign that they may be struggling with these issues in their daily lives as well."

Behaviors that indicate a need for higher level of care/support:

- Forgetfulness or difficulty with names of loved ones or common words
- Unusual lack of upkeep of house/property (unread mail, trash piled up, food left out)
- Decreased ability to perform simple tasks
- Issue avoidance due to lack of understanding
- Disorientation of time and place
- Loss of judgment – illogical or out-of-character problem solving
- Weight loss – not cooking/

eating regularly

- Personal hygiene change – not bathing, re-wearing clothes repeatedly without washing
- Incorrectly taking medications (skipping, double doses, uncertainty about what to take)
- Losing touch with friends
- Withdrawal from social interactions and/or difficulty following conversations
- Signs of depression. Reduced interest in activities they once enjoyed
- Changes in personality or behavior

"Seeing multiple signs on a consistent basis is an indicator that it may be time for a more supportive environment," said Sanborn. "Seniors don't always realize or accept that they need more help; family involvement can address the needs before a crisis occurs. A health assessment now would help ensure your loved one's safety and your own peace of mind."

Once a family determines that it's time for senior living, exploring a variety of options to find the right fit is important - care and programs vary between companies.

"Seek an Assisted Living community that meets your needs now and down the road with clinical and enrichment support for a healthy, purposeful life," said Sanborn. "Check to see if the community is licensed throughout to provide the highest level of care to avoid another move. Ask about clinical support, managing chronic conditions and enrichment programs that support both brain and body."

Belmont Village Calabasas opens March 2018 offering Assisted Living and award-winning Memory Care. Call 818-222-2651 or [www.belmontvillage.com](http://www.belmontvillage.com).

# Glendora Newcomers Club Celebrated 55 Years Of Friendship And Good Times

GLENDORA - The Glendora Newcomers Club celebrated 55 years of friendship and good times at their monthly luncheon held in October at the South Hills Country Club in West Covina. Marsha Keeling, their current president, made a sign and displayed it. They also honored their past presidents that could be in attendance. Pictured from left to right, they are: Linda Liebenow, Karen Langley, Linda Price, Mary Ann Arras, Mary Brumfield, Pam Li Causi, Marjorie Henderson, and Marsha Keeling. Information regarding the Club? Call 626 221-2219



Glendora Newcomers Club honored their past presidents.



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# 4th Annual "Gathering" Fundraising Event For Shepherd's Pantry



ARDENT members: Stephanie Simpson of Simpson Portraits, Melina Ferrandino of Glendora Gardens Nursery, Dalel Snider of Glendora Florist, Lindsey Rehfeld of Visiting Angels, Theresa Mumma of Glendora Employment Agency, Nikki Vitale of Fiorina (and founder of ARDENT) and Tina Schneider of Spin 360 Core Fitness. Member Annette Hernandez not pictured.

GLENDORA - The ARDENT Group hosted the 4th Annual "Gathering" event - an annual fundraising event benefiting Shepherd's Pantry. Shepherd's Pantry provides emergency food, clothing, resource assistance and educational programs to families in need during times of crisis. They provide the necessary tools and resources to help families become self-sufficient.

On Thursday, November 9th, community enthusiasts gathered together at the beau-

tiful Glendora Gardens Nursery to enjoy music, giveaways from all Ardent businesses, delicious food and guest speakers from Shepherd's Pantry. The event was a huge success. Awareness and compassion was raised for the families that Shepherd's Pantry services and over \$7,000 was raised and truckloads of food and clothing was donated.

The ARDENT Group's mission is to empower women by providing them with unique

products, services, experiences and by supporting local community efforts benefiting women and their families. The ARDENT businesses include: Fiorina, Visiting Angels, Spin 360 Core Fitness, Glendora Gardens Nursery, Luxe Salon, Glendora Gardens Nursery, Simpson Portraits and Glendora Employment Agency.

For more information, visit [www.facebook.com/theardentgroup](http://www.facebook.com/theardentgroup), [www.shepherdspartry.com](http://www.shepherdspartry.com).

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## Text to 9-1-1 Comes To Los Angeles

"Call if you can -- text if you can't"

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY** - Mobile users in Los Angeles County now have the ability to send text messages to 9-1-1, giving hearing and speech impaired residents, or those in situations where it is too dangerous to dial 9-1-1, a potentially lifesaving option.

"Call if you can -- text if you can't" is the slogan developed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) as the new technology makes its debut in the most populous county in the United States.

Officials with the Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) and the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) made the announcement on the campus of California State University, Long Beach, the first Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) in the state of California to accept 9-1-1 texts.

"This technology can save lives and meets the needs of a growing population that relies on text messaging as a key form of communication," said Mark Ghilarducci, Director of the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services.

Most Los Angeles County dispatch centers are now equipped to receive and respond to mobile phone SMS Text to 9-1-1 messages. This service is available for use by the deaf, hard of hearing, or speech impaired, and in situations where it is too dangerous to make a voice call to 9-1-1. Below are the FCC guidelines for how to contact 9-1-1. If you use a wireless phone or other type of mobile device, make sure to do the following in an emergency:

If you can, always contact 9-1-1 by making a voice call, "Call if you can - text if you can't."

If you are deaf, hard-of-hearing or speech disabled, and Text to 9-1-1 is not available, use a TTY or telecommunications relay service, if available.

If you text 9-1-1 and text is not available in your area, you will receive a bounce back mes-

sage advising "text is not available please make a voice call to 9-1-1."

Location accuracy varies by carrier and should not be relied upon. Be prepared to give your location.

Text to 9-1-1 service will not be available if the wireless carrier cannot ascertain a location of the device sending the message.

Text to 9-1-1 is not available if you are roaming.

A text or data plan is required to place a text to 9-1-1.

Photos and videos cannot be sent to 9-1-1. They cannot be received at the 9-1-1 center at this time.

Text messages should be sent in plain language and not contain popular abbreviations (SMH, LOL, ICYMI) or emojis, which will not be recognized.

Text to 9-1-1 cannot be sent to more than one person. Do not send your emergency text to anyone other than 9-1-1.

Texts must be in English only. There currently is no language interpretation for text available. This is still in development.

## Reorganization Underway On Angeles National Forest

**ARCADIA** - Angeles National Forest (ANF) Supervisor Jeffrey Vail is pleased to announce that, effective Oct. 1, 2017, the forest has reorganized from three to two ranger districts. The restructuring changes involve the creation of the Los Angeles Gateway ranger district and San Gabriel Mountains National Monument district. The Los Angeles River Ranger District, Santa Clara Mojave Rivers Ranger District, and the San Gabriel River Ranger District no longer exist.

According to Vail, "The reorganization reflects the need to ensure efficient management of the ANF as a result of the 2014 establishment of San Gabriel Mountains National Monument. These changes will be combined with greater opportunities for collaboration

and coordination with partners, increased resource capacity to the field, and improve our ability to provide recreation opportunities on the forest."

Signs on the ground and names on maps are the most noticeable modifications that visitors will see. In addition, the public may notice a realignment on the ANF website as district names are changed, recreation information updated, and other items such as project updates shifted. What they won't see are major changes at ANF offices and visitor centers as the scope and presence of Forest staff and volunteer support will be unaffected by the new organization.

Please contact the office or visitor center nearest your destination for current information before beginning a trip to the forest.

## New Portrait of Los Angeles County Reveals Five "LAs" from "Glittering" to "Precarious"

**LOS ANGELES** - A new report shows that some groups of Angelenos have the highest levels of well-being in the United States while others have some of the lowest. The findings are based on a cutting-edge formula that combines data on income, health, and education and offers an unprecedented portrait of LA County. The American HD Index measures how people are doing, offering a more accurate perspective on opportunity and well-being. A Portrait of Los Angeles County, commissioned by the LA County Office of Child Protection and funded by a consortium of fourteen grantmakers and the Los Angeles County Quality and Productivity Commission's Productivity Investment Fund, is expected to be used by County leaders in making future decisions about where to target resources. "The Portrait provides us with critical information about the well-being of communities that is greatly needed to effectively target prevention supports to the families who need them most," said Office of Child Protection executive director Judge Michael Nash.

LA County Supervisor and outgoing Board Chair Mark Ridley-

Thomas said, "The County has been prioritizing data collection and analysis to enable us to make smarter decisions to support the well-being of our 10 million residents. This report provides us with a portrait that can begin to immediately inform County decision-making."

On the ten-point HD Index scale, the highest- and lowest-scoring communities are separated by an astounding seven points. In LA County, San Marino, Manhattan Beach, and Palos Verdes Estates top the list, all scoring over 9.3 on the HD Index. Lennox, East Rancho Dominguez, and Florence-Graham each score lower than 2.7. Within the City of Los Angeles, the gap is even larger. Bel Air-Beverly Crest and Brentwood-Pacific Palisades are on top with scores of 9.51 and 9.24, respectively. Southeast LA is at the bottom with 2.26.

LA County Supervisor and incoming Board Chair Sheila Kuehl said, "This newer and smarter way of measuring well-being will allow us to understand how income, health and education all intersect to contribute to whether you and your community experience well-being or live at a

## The Wall That Heals Is Coming To San Dimas On March 22 Through March 25

*Vietnam Veterans Memorial Replica Wall and Mobile Education Center spreads healing legacy of The Wall and educates about the impact of the Vietnam War*

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** - The Wall That Heals, a replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, along with a mobile Education Center, is coming to San Dimas, California on March 22 through March 25, 2018 at Lone Hill Middle School, 700 S. Lone Hill, San Dimas and will be open 24 hours a day and free to the public. The Wall That Heals honors the more than three million Americans who served in the U.S. Armed forces in the Vietnam War and it bears the names of the more than 58,000 men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam.

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial is one of the most visited memorials in our nation's capital, with more than 5.3 million visitors each year. However, many Americans have not been able to visit what has become known to many as "The Wall." The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF), the organization that built The Wall in 1982, wants to give all veterans and their family members across America an opportunity to see the Memorial.

"VVMF is pleased to bring The Wall That Heals mobile exhibit to San Dimas to allow local veterans and their family members a chance to visit The Wall and honor and remember those who have served and sacrificed," said Jim Knotts, president and CEO of VVMF. "We hope it provides an opportunity for healing and an educational experience for the whole community on the impact of the Vietnam War on America."

More than 250,000 people visited The Wall That Heals in 2016. Since its debut in 1996, the exhibit has been on display in nearly 500 U.S. communities in addition to an April 1999 tour of the Four Provinces of Ireland and a visit to Canada in 2005. Host-

ing The Wall That Heals provides a community with a multi-day experience that includes an educational experience for local schools and organizations on the history of the Vietnam era and The Wall. The exhibit includes The Wall replica and a mobile Education Center comprised of: digital displays of photos of service members whose names are on The Wall; letters and memorabilia representative of items left at The Wall in D.C.; a map of Vietnam and a chronological overview of the Vietnam War. The exhibits tell the story of the Vietnam War, The Wall and the era surrounding the conflict, and are designed to put American experiences in Vietnam in a historical and cultural context.

VVMF coordinates local stops of The Wall That Heals and the accompanying mobile Education Center. The current schedule and more information can be found at: [www.thewallthatheals.org](http://www.thewallthatheals.org). The 2018 national The Wall That Heals tour is hauled through a partnership with the Truckload Carriers Association (TCA) and the trucking industry and generously sponsored by USAA. Local sponsors are

*About the half-scale replica*

The replica Wall is approximately 250 feet in length, and like the original Memorial is erected in a chevron-shape. The replica is constructed of powder-coated aluminum, supported by an aluminum frame, and is made up of 24 individual panels, each containing six columns of names.

The names on The Wall That Heals replicate the names on The Wall in Washington, D.C. As on The Wall, the names are listed alphabetically by day of casualty. Beginning at the center/apex, the names start on the East Wall

(right-hand side) working their way out to the end of that wing, picking up again at the far end of the West Wall (left-hand side) and working their way back in to the center/apex. Thus, the beginning and ending of the conflict are joined at the center, signifying an epoch in American history.

The Wall That Heals is transported from community to community by a trailer with cases built into its sides, allowing it to serve as a mobile Education Center that tells the story of the Vietnam War, The Wall and the divisive era in American history.

*About VVMF and the Education Center at The Wall*

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) is the nonprofit organization that built the Vietnam Veterans Memorial (The Wall) in Washington, D.C. in 1982. VVMF is dedicated to honoring and preserving the legacy of service in America and educating all generations about the impact of the Vietnam War and era through programs, ceremonies and education materials.

Three decades after building The Wall, the mission continues as VVMF raises funds to build the Education Center at The Wall. The Center will be an interactive learning facility on the National Mall where our military heroes' stories and sacrifice will never be forgotten. The Education Center will feature the faces and stories of the more than 58,000 men and women on The Wall and honor America's Legacy of Service, including those serving in our nation's Armed Forces today. Time Warner is the Lead Gift Benefactor in the campaign to build the Education Center at The Wall. To learn more about VVMF and the future Education Center at The Wall, visit [www.vvmf.org](http://www.vvmf.org) or call 202-393-0090.

## Tips For Keeping Your Home And Family Safe

The holiday season is a joyous time of year for millions of Americans across the country. Within the next month, online orders will be made, packages will arrive on doorsteps, and families will leave town to visit rela-

tives or take a holiday vacation. While these may seem innocuous, criminals may see the holiday season as a time to capitalize on gift-giving and holiday vacations.

Daniel Barry, University of Phoenix Las Vegas Campus chair for security & criminal justice programs and a retired Las Vegas Metro police captain, says Americans need to be on higher guard this time of year when criminals can be more active. There are simple ways families can protect themselves and their loved ones, he says.

"While the holidays are a special time for celebration and reflection, it is important to remain alert to the fact that criminals are aware that presents are being purchased and sent and families are leaving their homes unattended," Barry said. "The best way to ensure your family and your home are secure is by taking precautions to remove any openings for criminals to exploit."

Barry provides the following security tips for a safe, merry and bright holiday season:

1. Avoid scheduling package deliveries when you're out of town. Going away for the holidays means you and your home are more vulnerable to theft, particularly if packages start piling up on your doorstep. If you're planning to be away, consider having your packages delivered to a nearby retail store, P.O. box or friend's house. Make sure family members know not to send presents when you're not home.

2. Sign up for tracking numbers, package notifications and delivery signatures. Tracking numbers and text message or email delivery notifications can help you stay up-to-date on when your packages will arrive so you'll

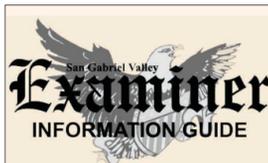
know if something has happened to them. Similarly, opting to require signatures on your packages will ensure that packages aren't delivered unless someone is home.

3. Set holiday lights on a timer. If you're heading out for a long night of holiday parties, protect your home from possible invasion by creating the appearance that someone is still there. Have your holiday lights on a timer and keep a TV on in your living room. If your family isn't keen on holiday decorations, consider putting lamps near windows on timers instead.

4. Put a video security system on your holiday wish list. Video security systems are the best option for defending your home while you're away or even inside. Ask your friends and family to consider gifting you the latest system, but be sure to suggest one with a corresponding mobile app.

5. Do not place empty boxes or packaging on the curb or outside your home. This is an unknowing way of advertising to thieves that you have a new computer, television or gaming station in your home. Always destroy your boxes and place in a garbage bag for pickup.

If you're interested in taking the next step to learn more about a criminal justice degree, University of Phoenix offers degrees and certificates that focus on security, public administration and criminal justice that teach the necessary hard and soft skills to pursue a career in criminal justice. Students learn how to make a difference in their communities, protect people and contribute to improving society. (NAP-SI)



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# What's Important at Christmas

**GLENDORA** - With Christmas approaching, as parents look for ways to "slow down" life and help their families focus on what's important, it's easy to get caught up in the busyness of the season. Add to the equation the changing landscape of youth today and navigating the focus of the holidays can become tricky.

Throughout the two decades David Newkirk has worked with youth as the Student Ministries Pastor at Church of the Open Door here in Glendora, he's seen quite a few changes:

"What is different now than it was in the mid 90's? A lot! The students speak a language that most adults don't understand. They can run circles around their parents when dealing with technology. Most of our students have an incredible feeling of freedom that comes with the technology available to them. Cognitively they love being able to contact a friend and see what everyone is doing so that they don't have to feel isolated or unknown."

The problem with the role of technology in the lives of youth today, as Newkirk notes, is that depression, anxiety and feelings of inadequacy are "sky rocketing."

"Meaningful moments in life are seen in snapshots now instead of in shared memories. "Remember when...?" has been exchanged for scrolling through ones photo library to find a picture to post on #TBT."

And yet, though much has changed, Newkirk observes, some things remain the same.

"Students 20 years ago and students today are still searching for

the same core truths. They want to know the same "whys" which have troubled minds for centuries. Why am I here? Why is their pain and evil in this world? Why can't I just do what feels good? The main difference that I've seen over the last 20 years is that students today are just more efficient at distracting themselves when these questions surface."

And Christmas time is a particularly heightened time of year for some to question the "whys" of life and experience feelings of loneliness.

"Each one of us tries to get into the Christmas spirit in our own unique manner. My wife and I are no different. We absolutely love this time of the year. We love getting wrapped up in the music, the traditions, the events. Some of us though, are lonely and we dread the holiday season because it reminds us of how alone we feel."

Here are three suggestions from Newkirk on how to prioritize life, underscore to our children what's truly important and, in the process, feel less alone at Christmas:

1. Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit
2. With humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourself
3. Do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others

To help make this a Christmas to remember, Church of the Open Door is bringing back a community favorite tradition, the Living Nativity.

"The Living Nativity is an incredible time for our community to come together and remem-

ber the birth and impact of Jesus Christ," Newkirk.

Newkirk notes that the youth will be participating in the Living Nativity in a myriad of ways - some will be singing in the choir, others will be acting as shepherds, wise men, angels, and even Mary and Joseph.

However, the most coveted position isn't in the choir or acting as Jesus' mom or dad, according to Newkirk, the most coveted position for the students is as sign twirlers.

"If you happen to drive by our church, you will see a number of students waving and twirling Living Nativity signs as they dance around on the streets of Glendora! The students love this amazing opportunity to be able to love and serve the community... and, loving and serving others at Christmas is what's important!" Newkirk.

The Living Nativity is December 15th, 16th and 17th from 6:00-9:00PM (the living nativity runs every half-hour). It's a free and fun Christmas event -- bring your family, friends and cameras. Come ready for hot cocoa, cookies and a few moments of reflection on the Christmas season.

Church of the Open Door is located at 701 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. in Glendora. For more information, please call the church office at (626) 914-4646 or visit [www.churchoftheopendoor.com](http://www.churchoftheopendoor.com)

*(Church of the Open Door, the historic non-denominational church established in 1915 was originally located in downtown Los Angeles; current Senior Pastor is David Anderson.)*

# Running On Parallel Tracks

I recently heard that a friend of mine had just completed his first novel. The next time I saw him I inquired as to the number of words he had written. His best guess put it around 100,000.

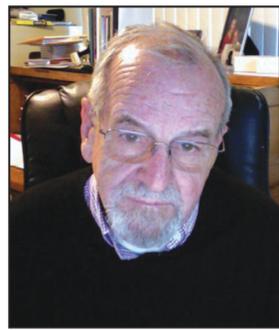
Another friend had recently purchased an electric car. I asked him how many miles it could travel before the battery had to be re-charged. He said that 300 would be a safe figure. A hundred thousand words for a novel, and 300 miles for a Tesla.

While I have written a number of books whose word output is 40,000 to 50,000, as a columnist my present limit is more like a Tesla than a novel. In recent years when my word tank nears "800" I may be close to running out of gas. The task of refilling the tank and making it ready for next week's 800 words consumes much of my week. For every hour I spend actually "driving," I probably spend five getting ready to hit the road—or in my case, the keyboard. My recharging stations are the internet, multiple conversations, e-mails and libraries. If I attempt to write without first doing the research, the quality of what I do produce goes downhill and I will end up in some nasty word-ditch. I have a few critics who are ready to skin me alive any time it is clear to them that I haven't spend enough disciplined time at my various recharging stations. I welcome their judgment.

While I manage to read a number of books each month, I don't usually use my weekly 800 word tank to review them. But now and then I come across a book that analyzes the dynamics of history in such clear and insightful language that I want to point my readers in its direction. So here is my brief review of *Evangelicalism and the Decline of American Politics* by Jan G. Linn, Cascade Books Eugene, Oregon 2017

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*For the sake of honesty you need to know that Jan is an old*



Charles H. Bayer

friend of mine, and I have followed his career as a Seminary Professor and a Pastor with great interest. A few weeks ago I asked for and received from him permission to run one of his blogs as my weekly column. We have that kind of a relationship.

Linn grew up in Lynchburg, Virginia, a small southern city until recently dominated by Jerry Falwell, one of the dominant figures of the Evangelical movement. Falwell's son has followed in his father's footprint and is currently the President of his father's Liberty University.

For the past decades as seminary professor and congregational pastor, Linn has been a keen observer of evangelicalism from the perspective of someone who knows both the language and the mindset of that conservative form of the Christian faith. At the same time, he has been a careful observer and critic of right-wing politics.

In this, his latest book, Linn analyzes both perspectives and concludes that they run on parallel tracks and have been doing so for a long time. While for most of us it has rarely been clear about which is the hand and which is the glove, Linn finds them consistently reinforcing each other, resulting in the savaging of both American culture and the Christian faith.

If a religious perspective is articulated by evangelicals, in short order, the identical perspective will be taken up by political conservatives. Birth con-

trol, abortion, and gay marriage all started out as evangelical issues but very soon were taken up by political conservatives as their issues.

On the other hand when political conservatives suggest that control of immigration, cutting taxes and paying for these cuts by slicing social spending, one will expect to see evangelical Christians soon taking on that issue as theirs. Linn deals with these and similar matters and sees them as parallel concerns.

This leave partly unanswered the issue that Linn alludes to and needs to offer a more extensive answer in what we hope will be his next book: what is the common root that has produced these parallel strains? Neither evangelicalism or conservative politics alone offers a sufficient answer. We are therefore driven to look for a deeper world view with sufficient strength to generate the popular appeal of both conservative politics and Christian evangelicalism. While Linn alludes to the need for such a quest one can find it in a careful reading between the lines.

Perhaps this common root-age lies in the notion that we see humanity as composed of isolated individuals who must make it on their own, over against the notion that we are all bound in communities of mutual need, and that we all finally depend on one another. That indeed is what the best of both religious faith and American politics offers.

So does life consist of the survival of the fittest and the luckiest, or must we at best find ourselves in communities dedicated to meeting the needs of one another for the common good. I await Linn's answer to this underlying question. In the meantime Evangelicalism and the Decline of American Politics opens the door to that conversation.

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# "TIME JOCKEY" - Final Days

By Joe Castillo

**Presidential Change...** The Los Angeles Times covered the story of President Nixon's resignation nearly every day leading up to the day he left the White House on Friday August 9, 1974 but it was the final three days which history shall remember most. Impeachment proceeding were in full stride in spite of the President's insistence that he would fight against any impeachment charge. The Senate needed 67 of 100 votes for impeachment and in a poll of senators, only 10 were expected to vote against Nixon's removal. A plan was drafted to send a delegation of Republican Senators to the President to ask him to resign his office and let Vice President Ford take over.

Senator Hugh Scott, Senator Barry Goldwater and Rep. John Rhodes all met with the President in conferences over a 2-day period to try and persuade him to resign. They left the meetings failing to get a final agreement. Another group of GOP leaders were trying to identify a Vice Presidential candidate, someone who would not want to run for the office of President in the 1980 election. Nelson Rockefeller was considered the front-runner to be the next Vice President to succeed Ford who had been appointed less than a year earlier. It became the first and only time a President and Vice President

held office after neither was elected to the office.

In 1963, following President Kennedy's assassination, Lyndon Johnson waited months before Sen. Hubert Humphrey was appointed to the No. 2 position. Since that time, new congressional rules had been established to appoint a Vice President as soon as possible, even though a time deadline was not defined.

When Vice President Agnew resigned, President Nixon thought about selecting John B. Connolly as the next VP but instead was persuaded to select Ford. Ford was probably the best choice as Connolly was convicted of federal crimes including bribery shortly after Ford was appointed to be the Vice President. The Gallup Poll showed that 64% of the public favored Nixon's impeachment while 55% favored his removal. It was the biggest jump against the President over the previous year, who just 2 months earlier had 50% of the public support. Democrats supported impeachment by a 73% to

13% margin while Republicans were against impeachment 51% to 49%.

Despite mounting disapproval ratings, President Nixon met with his entire cabinet and told them that he would never resign but cabinet members should get ready for a prolonged impeachment battle. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger made an emotional appeal to the other members of the Cabinet to continue to keep the government working to ensure the continuation of the government and a strong economy. The public only saw the pressure being placed on President Nixon to resign and Congress taking action to impeach him but behind the scenes there was much more taking place in the final days of the Nixon Administration.

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## Library Events at a Glance

**GLENDORA** - Glendora Public Library has something for everyone! All of these events are proudly presented by the Glendora Public Library and GPL Friends Foundation.

*Sit and Stitch*  
December 7, 11:30 am /

### Friends Room

Meets the first Thursday of every month—bring a project you are working on, share ideas, meet new people, learn a new skill and have a good chat. Refreshments are served.

*Model Train Display*  
December 9, 10 am – 3 pm / Friends Room

Just in Time for the Holidays... An N scale operating train layout at the Library, including Southern California orange groves, Thomas the Tank Engine, Metrolink, Amtrak and more.

*Holiday Craft Week*  
December 11 – 16 / Children's Room

Celebrate the holidays with crafts in the Children's Room.

*Winter Reading Challenge*  
December 11 – January 27, 2018

*Celebrate National Cocoa Day*  
December 13, 10 am – 12 pm  
Enjoy a hot cup of cocoa at the library.

# Works and Wonders

There's a lot to celebrate in December. Some things are momentous, some worthy of simple gratitude. Thanks to "On this Day - The New York Times," here's an assortment of historical December events to savor. May they remind us of courage, hope, joy, beauty, inventiveness, and optimism - whether on a large scale or small.

1 December 1955: Rosa Parks, a black seamstress, defied the law by refusing to give up her seat to a white man aboard a Montgomery, Ala., city bus.

3 December 1967: Surgeons in Cape Town, South Africa, led by Dr. Christiaan Barnard performed the first human heart transplant.

10 December 1964: The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. received the Nobel Peace Prize during ceremonies in Oslo, Norway.

11 December 1946: UNICEF (the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund) was established.

15 December 1939: The movie "Gone With the Wind" had its world premiere in Atlanta.

16 December 1773: The Boston Tea Party took place as American colonists boarded a British ship and dumped more than 300 chests of tea overboard to protest tea taxes.

17 December 1903: Orville and Wilbur Wright made the first successful man-powered airplane flight, near Kitty Hawk, N.C.

18 December 1892: Peter Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker Suite" premiered in St. Petersburg, Russia.

19 December 1843: Charles Dickens' Yuletide tale, "A Christmas Carol," was first published in



Janet Stone

present-day Plymouth, Mass.

23 December 1823: The poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas" by Clement C. Moore was first published, in the Troy (N.Y.) Sentinel.

25 December 1818: "Silent Night" was performed for the first time, at the Church of St. Nikolaus in Oberndorf, Austria.

27 December 1968: Apollo 8, the first spaceflight to orbit the moon, returned to Earth.

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# How Could 20% Corporate Rates Become Affordable?

Higher individual taxes on personal earnings or other household income SHOULD NOT be needed to offset America's lost revenue because of proposed lower corporate tax rates! However, Corporate Shareholders should (eventually) pay for proposed lower income taxes paid by Corporations! Specifically, all "value gains" on transfers of appreciated stock or other financial assets could become taxable at rates needed to offset America's revenue loss from significant corporate tax rate reduction.

Today 35% rates provide American Corporations a 65% retention of taxable profit which benefit respective shareholders via value appreciation, dividends and/or capital gains. A 20% income tax rate would provide Corporations with 80% taxable profit retention (benefitting those Corporations and their shareholders significant more than today). If all subsequent transfers of appreciated stock or receipt of dividends or capital gain from asset sales generated Federal Tax at a 25% rate, that should eventually generate more revenue for America than a 35% Corporate tax rate with no collection of any tax when appreciated assets owned by the extremely wealthy are allowed to be transferred without paying any tax!

Equitable tax laws should not allow the Soros's or Buffett's of this country to avoid capital gains taxes on appreciated assets! Equitable tax laws would not allow charitable contribution deductions for transfer of appreciated assets to "charitable trusts" personally controlled by wealthy individuals or their families.

The easiest way for America to afford 20% corporate tax rates would be to tax ALL transfers of appreciated assets at a capital gain / dividend rate of 25%! (That would include taxing gifts of those assets to personally controlled family foundations or estate transfers after death). In the case of taxes on estates, the 25% asset transfer gain tax could become a credit if federal estate taxes also were collected on those same appreciated assets (based on a prorated allocation of the entire estate). Not changing current estate tax rates or exemption levels obviously would also help keep any individual taxes from increasing to fund beneficial "tax reform".

Two Republican Senators pushing for lower "pass through entity" taxes (when over half of that income goes to top 1% earners) is discouraging. It is very disap-

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**KEN HERMAN**  
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pointing that Senate Republicans cannot agree on a more equitable bill to submit for reconciliation with the "benefit the rich" House bill. Even though current Republican tax proposals are not as equitable as possible, a stimulated economy (from lower corporate taxes) would increase incomes and tax receipts. A less than perfect tax bill may be better than no tax bill!

Will the New Fed Chairman Learn from History?

America's central bank was born in 1913 but it was conceived in the Panic of 1907. On November 15, 1907, the Dow Jones Industrials bottomed out at 38.83, almost 50% below its peak of 75.45 set on January 19, 1906. The Dow wouldn't surpass its 1906 high until 1916, but the 1907 Panic was relatively short-lived because private super-banker J.P. Morgan personally saved the nation by providing overnight credit and forcing other bankers to follow his lead. After the dust settled, however, Morgan, age 70, said he didn't want to play Superman anymore, so he advised Congress to create some kind of central bank.

Initially, the Fed fueled too much liquidity during World War I. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose by a total of 83% in four years: 1916 (+12.6%), 1917 (+18.1%), 1918 (+20.4%), and 1919 (+14.5%). Then, the Fed slammed on the brakes in 1920, causing a flash Depression. The rate of CPI deflation in 1921 was -10.8%, followed by 2.3% deflation in 1922. Monetarily, the Roaring 20s didn't roar much.

After the stock market crash of 1929, however, the Fed cut the money supply by a third, resulting in three years of steeply plunging prices: -6.4% in 1930, -9.3% (1931), and -10.3% (1932). From 1920 to 1932, the CPI fell by 32.5%, but if you add up all the wild swings of inflation (1915-19) and deflation (1920-32), the average inflation rate (1913-32) would be 1.5%. That shows why so many "averages" are misleading!

The good news is that the Fed earned its sea legs and enjoyed 35 years of fairly stable management under two long-serving Fed Chairmen: Marriner Stoddard Eccles (serving 1934-1948) and William McChesney Martin (1951-1970). They helped engineer America's mid-Depression recovery and our greatest decades of postwar growth.

The Fed then lost its way under Nixon's appointment of Arthur Burns (Fed Chairman, 1970-78). He responded to political pressure for more liquidity by letting the inflation genie out of the bottle. Then, Paul Volcker (serving 1979-87) throttled inflation back into a manageable range of 1% to 5% after 1983.

Unfortunately, the last three Fed Chairmen have spent a lot of their time fighting "phantom inflation."

President Donald Trump just nominated Jerome Powell as the 16th Chairman of the Federal Reserve. The two most recent Fed Chairs (Ben Bernanke and Janet Yellen) have been gun-shy about a fragile economy after the 2008 financial crisis, so they kept key short-term rates abnormally low - below 1% for almost a decade. Now, the Fed is gingerly taking rates above 1%, still low by historical standards.

Before Bernanke, Alan Greenspan was the Fed Chairman for a near-record 18+ years.

Fed Chairmen, like military generals, tend to fight the current war based on the realities of the last war rather than focusing on the new weapons deployed by the current enemy. War has changed drastically and so has monetary economics. It is important to fight the risk of real inflation, but not phantom inflation.

New York Federal Reserve President William Dudley announced last week that he will be following Fed Chairman Janet Yellen and Vice Chairman Stanley Fischer into retirement. So, effectively, the top three Fed officials are making way for new Fed Chairman Jerome Powell to reshape the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) when he takes over on February 3rd. The new Fed Chairman-designate is perceived to be more market friendly and open to tax reform than his predecessors, which should help boost stocks.

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I welcome your questions and comments: kenherman46@hotmail.com

# Your Money - Ask Julia

Would you please clarify what the new tax plan will be?

There is much *speculative* news about what the new tax plan could mean to you. However, at this time, there is no new tax plan. There are drafts, preliminary versions, from primarily the Democrats and from primarily the Republicans. These drafts go to a committee which will, hopefully, come up with a new tax plan document that both Democrats and Republicans are willing to compromise. You can be assured that these changes will not please everybody. If you want your opinion known, you should contact your representatives and voice your desires, based on what information has been in the news and online.

**My aunt recently died. She'd named me as the beneficiary on her annuity. Is this like life insurance? How do I make the claim?**

I am so sorry to hear about your loss. How you file the claim and receive that payout depends on that specific annuity policy's rules, whether or not it's within a trust, or if your aunt set up any other payout guidelines. For right now, do nothing until you thoroughly review the annuity policy. A life insurance agent, or a call to the annuity company, would be helpful. Trying to make the claim incorrectly can result in a considerable loss of funds.

**Is there a way for me to legally increase my taxable deductions for 2017?**

If you are a homeowner, make your January mortgage payment in December so that you get that extra amount of interest deduc-



**Julia Yoder**

tion. If you are close to reaching the limit for the medical expenses deduction, and were putting off a medical procedure until 2018, reschedule for 2017. Or, purchase a long-term care insurance policy, as this also counts under the medical deduction. Making a contribution to an individual IRA might help, too. If you are a business owner or independent contractor, you could buy items in 2017 (see IRS Schedule C) for use in 2018. It would be best talk with a CPA.

**Which is best: an annuity, or life insurance with a cash account?**

It depends on your specific situation and needs, and what you want that investment to do for you. Each product has its own advantages. Life insurance offers you a higher payout for your beneficiaries if you were to pass sooner than later, and some of the money you pay is used to cover the premium. Life insurance with a cash account offers you the death benefit, plus the tax-advantaged potential pot of money to access while you are alive. Annuities can be a way to save for

retirement, with company-backed guarantees that you cannot lose your money. There are long-term annuities, and there are immediate annuities with scheduled monthly or annual payouts. If you don't qualify for life insurance, it's a simple choice to go with an annuity.

**Other than the obvious, what are the advantages and disadvantages of annuities with a bonus compared to those without a bonus?**

Annuities with a bonus often offer to pay lower interest rates, whereas annuities without a bonus sometimes offer a higher interest rate. It's all a matter of figuring out what's best for each individual. Although I can inform you through this column, it's in a very general way, for your education. Each person has their own current situation along with different goals on what they want their money to do for them. An individual analysis of these details is necessary to determine what is most suitable for you.

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# Strategies to Lower Your Taxes

**By Jerome Horton**  
Board of Equalization Member

People have asked, "Will the Republican tax plan affect me this year?" and "What can I do to reduce my taxes?" The short answer to the first question is: no, the Republican plan will not affect your 2017 tax filing and there are no plans to make the act retroactive. If a version of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act does become law by year-end, under the House version most of the provisions would take effect January 1, 2018, and be reported on your 2019 return, while the Senate version would go into effect on January 1, 2019, and be reported on your return in 2020.

To answer the second question, you can reduce your taxes for the 2017 tax year by following through on your year-end tax reduction plan based on the current laws; continuing to deduct such items as your state income or sales taxes, property taxes, mortgage interest, and charitable contributions; and taking the dependent deduction.

If you are new to tax planning, some simple strategies to reduce your tax liability include making a charitable contribution to your

favorite charity, increasing contributions to your retirement account, prepaying your property taxes, doubling down on your mortgage interest, accelerating your medical and dental expenses, and taking advantage of the annual gift tax exclusion on gift and/or estate taxes. You can also consider giving gifts through a 529 education plan to help save for college. The tax code allows up to five years of gift tax exclusions in a single year, which is as much as \$70,000 per recipient or \$140,000 per recipient for married couples.

Plan to file for the refundable federal earned income tax credit of up to \$6,500 if you earned less than \$56,000 - even if you are not required to file because you do not meet the minimum income requirements to file. Every year, \$1.8 billion in federal refunds go unclaimed, and upwards of \$100 million in state refunds go unclaimed and are deposited into the state general fund. Last year, my office helped seniors and qualified working families claim upwards of \$14 million in tax credits and we will continue to support the program

this year.

Several readers also asked if the gas taxes will continue to go up indefinitely. The answer is yes: the gas tax legislation that became effective November 1, 2017, called for the tax on gasoline to increase 12 cents (\$0.12) in November 2017 to 41.7 cents (\$0.417) a gallon - and the tax will increase an additional 5.6 cents (\$0.056) a gallon for a total of 47.3 cents (\$0.473) a gallon in 2019 and, beginning in 2020, it will continue to increase indefinitely, based on the California Consumer Price Index.

*Board of Equalization Member Jerome Horton has 37 years of experience in public and tax policy as a member of the Inglewood City Council, California State Legislature, California Workforce Investment and Cultural Endowment Board, and the California Medical Commission.*

*For more information about free income tax preparation and the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, visit Member Horton's website at <http://www.boe.ca.gov/members/horton/freetaxhelp/>.*

## THE CAR GURU

WHAT YOU "AUTO" KNOW

By Gene Morrill - Certified Automotive Specialists

# Abraham Lincoln and Tire Tread

Customers look at me strangely when I tell them they can use the Abraham Lincoln method to test their tire tread. Actually we are talking about using a penny. Place the penny with the tire's grooves and channels. Insert the penny so that Abraham Lincoln's head faces downward. If the tire tread hides his face, your tires don't need to be replaced. If you can see all of Abe's face, it is time to replace your tires!

Keeping tires properly inflated increases their service life. Under-inflated tires lose tread around the outside edges. Over-inflated tires lose tread near the center. Your car care provider

should rotate the tires every six months to help prevent tread wear.

Also, properly inflated tires will save you more than a penny; improper inflation can cause a loss of 1-3% of your fuel economy. Many cars have tire monitoring systems to ensure correct pressure, please don't ignore them.

When it is time to buy new tires, make sure they match the specs listed on the car's placard that can be found in the glove box, the gas filler door, on a car door edge or on a visor. All four tires need to be the correct size, all the same size; all have the same construction and speed rating.

All four tires need to be balanced and aligned. Last note on tires: shop smart and ask questions. Less expensive tires can also cost MPG, so explore all your tire brand options.

Your car care provider will keep an eye on your tires, most times for free, and know exactly which tires are best for your vehicle when it is time to replace them.

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# Waste Management Encourages Residents to Recycle their Christmas Trees after Holiday Festivities

This year, after the presents are opened and the ornaments are removed from the once-sparkling Christmas tree, Waste Management invites residents in the San Gabriel Valley to recycle their tree through its curbside tree collection program. In addition, Waste Management reminds customers there will be a one day service delay following Christmas and New Year's Day.

Curbside tree collection for residents in the following cities/areas will take place on the following dates on customers' scheduled collection day:

- Arcadia:** Dec. 28 through Jan. 10
- Baldwin Park:** Dec. 30 and Jan. 6
- Diamond Bar:** Dec. 26 through Jan. 13
- La Verne:** Dec. 26 through Jan. 2
- Pomona:** Dec. 26 through Jan. 13
- San Dimas:** Dec. 27 through Jan. 9

- When placing trees on the curb for collection, customers should follow these guidelines:
  - Remove all decorations, in-

cluding tinsel, lights, ornaments and tree stands, and place your tree on the curb for recycling. Please do not block carts.

- Trees taller than six feet must be cut in half.

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# Around the Valley & Senior News

## AZUSA

### Volunteer Drivers Needed

Do you have some extra time to spare? Are you a good driver? The Azusa Senior Center has a great volunteer opportunity for you! The Azusa Senior Center is currently recruiting volunteer drivers to deliver lunches to our homebound seniors in the city of Azusa between the hours of 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. If you are interested, please contact Lynda Prewitt for more information at (626) 812-5204, ext. 5303.

### TOPS Meeting

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) #950 Azusa has been serving the San Gabriel Valley since 1967 and has successfully supported and assisted men and women in their pursuit to lose weight. Through group support to start living the good life by eating healthy and doing exercise.

TOPS is a non-profit weight loss group which meets weekly every Thursday at 9:00AM to 11:00AM at Soldano Senior Village in their meeting room in Azusa. There is no obligation, all visitors are welcome.

For more information, call Norm Klemz, 626-967-8829

## ARCADIA

### Orchid Hobbyists Meeting

San Gabriel Valley Orchid Hobbyists invites you to our **December 21** Monthly Meeting at the L.A. County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave. Arcadia. Judging at 7:00 p.m., Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Our Open Forum on Orchids will cover Questions and Answers. Refreshments. All are welcome.

### Arcadia Senior Card Club Looking For New Members

The Arcadia Senior Card Club is accepting new members. Arcadia residency is not required. Play contract bridge or pinochle. The group meets at the Assistance League Community House, 100 So. Santa Anita Avenue every Monday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Lunch is provided for a nominal fee or bring your own lunch.

The group is open to men and women 50 or older. The annual dues are \$5.00. For more information call 626-281-6771.

### BALDWIN PARK Annual Christmas Dance

Come celebrate and dance during the holiday at the Julia McNeill Senior Center on Saturday, **December 9th** from 6:00 pm - 11:00 pm. There will be live music performance by Chico the Band, raffles, and much more! Hot meals will also be available for a nominal fee of \$6.00. \$15 for pre-sale tickets and \$20 at the door. For more event information, please visit the Julia McNeill Senior Center or call (626) 813-5245, Ext. 323.

### Day of the Lady Guadalupe Cultural Celebration

Come join us on Tuesday, **December 12th** from 9:00 am - 11:30 am for a day of cultural festivities. A cultural presentation will be provided followed by performances by Coyolxauhqui Telpochcalli Aztec Dance Group, and Mariachi Juevenil Grullense. An altar dedicated to the Virgin of Guadalupe, will be present. Coffee and sweetbread will be provided. Tickets are \$5.

### McNeill Fitness Program

A challenging but accessible workout regimen, which includes basic calisthenics, arm workouts, legs and torso, and a steady run/walk around Morgan Park. Nutritional guidance is also offered. Eating well and ex-

ercising will not only improve your overall health, but also improves your mood and energy levels. Group meets in senior center dining hall Monday through Thursday from 8:00am - 9:00am. This class is free to participate. For more information on the class or registering, please visit the Julia McNeill Senior Center or call (626) 813-5245, Ext. 323

## DUARTE

### Winter Solstice Craft Fair & Flea Market

Handcrafts, vintage items, antiques, local author book signings, entertainment, food and holiday fun will fill the day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Andres Duarte Statue Plaza and adjacent Grace Fellowship Church, 1551 Huntington Drive in Duarte on **December 9.**

A vendor registration application is available on [www.insidesocal.com/66](http://www.insidesocal.com/66). Call Karen Levein at (626) 201-1449 or [k.levain@gmail.com](mailto:k.levain@gmail.com) for further information. The Fair is sponsored by the Duarte Historical Society & Museum. Fair admission is free.

### Hot Lunches at Senior Center

The Senior Center serves hot lunches Monday through Friday to individuals over 60 years, or the spouse of someone over age 60, and must check in by 11:45 a.m. for lunch. Reservations are requested by calling 357-3513, 24 hours in advance, and 48 hours, in advance, for a choice day. The suggested donation is \$3. The Duarte Senior Center is located at 1610 Huntington Drive.

### Alzheimer's Safe Return Registration

Safe return is a service of the Alzheimer's Association to help identify, locate and return Alzheimer's victims who wander and become lost. The one time registration includes identification items, preventative information, membership in the Alzheimer's Association, and participation in a nationwide search system. Call the Duarte Senior Center at 357-3513 for an ap-

pointment.

## GLENDORA

### Alzheimer's Peer Support Group

Caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's can be frustrating, challenging, and sometimes distressful. This peer support group is designed to share experiences, coping strategies, information, and ideas with each other, and to offer understanding and encouragement to one another. We meet the **2nd Thursday of each month** from 6:30-8:30 pm at Glenkirk Church, 1700 Palopinto Ave., Glendora, in Room #11. We caregivers look forward to lifting each other up as we journey through this season of life. For more info, visit [glenkirkchurch.org](http://glenkirkchurch.org) or call Glenkirk's church office at (626) 914-4833.

### Glendora After Stroke Center

A non-fee program for stroke survivors and their families. This supportive program offers re-learning (reading, writing, speech), caregiver support, current events, card games, snacks, resocialization, exercise, music, speakers, day field trips, and stroke support. Lunch is available (\$3 senior lunch or \$2.75 deli sandwich). For more information, please call Sonia Schupbach at (626) 963-6186. The program is **Wednesdays** 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Co-sponsored by The After Stroke Center and the Glendora Community Services Department.

### Cars 4 the Community

Glendora Rotary has a new and exciting vehicle donation program, called Cars 4 the Community. We are asking for your old car, boat, motorcycle or RV, running or not, be donated and receive a 100% tax deduction for the proceeds.

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## MONROVIA

### Senior Blood

### Pressure Screenings

The Department of Community Services invites active adults and seniors, 50 years and older, to attend a monthly blood pressure screening. The free program is hosted by Methodist Hospital. The program is designed to detect high blood pressure. For additional information, please contact the Department of Community Services at (626) 256-8246.

Blood Pressure Screenings is at the Community Center, 119 West Palm Avenue on the **Second Tuesday of the month** from 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. and on the **Fourth Wednesday of the month** from 9:00am - 10:00am

### Caring Crafters

If you have an interest in knitting, crocheting and hand work or would like to learn, join us at the Monrovia Community Center **every Wednesday**. The Friendly Crafters is a social group that meets every Wednesday from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and is designed to foster friendships and provide social opportunities while crocheting and knitting. The group always welcomes new participants to teach and share new ideas! This free program is offered to all Seniors and Active Adults! Crafters meet every Wednesday from 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Monrovia Community Center.

### Senior Stretch & Exercise Class

Stretching is essential for our bodies. The Department of Community Services invites seniors to join our weekly senior stretching and exercise class. The class includes stretching techniques geared toward seniors

over 50, though the class is great for anyone in need of a good routine. Movement increases range of motion, relaxation, and decreases risk of injury. Participants should wear comfortable clothing and shoes. Bring a towel and bottled water. For additional information, please contact the Department of Community Services at (626) 256-8246.

Classes are at the Community Center, 119 West Palm Avenue on Mondays from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Fee: \$2 per class.

## SAN DIMAS

### San Dimas

### Toastmasters Club

The San Dimas chapter of Toastmasters International, Toast To The Best Club, Club # 5880 meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday from 7PM to 8:45 PM. Learn to motivate and lead. Challenge yourself with Toastmaster's proven education programs. Let us help you grow your strengths and accomplish your goals. Become a better speaker and learn to communicate with confidence. Learn these skills and more in a supportive, self-paced, fun atmosphere. Meets at the Faith Lutheran Church, Parish Hall, 505 E Bonita Ave. Contact Art Douglas at (951) 505-0555.

## WEST COVINA

### December Meeting of Republican Women

The Christmas luncheon meeting of the Republican women will be at the lovely South Hills Country Club located at 2655 So. Citrus, West Covina, on Friday, **December 8.** Social is 10:30 and the meeting begins at 11:00. Dr. Forest Tennant will install the new officers followed by lunch at noon. The highly acclaimed Wescovaires under the direction of Tyler Wigglesworth will present a Christmas program of music. The choir has been invited to appear at Carnegie Hall in New York next year. For more information and reservations, please call (626) 378-7244. Guests are welcome

## TOPS Meeting

TOPS (Take Pounds Off Sensibly) meets **every Thursday** at 6 pm at the West Covina Senior Center, 2501 E. Cortez St in the classroom building. The weight loss group seeks members who wish to lose weight and maintain a healthy lifestyle. Meetings last until about 7:30 and the first meeting is free. Visitors are always welcome. Come for support with your weight loss journey. You can do it! For more information, contact Erika Hernandez 626-384-0502 or email: [ehernandez57@aol.com](mailto:ehernandez57@aol.com)

### Go West Shuttle Service

The Go West Shuttle service consists of three alignments (Red, Blue, and Green) that serve destinations throughout the city including Plaza West Covina, Eastland Shopping Center, Heights Shopping Center, West Covina Civic Center, West Covina Senior Center, Cameron Community Center, and many more.

- For questions on the location of shuttle stops, assistance in locating the stop closest to you, and route schedules please call (800) 425-5777.

- The fixed-route service operates Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

- The fare is only \$1.00 each way.
- No Service on Thanksgiving, Day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, President's Day, Labor Day, Memorial Day, and Independence Day.

### Senior Lunch

The West Covina Senior Center has an award-winning lunch program that provides a **daily lunch service** for seniors, Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m. The lunch program is funded in part by the Los Angeles County Area Agency on Aging.

There is a suggested lunch donation of \$2.00 for those 60 years and older. Persons younger than 60 years old pay \$4.00, and persons with disabilities younger than 60 years pay \$3.00. West Covina Senior Citizens Center is at 2501 East Cortez Street.

## Annual 'Wish Lists' For Holiday Gifts For The Kids Now 'Ready For Santa' At Haynes Family Of Programs

**LA VERNE** - While Santa's helpers everywhere are going back to work at this time of year, those interested in helping give the kids at the Haynes Family of Programs in La Verne something to wish for this Christmas can pick up a wish list for holiday gifts - and then, of course, they are invited - along with everyone else - to come back for the annual gift wrap party and holiday lighting festivities.

Children's "wish lists" with plenty of gift-giving ideas, de-

signed to make sure every child has a gift to open on Christmas morning, are now available - either by e-mail or by picking up handwritten "Santa cards" - at Haynes Family of Programs.

The wish lists provide an opportunity each year for members of the community to help bring holiday cheer to the 36 boys and teens in residence (ages 7 to 18) and 210 boys, girls and teens with autism, developmental and learning disabilities attending school on the La Verne campus (ages 5

to 22).

Community members also can fulfill a child's holiday wish by donating a gift card (to Target, Walmart, Visa, movie tickets, etc.), donating unwrapped gifts that will be matched to a child's wish list, or making a tax-deductible donation to help support the Haynes Family of Programs holiday gift campaign and activities for the children.

Gifts typically average \$40 in value and should be delivered to the Haynes campus by **Friday, Dec. 8.**

In addition, volunteers are invited to join the annual holiday gift wrapping party from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, to help wrap gifts and enjoy holiday treats. Volunteers or groups of volunteers are asked to bring wrapping paper, tape and gift tags.

For more information, contact (909) 593-2581, ext. 583.

## Christmas Boat Parade in Newport Beach

**BALDWIN PARK** - Spend a relaxing evening under the stars cruising Newport Bay aboard a fully decorated parade ship. Experience all of the holiday activities and décor centering around the boat parade in this 90 minute tour. With all of the holiday décor, activities and amazing light displays, you don't want to miss out on this! Before arriving to Newport Beach, we will make a stop in Costa Mesa where you can eat or shop at Metro Pointe at South Coast, an outdoor shopping center. We will also make a quick stroll through the Brea

Christmas Lights Neighborhood before heading home. Limited tickets! Baldwin Park Resident ticket is \$35. Non-resident ticket is \$40. Christmas Boat Parade trip is on Thursday, **December 14**; 2:00 pm - 8:30 pm. For more information, call the Baldwin Park Senior Center.

The monthly schedule is available at the senior center or you can visit the website at [www.baldwinpark.com](http://www.baldwinpark.com). To request your calendar via email, you can request it at [TTours@baldwinpark.com](mailto:TTours@baldwinpark.com) or call (626) 813-5245 Ext., 564.

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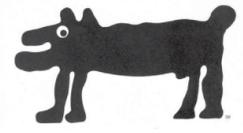
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# Citrus College Hosts Groundbreaking for 12.3-mile Foothill Gold Line Light Rail Extension, Glendora to Montclair Segment



Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti and Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority CEO Habib Balian join Citrus College Superintendent/President Geraldine M. Perri, Ph.D., and the Citrus Community College Board of Trustees to celebrate the groundbreaking of the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension.

GLENDORA - Citrus College had the distinct honor of providing the location for Saturday's groundbreaking ceremony celebrating the start of construction on the next phase of the Foothill Gold Line light rail extension from Glendora to Montclair.

"Today's ceremony marks a milestone for both transportation and higher education for our region," said Geraldine M. Perri, Ph.D., superintendent/president of Citrus College. "Because of the Gold Line's proximity to more than 15 institutions of higher education, the completion of the Foothill Extension to Montclair will open doors to educational opportunity for thousands of students for generations to come."

Along with an estimated crowd of 600, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) and the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension

Construction Authority joined with local, state, and federal officials in the San Gabriel Valley to celebrate the groundbreaking.

Citrus College was selected as the site for the event due to its location, which is less than a block from the APU/Citrus College Station, and because of its dynamic advocacy efforts on behalf of the Gold Line spanning more than a decade.

"In breaking ground on the next phase of the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension, we are opening a new chapter in transportation that will connect the Inland Empire to the San Gabriel Valley and all of Southern California," said Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees President Barbara R. Dickerson.

The extension will be the first rail line to begin construction from a multitude of new transit projects funded by Metro's Mea-

sure M half-cent transportation sales tax approved by L.A. County voters in November 2016.

# Ribbon Cutting and Grand Reopening for Emergency Pet Hospital of Glendora



GLENDORA - The Glendora Chamber of Commerce hosted a Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening for the Emergency Pet Hospital of Glendora. This Emergency pet hospital is fully equipped for all

your pet and veterinarian needs, including dog boarding!

Emergency Pet Hospital of Glendora was represented by Business Manager Dale Hwang, Veterinarian Roy Hwang, General Manager Sam Vaquera, along with their family, friends, staff and community members. From the Office of State Senator Anthony Portantino was Marco Lundgren. And from the Office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger was representative Sandra Maravilla. Representing the City of Glendora was Mayor Gary Boyer, and councilmembers Karen Davis and Michael Allowos. The Glendora Chamber Board was represented by Board Members Phil Goss, Bill Ruh, Ken Salzman, Diedre Young, Marilyn Sparks and DJ Jafari along with Ambassador Karen Colasanti. Chamber Staff present were Business Development Coordinator Amy Elzik and President/CEO Joe

Cina.

Emergency Pet of Hospital of Glendora is fully equipped with the latest in diagnostic technology and equipment on premises. Their highly qualified licensed veterinarians and technicians have the experience and proficiency to provide critical care including pain relief, stabilization, and immediate life-saving surgery as needed. Their mission is to provide the highest quality urgent veterinary services in the case of injury or illness. They treat all patients with the care and service they would expect for their own family pets.

Emergency Pet Hospital of Glendora is conveniently located at: 500 S Glendora Avenue Glendora, CA 91740, stop by for all your Emergency Pet and Boarding needs! For more information on the variety of services offered visit their website at: [www.emergencypetglendora.com/](http://www.emergencypetglendora.com/) or call (626) 594-0356.

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# Citrus College Earns Eighth Consecutive "Military Friendly" Designation

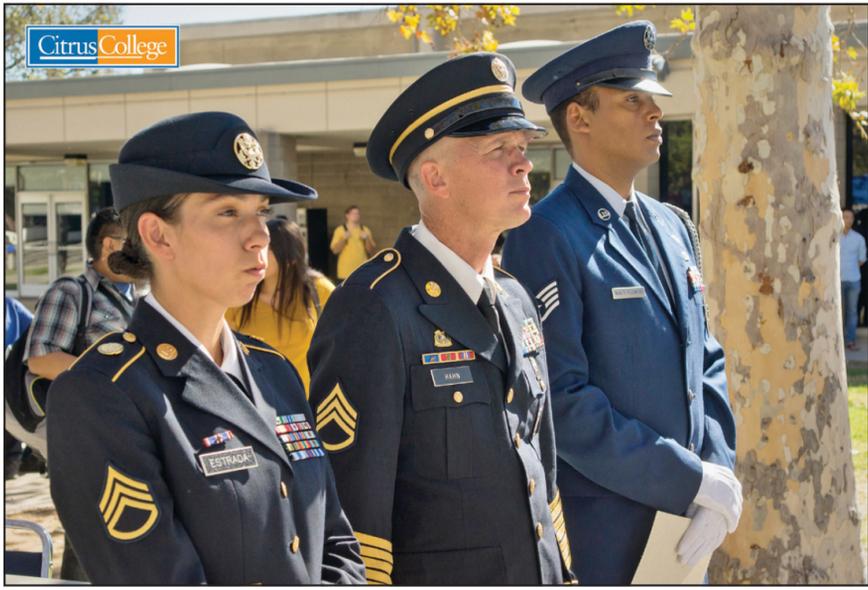


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Three members of the armed forces participate in a "Saluting Our Veterans" recognition event at Citrus College. Pictured (L-R): Citrus College student Maria Estrada; Citrus College student Eddie Hahn; and Steven Bluit Flowers, president of Citrus College Alumni & Friends Association.

**GLENDORA** - Citrus College has been named a 2018 Military Friendly School by Victory Media, publisher of G.I. Jobs, STEM Jobs and Military Spouse magazines.

This is the college's eighth consecutive appearance on the Military Friendly Schools list, which honors the top 15 percent of the nation's colleges, universities and trade schools that have demonstrated a commitment to embracing military students by providing them with the resources needed to ensure success.

"Citrus College is deeply committed to helping student veterans. To once again be included on Victory Media's list of Military Friendly Schools affirms all the college has done to create an environment in which members of the military can thrive," said Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president of Citrus College. "Our veterans have made many sacrifices in the service of our country, and it is an honor and privilege to assist them as they pursue their academic and professional goals."

According to Victory Media, the Military Friendly Schools list

is compiled using public data sources, responses to the organization's data-driven survey and personal data from veterans themselves. Final ratings are determined by combining the institution's survey scores with an assessment of its ability to meet academic thresholds, such as student retention, persistence and graduation rates.

Published every year since

2003, the purpose of the list is to assist veterans in making wise educational choices. As an honoree, Citrus College will appear on Victory Media's website, militaryfriendly.com. It will also be included in the "2018 Guide to Military Friendly Schools," which is published in G.I. Jobs and Military Spouse magazines.

"Citrus College is proud to receive this outstanding recogni-

tion for the eighth year in a row," said Dr. Barbara R. Dickerson, president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees. "Thanks to the great work of the Citrus College Veterans Success Center, our student veterans are receiving specialized support services that are empowering them to succeed in the classroom and beyond."

Approximately 500 students are served by the Citrus College Veterans Success Center annually. In addition to providing students with computers and quiet rooms for studying, the Veterans Success Center offers academic counseling, financial aid assistance, mental health services and more.

"Those students who have served in the military and are transitioning back to civilian life often face unique challenges. However, they also have a lot to contribute to the college community," said Dr. Martha McDonald, vice president of Student Services. "Being named a Military Friendly School shows that Citrus College understands the magnitude of the responsibility it has in serving this important group, and that it is working to serve these students as effectively and efficiently as possible."

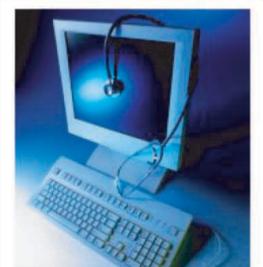
## International Support from Duarte Kiwanis Club

**DUARTE** - Duarte Kiwanis provides support to children all over the world. This year one of our support areas was Asociacion Teleton Pro-Rehabilitacion in El Salvador. Through the Duarte Kiwanis donation, this young man, a cancer survivor, will receive a prosthetic leg!

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