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# Rosemead Report

An Organization Working to Develop the Community Through the Promotion of its Businesses

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## Upcoming **Events**

### **Christmas Tree Lighting & Dinner** with Santa

December 4, 2018 6:00pm

**Rosemead Civic Center** 8838 East Valley Blvd., Rosemead CA, 91770

Free snow play and snow slides Dinner with Santa Tickets: \$5 per person

> Contact (626) 569-2160 for more info

### **Joint Chamber Holiday Mixer**

December 12, 2018 5:30pm-7:30pm

TGI Fridays - Rosemead 3518 Rosemead Blvd., Rosemead, CA 91770

> Members: \$15 Non-Members: \$20

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## Meet Lieutenant Chris Kusayanagi-Rosemead's New Chief of Police





By Chris Ventura

Lt. Kusayanagi has been a member of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for 22 years. Currently serving with Temple Station, this is the lieutenant's fourth station he has worked at. Aside from his posts at various LASD stations throughout his career, Lt. Kusayanagi also served in various units including the Emergency Operations Bureau as the sergeant of the counter-terrorism team and later at the Criminal Intelligence Bureau. Following 9/11, Fusion Centers were created nationwide where various local, state, and federal agencies could meet and share information with one another. Lt. Kusayanagi helped in developing the training programs that would go on to be utilized at other Fusion Centers across the country.

"The training program that we developed ended up being nationally recognized and we were getting calls from all over the nation that wanted us to come down and tell them how we were doing our training program because what we did was we really collaborated and we brought in all of the different disciplines and agencies," Lt. Kusayanagi said. "Most of the other [centers] were very law-enforcementheavy or had only law enforcement personnel involved. We really wanted to branch out so we included everybody. Everybody had to have a seat at the table so we could figure out what we were missing."

Most recently, the lieutenant worked at the Hall of Justice—headquarters of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department—working under chief and commander and earned a promotion which placed him at Temple Station.

"I was working as a Watch Commander at Temple Station when the Rosemead position opened up. My captain asked a couple of us to interview for the position and see who the city council and city manager wanted to fill that position, and fortunately they picked me," said Lt. Kusayanagi.

title of Chief of Police is unique to Rosemead. Typically other stations and contract cities call the position a Service Area Lieutenant who is a lieutenant that simply focuses on one particular contract city.

"To be honest, I wasn't quite sure why that was," Lt. Kusayanagi said. "I didn't know if [the title] really made a difference or not, but what I did figure out after being in this position for about 6 weeks now...What the City of Rosemead does differently is that they really want that Service Area Lieutenant to be a part of the city and a part of the community."

Rosemead's Chief of Police spends a lot of time at the Rosemead Public Safety Center. The lieutenant is anticipating renovations to the center in the coming year. Currently his office is situated adjacent to the large training room. He wishes to be more accessible to visitors and less hidden in the building suggesting a move closer to the reception and lobby area near the main entrance.

When the lieutenant isn't at the Safety Center, he's visiting with various city agencies or going through routines with patrolling officers.

Collaboration is key for Lt. Kusayanagi working communities surrounding is objective.

"[Public Safety Coordinator Mandy Wong] is pretty tireless," said the lieutenant. "I don't know how she has enough time in the day to do what she does. She's the one who's always organizing the Community and Business Watch meetings—a lot of the community events. I do know that she communicates with the surrounding agencies. She and the other cities talk on a pretty frequent basis over what kind of issues are going on and share crime tips."

Because lieutenant's of the involvement with the Fusion Centers, he later found himself involved in something called Area C Group which was named after an area designation for

As the lieutenant explained, the a particular portion of the county which included the communities of Arcadia, Pasadena, and Alhambra-where law enforcement from those communities would meet and collaborate on training and discuss current crime trends on a regular basis.

"My hope going forward is to create that same type of group in the Rosemead area and not just the Temple Station area cities, but surrounding areas too like Pico Rivera and Montebello—just to get us together in the same room every once in a while and talk about the different crime trends that are going on and make sure that we're not missing something," Lt. Kusayanagi said.

As he stressed collaboration further, he sees no reason why information shouldn't be shared. If the cities communicate and share pieces of the puzzle, the crime puzzle can be solved, criminals can be identified, and justice can be served.

Part of the chief's agenda will be to push for an increase to the Reserves and Volunteers on Patrol. He would also like to stress collaboration between community members, local businesses, and law enforcement. As he explained, information necessary to combat crime comes from the people who actually live and work in the community. Patrolling with officers can only see so much.

> Lt. Kusayanagi stated that although gang activity is not as significant of an issue in the city of Rosemead as some of the other stations and cities he has worked for, it is still an area of focus that will continue to be addressed. Thefts, especially burglaries, car thefts, and robberies, will definitely be a major focus of the Rosemead Team.

> The chief says people can help reduce thefts and burglaries by being more cautious and not leaving possessions visible in their cars.

> "On almost a daily basis, I'm getting reports where somebody's car window was smashed and their laptop, purse, backpack, camera, phone, wallet-were taken," said Lieutenant Kusayanagi.

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## **CITY OF ROSEMEAD**



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### **Rosemead Report**

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the Rosemead Chamber of Commerce is to serve as the catalyst for a prosperous business environment and contribute to the quality of life in the City of Rosemead and the San Gabriel Valley.

### Community Press Releases & Photos Accepted

The Rosemead Report is not funded by taxpayers' money.

### City of Rosemead

#### City Hall

8838 E. Valley Boulevard Rosemead, CA 91770 Phone: (626) 569-2100 Hours - Mon-Thu: 7a.m. - 6 p.m. Fri - Sun: Closed

Fri - Sun: Closed Website: www.cityofrosemead.org

### **City Council**

Mayor: Steven Ly Mayor Pro Tem: Margaret Clark Council Members: Sandra Armenta, Margaret Clark, Polly Low

#### City Council Meetings

2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. City Hall

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City Manager: Gloria Molleda City Clerk: Ericka Hernandez Director of Community Development: Ben Kim Finance Director: Pearl Lieu Interim Parks & Recreation Director: Pamela Yugar

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### **Rosemead Report Deadline 15th of Each Month**

E-mail is preferred: news@rosemeadchamber.org

Please submit your press releases, news articles, photos, and ad before the 15th of each month to be published the following month. Our staff has been working diligently to arrange earlier delivery of your monthly newspaper so it arrives at the beginning of the month. Therefore, we must have your information by the 15th of the preceding month to make it possible. Stories submitted must be in Microsoft Word or plain text format and photos in a JPEG format. Stories cannot exceed 400 words. If you have any questions, please call (626) 288-0811.

## **PUBLIC POLICY**

## SoCalGas and United Way Hold Everyone In<sup>TM</sup> Event to Help End Homelessness

First such event to be held at a corporate workplace

kits for people transitioning out of solutions to end homelessness." homelessness and learned more about solutions.

"This was an enlightening and together to address a critical issue," to new homes. said Sharon Tomkins, vice president of customer solutions and strategy at contributed more than \$475,000 to SoCalGas. "SoCalGas is a longtime United Way for homeless assistance partner of United Way and supporter of programs, which has helped over 730 efforts to end homelessness, and I am homeless individuals obtain housing. extremely proud that our employees The utility has also been the top have continually given their time and team fundraiser and has had the most money to help this cause."

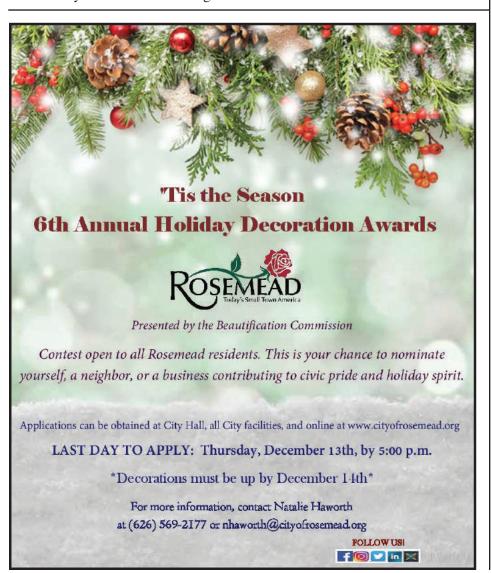
SoCalGas and the Los Angeles Rams annual family run/walk that raises on such a groundbreaking event," said public awareness and funds to help end Elise Buik, President and CEO of homelessness in Los Angeles County. United Way of Greater Los Angeles.

Southern California Gas Co. "One of the top priorities of the (SoCalGas) employees at the utility's Everyone In<sup>TM</sup> campaign is activating Pico Rivera base built Welcome Home our community members around

Participants learned more about what it is like to be homeless through homelessness through a variety of virtual reality and role-play activities activities, including a virtual reality and by listening to a community experience showing a formerly member's personal story at an homeless community member's journey Everyone In<sup>TM</sup> event. Led by United into supportive housing and a role-play Way of Greater Los Angeles (United simulation demonstrating the choices Way), the event was the first of its kind homeless people must make every day. to be held at a workplace location. They also gained information on how Everyone In<sup>TM</sup> is a coalition that they can help to end homelessness focuses on ending homelessness across and encourage others to join the Los Angeles County by providing effort, and a representative from the critical services to those who need it Corporation for Supportive Housing most and helping transition people shared how homeless assistance experiencing long-term homelessness programs have helped her. Los Angeles with short-term and permanent housing Rams cheerleaders provided additional excitement at the event.

SoCalGas employees also put inspiring event for all the SoCalGas together 50 Welcome Home kits with employees who participated, and bedding and kitchen and cleaning I recommend it to other corporate supplies for formerly homeless leaders as a way to bring their teams individuals and families transitioning

Since 2012. SoCalGas participants of any team for the last five "We're thrilled to have worked with years at HomeWalk 5K, United Way's







### HOME BUYER & SELLER FAIR

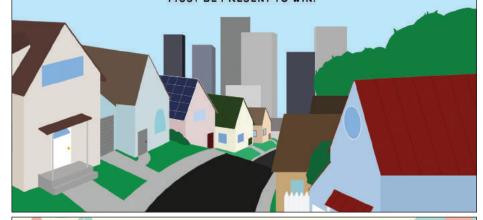
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## **Holiday Toy Drive** Make A Difference **Awards**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2018 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

> SAN GABRIEL HILTON 225 W. VALLEY BLVD SAN GABRIEL, CA 91776

Come discuss services & programs that the district office provides along with recent legislation to improve the quality of life for all district residents.

The event will also honor local volunteers whose dedication & commitment has improved the lives of so many people. Please consider bringing unwrapped toys/items in their original packing for the toy drive (optional).

> Light refreshments will be served Self Parking is Complimentary

R S V P at (323) 264 - 4949 or Daisy.Ma@asm.ca.gov before December 3, 2018

> Performance by Gabrielino High School Chamber Choir

> > Created and produced in-house



## **COMMUNITY**







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health@advancingjustice-la.org

Sign-Up Period for Covered California: October 15, 2018-January 15, 2019

## Enrollment Clinics

1. Chinatown Branch Library Every Monday 5pm-8pm Every Thursday 2pm-5pm

2. Mission Community United **Methodist Church** (Community Room)

Six Tuesdays 3pm-6pm: Oct 23, 2018 | Nov 6, 2018 | Nov 20, 2018 | Dec 4, 2018 | Dec 18, 2018 | Jan 8, 2019 | Jan 15, 2019

Updated 9/5/2018



## Assemblymember Chau Host Sixth Annual Operation Gobble Turkey Giveaway

Rosemead - Assemblymember Ed Chau (D-Monterey Park), in partnership with the San Gabriel Valley Water Company and the California American Water Company, hosted his Sixth Annual 49th Assembly District 'Operation Gobble' Turkey Giveaway. Turkeys were distributed to local charitable organizations and food banks, which serve low-income families in the San Gabriel Valley.

Recipients of donated turkeys include: Boys and Girls Clubs of West San Gabriel Valley; Asian Youth Center; Kiwanis Club, Temple City; Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Greater El Monte Post 10218; Potrero Heights Park Community and Senior Center; El Monte/South El Monte **Emergency Resources Association; and The Church of Our Saviour.** 













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communication with the community in a lot more personal now. real-time.

their security systems in working quality, cameras pointed in ineffective have assisted law enforcement.

position as Chief of Police.

"Being in law enforcement and

communicate tips and awareness being in this community...this is throughout the community. A solution actually the first time I've ever really being considered is to increase the use felt I am a true part of the community," of social media to help spread messages said Lt. Kusayanagi. "It's been a and to have a more dynamic form of different experience for me and so it is

"Law enforcement really is about The chief would like to remind helping people. There's no better business owners that they can also feeling than to come home at the end of help in crime prevention by keeping the day and to know that you actually did something to make a difference order and their surveillance systems in somebody's life. We go out there up-to-date and used effectively. He and we try to do our best to keep the noted that in some cases that cameras communities that we work in as safe were ineffective due to poor image as possible because the deputies care. They care when something happens directions, or the inability of shop somebody's house gets burglarized or owners to retrieve footage that could somebody gets assaulted or robbed they take it personally because our Lt. Kusayanagi is ready and proud to job is to protect the people of our serve the City of Rosemead in his new community and if these crimes happen, we've failed at our job for that day."

## **MEMBERS**

### Member Renewals

We are grateful for their continued and dedicated support of the Rosemead Chamber of Commerce. Please support chamber member businesses whenever you're looking for a product or service.





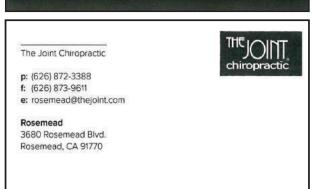














## El Monte Union High School District Annual Art Show 1st Place Winning Artworks



Highlights from Hong Kong Success Storeis & Business Mixer at Hong Kong Association of Southern California



## **EDUCATION**



### Message from the Interim Superintendent

Dear Rosemead Community and Friends,

#### Heroes Among Us:

I feel so blessed to have three personal real-life stories of *Heroes Among Us* to share with all of you this month of Thanksgiving.

What happened at Savannah School on October 31st was truly a miracle. I was standing at the stage watching the storybook parade when all of a sudden a grandpa collapsed and people standing around started to help immediately - the PTA president announced over the speaker asking anyone with a medical background to please hurry to the stage. One parent, Pei Perez, instantly took charge and called her friend, Carol Wong, also a parent, who recently got her LVN license to perform CPR because he wasn't breathing. Grandma Blanca Cruz called her daughter Sonia Villegas, a county nurse to take vital signs. I was on the phone with 911 and so were two other parents, Jennifer and Nelson Romero and the office called for help. When I heard the parent say something like, "you have to go deeper," I prayed they would revive him and Principal Soto moved all the students back to their classrooms and parents to the MPR to clear the area. Thankfully, he started to breathe and this is when Nadine Wilcox, our district nurse, arrived. Carmen Gavia and Jennifer Kelley quickly opened the gates and guided the paramedics to the scene. Luis Martinez also assisted during the emergency, among

I was so amazed and proud of our parents and staff who stepped in to help. All of these good people are true heroes because they saved this man's life. He is a 78-year-old grandpa of a pre-k student who recently had triple bypass surgery and he just came out to participate in the parade. He is doing well and recovering in the hospital.

Our Board of Trustees and District recognized and honored all the heroes who helped save this grandpa's life at the Board meeting last Thursday.

Life is so precious and situations like this make us appreciate this gift of life and not take it for granted, but to take good care of it and care of one another.

#### Additional Hero to be Recognized:

Last week we also had a "mystery" person who assisted during Savannah's emergency and we were trying hard to identify the additional hero. A big Thank you! to Savannah Office Manager Monica Tovar who worked hard at locating the additional hero and her name is Ana Preciado. Ana will be recognized during the next Board meeting.







Pei, Carol, and Sonia, three courageous superheroes that saved the grandfather's life!

to share with others in need. Each school and the District Office will have a large donation box for you to drop off your gifts of love.

### Our Teachers @ the STEAM Symposium & SGV CUE:

Some of our DREAMS STEAM Team and other teachers attended the two-day STEAM Symposium at the Long Beach Convention Center and some teachers attended SGV CUE, where our very own, Google Certified Trainer, Jenny Cheung, offered Google Workshops for educators. We have to say it was so much fun! We got great ideas, found free resources, signed up for webinars and met a lot of knowledgeable, passionate STEAMers. I also found inspirational professional learning opportunities and people who can help provide high-quality resources for our district. Our Team is looking forward to sharing their great ideas and resources with all of our teachers very soon. Be on the lookout. It is our hope that by STEAMing with our kids, you will be inspired and you will inspire your students by providing them with opportunities to use creativity, project-based learning, integrated lessons that will help students think critically as they investigate, collaborate and innovate.



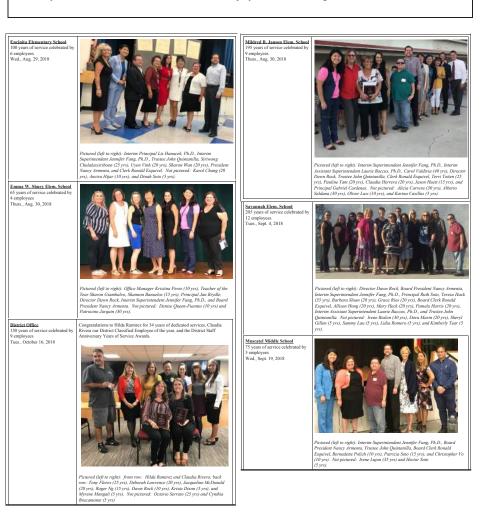


With a Thankful Heart, Jennifer Fang, Ph.D. Interim Superintendent

## The Celebration of a Combined 770 Years of Service by 51 Dedicated Employees for the 2018–2019 School Year

The Rosemead School District is very fortunate to employ such dedicated educators year after year. Annually the District and Board of Trustees recognize the years of service at the beginning of each school year. This year we have a combined 770 years of service by 45 employees who were hired in 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003, 2008, and 2013.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Administration, and the students of the Rosemead School District thank you for your dedicated years of service to the District. Below are the employees who were recognized:



### Educational Services Department:

### ENROLLMENT - TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN, KINDERGARTEN, AND $1^{\rm ST}\text{-}8^{\rm TH}$ GRADE

Enrollment for our 2018-2019 school year has begun. We have implemented our online enrollment process for Transitional Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and 1st through 8th Grade enrollment. Please visit the District website at <a href="https://www.rosemead.k12.ca.us">www.rosemead.k12.ca.us</a> and click on "Online Enrollment System" on the mid-upper left-hand side. **Preschool Program**: visit the District Office, Suite 150 to register. **Transitional Kindergarten through 8th Grade Program**: 1) enroll online and 2) visit your homeschool. For more information visit or call the District Office/your homeschool.

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www.rosemead.k12.ca.us/encinita	www.rosemead.k12.ca.us/janson	www.rosemead.k12.ca.us/savannah
4515 Encinita Ave.	8628 Marshall St.	3720 Rio Hondo Ave.
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www.rosemead.k12.ca.us/shuey	www.rosemead.k12.ca.us/muscatel	Welcome Center - Suite 150
8472 E. Wells Street	4201 Ivar Ave.	3907 Rosemead Blvd.
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### Questions:

Preschool enrollment & qualification: contact Mrs. Bella Galvan, (626) 312-2900 x235, bgalvan@rosemead.k12.ca.us TK-8th gr. & Transfer permits: contact Ms. Debora Stewart, (626) 312-2900 x213, dstewart@rosemead.k12.ca.us

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<b>Event</b>	Time / Location	Ouestions - Contact
Thurs.	Nov. 1	Board of Trustees Meeting	6:30 p.m., District Office Board Room	Superintendent's Office /Website
Mon.	Nov. 5	Special Board of Trustees Meeting	6:15 p.m., District Office Board Room	Superintendent's Office /Website
Wed.	Nov. 7	Late Start Day	Students start at 9:30 a.m.	Schools Main Office
Wed.	Nov. 7	Special Board of Trustees Meeting	6:15 p.m., District Office Board Room	Superintendent's Office /Website
Thurs.	Nov. 8	Special Board of Trustees Meeting	6:15 p.m., District Office Board Room	Superintendent's Office /Website
Fri.	Nov. 9	Special Board of Trustees Meeting	6:15 p.m., District Office Board Room	Superintendent's Office /Website

## **COMMERCE**

## Beware Of Scammers Pretending To Be From Social Security

season, Social Security has traditional- Security. ly seen a spike in phishing scams, and

a call and aren't expecting one, you number provided, as the caller might must be extra careful. You can always attempt to acquire personal informaget the caller's information, hang up, tion. and — if you do need more clarificalled you.

going around right now. You might tion over the phone. receive a call from someone claiming to be from Social Security or another never threaten you or promise a Social agency. Calls can even display the Security benefit approval or increase national customer service number, as cases, the call is fraudulent, and you the incoming number on your caller should just hang up. If you receive ID. In some cases, the caller states these calls, please report the informathat Social Security does not have all tion to the Office of the Inspector of your personal information, such as General at 1-800-269-0271 or online at your Social Security number (SSN), on oig.ssa.gov/report. file. Other callers claim Social Security needs additional information so numbers and use secured websites of the agency can increase your benefit the agencies and businesses you know payment, or that Social Security will are correct. Protecting your information terminate your benefits if they do not is an important part of Social Security's

In the digital age, frauds and scams to be a widespread issue, as reports are an unfortunate part of doing have come from people across the business online. During the holiday country. These calls are not from Social

Callers sometimes state that your we want to protect you as best we can. Social Security number is at risk of We urge you to always be cautious being deactivated or deleted. The and to avoid providing sensitive caller then asks you to provide a phone information such as your SocialSecu- number to resolve the issue. People rity Number (SSN) or bank account should be aware the scheme's details information to unknown individuals may vary; however, you should avoid over the phone or internet. If you receive engaging with the caller or calling the

Social Security employees occasioncation — contact the official phone ally contact people by telephone for number of the business or agency that customer-service purposes. In only a the caller claims to represent. Never few special situations, such as when reveal personal data to a stranger who you have business pending with us, a Social Securityemployee may request Please take note; there's a scam the person confirm personal informa-

Social Security employees will 1-800-772-1213, Social Security's in exchange for information. In those

Remember, only call official phone

## County Officials Facilitate Property Tax Relief for Homeowners Affected by Wildfires

LOS ANGELES, CA – Homeown- paper forms. ers in the County of Los Angeles or destroyed by the Woolsey, Hill, or Property Tax Bills due on November 1, Kelly, Auditor-Controller John Naimo, this deadline. and Executive Officer Celia Zavala are working in partnership to provide have been displaced and/or evacuated, information and accommodate affected as well as first responders and other property owners.

ers whose properties have either been date," said Joseph Kelly, the County's \$10,000 in damage may file a Misfor- impacted by the fires who cannot pay tune and Calamity (M&C) claim for the first installment by the delinquenty owners through this process," said call (213) 974-2111 or TTY (213) Assessor Prang.

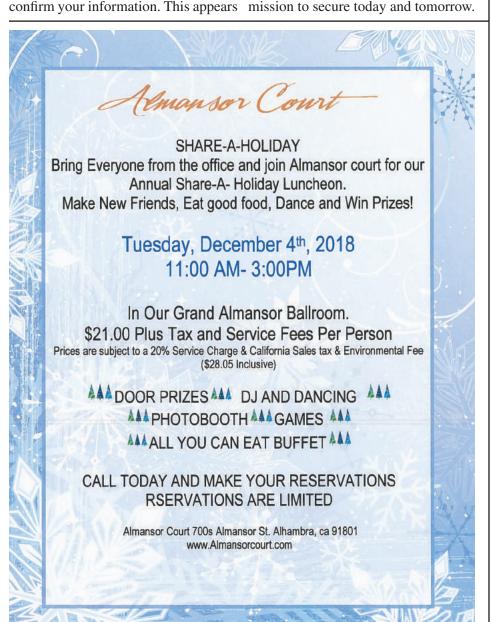
### (213) 974-8658

one-stop center on its website for those who have been displaced and/or remains in its initial stages, County evacuated. By visiting assessor.lacoun- officials are offering disaster relief ty.gov, affected taxpayers can provide in an effort to ease the overwhelming updated contact information to various hardships that evacuees are facing as county agencies, learn about disaster they struggle to rebuild their homes relief, obtain an electronic copy of the and their lives. disaster relief claim form, and request

In addition, with the first installwhose properties have been damaged ment of the 2018-19 Secured Annual Pike fires may be eligible for property 2018, and considered to be delinquent tax relief. The offices of Los Angeles on Monday, December 10, 2018, there County Assessor Jeffrey Prang, may be concern among impacted Treasurer and Tax Collector Joseph homeowners about their ability to meet

"We understand that residents who employees working for responding Following the Governor's declara- agencies, may be unable to pay this tion of a state of emergency, taxpay- first installment by the delinquency destroyed or sustained a minimum of Treasurer and Tax Collector. Those property tax relief. "My dedicated team cy date may file for a penalty cancelis ready to offer assistance and has a lation: http://ttc.lacounty.gov/Penaltydesignated hotline to guide proper- CancellationRequest. For a paper form, 974-2196. For requesting duplicate tax **Assessor's Disaster Relief Hotline** bills, the TTC has established a special account for prioritizing affected taxpay-The Assessor has also created a ers: duplicatetaxbill@ttc.lacounty.gov.

Although damage assessment





## **CHAMBER**

## 9th Annual Holiday Party Paradise in November

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