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# WE ARE TEMESCAL VALLEY

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## WeAreTV says 'no new mine in Temescal Valley'



**CHECKING FOR AGGREGATE:** Almost a year ago, Olsen Canyon, LLC, drilled for core samples in the hills above the Wildrose Business Park.

## Folks ask questions, express concerns at MAC presentation

It's official. Olsen Canyon Properties, LLC, has filed an application for a new surface mining permit with the Riverside County Planning Department.

The Olsen Canyon mine would span 422 acres east of the I-15 between the Dos Lagos Golf Course and the El Sobrante Landfill, in the hills above the Wildrose Business Park.

The process granting the permit, if approved by the county, should take about two years and includes, according to county sources, regulations required by the California Environmental Quality Act, including an Environmental Impact Report, and consideration of county ordinances, state regulations and, ultimately, a public hearing before the Planning Commission.

About 200 people attended the November **Temescal Valley Municipal Advisory Council** meeting to hear about the mine. Many cited the impact on property values; dust, noise and light pollution; health issues; a gridlocked transportation system, and scenic and environmental concerns. No one in the audience spoke in favor of the mine, and since the meeting, many people have vowed to fight it.

## FOR UPDATES ON THE MINE ...

More information can be found at

**[www.WeAreTV.org](http://www.WeAreTV.org)**

Included are current details about the project and a link to The Press-Enterprise report covering the November MAC meeting. Updates will be added as new information becomes available.

## Groups' goal is to attract Monarch butterflies to Temescal Valley

Recent headlines about the decline in the Monarch butterfly population have led to what will be a communitywide project by the **WeAreTV Beautification Committee**, the **El Cerrito County Library** branch and the **Sycamore Creek Interpretive Center** to make Temescal Valley the "Home of the Monarch."

Entomologists theorize that the Monarchs are dying off because of the type of milkweed that is being planted. Milkweed is the food of choice for the orange and black butterfly, but it appears if they are attracted by the tropical variety instead of native milkweed, they are subject to a deadly parasite that spreads among the Monarch population.

Tropical milkweed blooms year-round encouraging winter breeding, instead of what should be the normal winter migration patterns. The answer is to plant only native milkweed plants that go dormant in the winter, and because of leaf-loss, do not attract the butterfly which then is forced to migrate, avoiding the parasite.

Currently, because it's difficult to find, the groups are working on sources for native milkweed varieties. Most nurseries sell the tropical variety because of its colorful red and orange flowers, and its year-round blooms. Do not buy it!



**HEALTHY MONARCHS:** This butterfly is feeding on native milkweed.

# DECEMBER CALENDAR

## THINGS TO DO

- **Happy Hanukkah:** Through **Monday, Dec. 14.**
- **PTA Holiday Shop:** At Temescal Valley Elementary School, through **Friday, Dec. 11.** Students can purchase holiday gifts for family and friends.
- **Polar Express Party:** Sponsored by Luiseno School PTSA, 5 to 8 p.m., **Wednesday, Dec. 9.**
- **Holiday Party & Business Mixer:** Hosted by Waste Management El Sobrante Landfill, 5:30 to 8 p.m., **Thursday, Dec. 10.** Invitation only. Temescal Valley businesses can request invitation by emailing: [WeAreTV.org@gmail.com](mailto:WeAreTV.org@gmail.com)
- **PTA Movie Night:** At Temescal Valley Elementary School, 6 to 8 p.m., **Friday, Dec. 11.**
- **PTSA Holiday Boutique:** At Luiseno School, **Monday, Dec. 14 – Friday, Dec. 18.** Students can purchase holiday gifts for family and friends.
- **Christmas Show:** Presented by Luiseno School Drama, 5 to 8 p.m., **Tuesday, Dec. 15.**
- **LifeStream Bloodmobile:** 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., **Friday, Dec. 18,** Todd Elementary School, 25105 Mayhew Canyon Road. Donors will receive **FREE** \$10 Amazon gift card.
- **Winter Break:** For local schools, **Monday, Dec. 21 – Friday, Jan. 8.**
- **Merry Christmas:** **Friday, Dec. 25.**
- **El Cerrito County Library:** 7581 Rudell Road, behind El Cerrito Middle School. 951-270-5012 or visit the library on Facebook.
- **County Bookmobile:** 2 to 4 p.m., **every Monday,** Tom's Farms; 9 to 11 a.m., **every Tuesday,** Deleo Regional Sports Park.
- **Tom's Farms: Holiday Light Show and Christmas Tree Lot** daily, plus **Photos with Santa** every weekend **through Sunday, Dec. 20.** **Craft faire** every weekend, plus live music, 12:30 to 5 p.m. **"Swingin' Saturday Nights,"** last Saturday of the month — **FREE** swing dance lesson at 6 p.m.; open dancing 6:30 to 8 p.m.

## MEETINGS THAT AFFECT US

- **Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District Board Meeting:** 4 p.m., **Thursday, Dec. 10,** 31315 Chaney St., Lake Elsinore.
- **Lake Elsinore Unified School District:** 6 p.m., **Thursday, Dec. 10,** 545 Chaney St., Lake Elsinore.
- **Temescal Valley Water District Board Meeting:** 8:30 a.m., **Tuesday, Dec. 15,** 22646 Temescal Canyon Road.
- **Riverside County Board of Supervisors:** 9 a.m., **Tuesday, Dec. 15,** Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon St., Riverside.
- **Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District Special Meeting:** 9 a.m., **Tuesday, Dec. 22,** 31315 Chaney St., Lake Elsinore.

## HO-HO-HO!



'Tis the season and with it comes the reminder to do as much holiday shopping as possible in Temescal Valley. When you shop here our service provider Riverside County gets the sales tax dollar instead of neighboring cities. Whenever possible, please try to **SHOP LOCAL!**

And in the spirit of holiday giving, you and the kiddos might want to drop off a new unwrapped toy or sports equipment at **Station 64** in Sycamore Creek for our firefighters' annual **Spark of Love toy drive** to help dreams come true for less fortunate local families.



**TERRAMOR GROUNDBREAKING:** Dignitaries turned out last month for ceremonies kicking off the first phase of construction on the 1,443-home Terramor development located on the east side of the I-15 at Indian Truck Trail and Temescal Canyon Road. The first homes should be ready in 2017. Pictured, from left, Riverside County 1<sup>st</sup> District Planning Commissioner **Charissa Leach**, 1<sup>st</sup> District Supervisor **Kevin Jeffries**, Foremost Communities President **Steve Cameron**, Foremost Communities Vice President of Land Development **Brian Woods**, Temescal Valley MAC Chairman **Jerry Sincich**, 1<sup>st</sup> District Director of Planning and Development **Bob Magee**, 2nd District Planning Commissioner **Aaron Hake** and Riverside County Director of Transportation and Land Management **Juan C. Perez**.

## QUICK HITS & UPDATES ...

**80 MORE HOMES ... Pinnacle Residential**, an Aliso Viejo-based developer, is proceeding with plans to build 80 homes on a 14-acre parcel on the west side of the I-15 adjacent to **Butterfield Estates** and **Painted Hills**. The property is only accessible at Campbell Ranch and Temescal Canyon roads. The property owner originally wanted to build office buildings on the site, and years ago received county approval for a zone change from residential to commercial. He now wants to change the zoning back to residential to allow construction of the homes. **WeAreTV Development Committee** members repeatedly have told Pinnacle representatives they oppose the zone change because the Valley needs more commercial retail here, plus medical buildings, and urgent care and assisted living facilities. Pinnacle will make its presentation to residents at the **Wednesday, Feb. 10 MAC meeting**.

**TEMESCAL VALLEY REPRESENTED:** Congratulations to residents **Amie Kinne** and **Jerry Sincich** who have been appointed to the newly created **Corona Community Task Force** for the 91 Project. The 17 task force members will work with RCTC to provide insight into community concerns and offer ideas and suggestions for the project. Amie and husband **Jon** own **Jonny Lightning**, a Corona auto repair business. Jerry is the alternate District 1 representative to the **Riverside County Transit Agency** and is vice chairman of the county's **Transportation NOW**. It was through Jerry's diligence that a CommuterLink park-and-ride lot was added at **Tom's Farms**.

**PREPARING FOR EL NINO ...** Want to be ready for the storms? Visit **Fire Station 64** and pick up 20 bags for free or buy more at Home Depot for 32-cents each. Then hurry over to the south unpaved parking lot at **Tom's Farms** and fill the bags with the birds-eye gravel donated by **Werner Corp**. Thank you to everyone who has made this free sandbag project possible, including local **Boy Scout Troop 13** which has assisted folks in filling their bags.