Cities Report November-December 2025

AZUSA

Azusa Welcomes a new Vallarta Supermarket at 273 E. Gladstone St. in Azusa continues Vallarta's focus on authentic Mexican and Latin American flavors. According to PRNewswire, the first 300 customers will receive a complimentary reusable bag filled with groceries.

The grocery chain will also donate \$7,500, which will benefit five local schools and charitable organizations.

Vallarta to Bring 120 New Job Opportunities

The company plans to provide 120 new job opportunities and modernized spaces spanning across 39,295 square feet. The new location will also feature signature departments and some of the fan-favorite departments, according to PRNewswire. It entails all the key highlights for which the brand is best known.

Some of them include fresh food made daily, which provides for hand-decorated cakes and fresh ceviches. Another focus lies on authentic flavors, where the store offers marinated cut meats, The Carniceri, and traditional cheeses such as Cremeria.

Shoppers can also enjoy ready-to-eat meals inspired by Mexico and Central America. Vallarta also offers hand-rolled sushi, fresh-pressed juices, and fruit bowls with Tajín and chamoy. Beyond groceries, the Floreria adds a touch with floral arrangements and potted plants, making the store a true community destination.

CHINO

The City of Chino received a \$25 million state grant to help fund a water treatment plant estimated to cost \$58 million.

The facility would also allow two contaminated wells to be rehabilitated and put back in service to meet the water demands of northern Chino, according to officials.

Well 12 is on the southwest corner of Central Avenue and Phillips Boulevard, and Well 14 is located at the treatment plant site.

The council was informed during the May 6 meeting that if the city did not receive a \$50 million federal loan, the project would be delayed until the following year at which time the city would have to apply for another loan.

The council, at that May meeting, approved a \$48.5 million construction contract with Pacific Hydrotech Corporation despite not having the loan funds.

CHINO HILLS

The City of Chino Hills is performing proactive and more aggressive vegetation management in Cityowned open space as part of a multi-year effort to reduce wildfire risk, in addition to the City's normal annual weed abatement efforts. This expanded work is necessary due to new fire safety requirements as mandated by the State's Fire Hazard Severity Zone (FHSZ) maps, which were adopted by the Chino Valley Fire District (CVFD) last fall.

Most of Chino Hills, including City-owned open space behind and adjacent to many homes, is located within a Very High FHSZ under the updated maps. Property owners located in a Very High FHSZ, including the City, are legally required to comply with defensible space requirements established in the California Government Code and CVFD Ordinance 2022-01.

What Residents May See

The City is coordinating closely with CVFD to schedule this work responsibly and strategically over the next few years. CVFD fire experts are guiding the sequence of operations, beginning with the areas they identify as having the highest risk or most critical for protecting life, property, and along evacuation routes.

Residents may notice City crews or the City's contractor working in open space areas near their property. This work could include expanded brush clearing, tree trimming, and removal of some healthy shrubs and vegetation to meet the mandatory minimum clearance zones. Our priority is to preserve as many trees as possible, which is why the City's focus is the removal of undergrowth and ladder fuels, or the low-growing vegetation and mid-level branches that allow a ground fire to "climb" into the tree canopy. In areas where full clearance cannot be achieved, the City will take steps to preserve significant or heritage trees.

This enhanced multi-year effort will continue as the City and CVFD work together to strengthen wildfire preparedness, improve defensible space, and increase the overall safety of our community. For more information visit www.chinohills.org/VegetationManagement.

DIAMOND BAR

City offices will be closed several days leading up to and following the holidays, and trash collection and street sweeping will be operating on holiday schedules.

Holiday Closures

City offices will be closed Wednesday-Friday, Dec. 24-26, and close at noon Wednesday, Dec. 31, and remain closed Thursday, Jan. 1 and Friday, Jan. 2.

Trash and Recycling Collection

The City's contract waste haulers, Valley Vista Services and Waste Management, observe the Christmas Day or New Year's Day holidays. Collections scheduled for Dec. 25, Jan. 1 or any day after will be delayed by one day that week.

Street Sweeping

Street sweeping scheduled for Christmas Day (Dec. 25) or New Year's Day (Jan. 1) will be delayed by one day.

EL MONTE

Southern California Medical Center (SCMC) proudly hosted the grand opening of its new Urgent Care at their El Monte clinic, marking a significant milestone in expanding access to quality healthcare for the community. The event was attended by Congressman Gilbert R. Cisneros, El Monte city officials, community partners, and members of the SCMC leadership and staff. Coverage of the celebration aired on Univision, highlighting the clinic's commitment to serving the diverse needs of Los Angeles residents.

The ceremony featured a ribbon-cutting and special recognitions from the City of El Monte, the California State Senate, and the U.S. House of Representatives, acknowledging SCMC's commitment to expanding high-quality healthcare services and improving access for underserved communities.

The new El Monte Urgent Care expands SCMC's mission by offering immediate care for non-emergency medical needs, reducing wait times, and providing timely support for families who traditionally face barriers navigating the healthcare system.

Comprehensive Services Offered by SCMC

In addition to its new Urgent Care, SCMC provides a full spectrum of integrated health services across all its clinics, including:

- Primary Care
- Pediatrics
- Women's Health
- Dental Care
- Behavioral Health & Counseling
- Laboratory Services
- Vaccinations & Immunizations
- Chronic Disease Management
- Health Education & Prevention Programs
- Mobile Health Services
- Virtual Care / Telehealth

Visit www.scmedcenter.org for more information on all available services.

LA VERNE

The City of La Verne proudly celebrated the grand re-opening of the Oak Mesa Park Playground on Monday, November 24, 2025, unveiling a fully inclusive, ADA-compliant play space designed for children of all abilities. The event brought together members of the La Verne City Council; representatives from the Bonita Unified School District and the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District; representatives from Assemblymember Harabedian's office; and key City staff from the Parks and Recreation and Public Works departments, who played a major role in coordinating the planning, design, and construction of the new playground.

The new playground replaces the park's 28-year-old structure, which no longer met modern safety or accessibility requirements. Purpose-built for children ages 5 to 12, the upgraded play area includes rubberized surfacing, integrated shade structures, accessible bridges, and interactive elements that support imaginative, inclusive, and active play.

The project was fully funded through the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District using Measure A funds, demonstrating the continued impact of regional investments in improving neighborhood parks and recreational amenities.

Families are encouraged to visit Oak Mesa Park to enjoy the new playground and experience a welcoming, accessible space designed for all children. For more information, please contact Parks & Recreation Director Yvonne Duran at yduran@laverneca.gov.

ONTARIO

DAUM Commercial Real Estate Services, a leading provider of commercial real estate services including brokerage, tenant representation, consulting, leasing, sales, and property management, has completed the sale of a 19.57-acre industrial outdoor storage (IOS) yard, including 13 buildings totaling 50,000 square feet, on behalf of the seller.

Gus Andros, Executive Vice President and SIOR at DAUM Commercial, and Alex DeCampo of Alliance Realty represented the seller and Chad Solomon of JLL represented the buyer, an Austin, Texas-based owner and operator specializing in truck terminals throughout the country.

The Inland Empire continues to rank among the most active and resilient industrial markets in the country. Ontario, which is the largest industrial market by square footage, and remains one of the tighter submarkets, in the in-demand West Inland Empire, offers connectivity to major highways, rail lines, and airports.

Demand for IOS and low-coverage industrial assets has surged as new investors continue to discover their value in the logistics ecosystem. Additionally, land constraints, limited industrial zoning, and increased tenant demand for trailer, truck, and container storage have increased pricing and competition for well-located IOS areas, Andros notes.

The site is located at 517-629 S. Benson Ave in Ontario, California, near Ontario International Airport.

POMONA

The City of Pomona wants to inform the public that you may qualify for FREE lead paint hazard removal if your home was built before 1978 and has cracked or peeling paint. Families with kids under 6 or pregnant women may be eligible + income requirements apply.

FREE lead testing No lien, no repayment

To sign up, head down to Pomona City Hall, call, or email us! (909) 620-2368 housing@pomonaca.gov

Visit our website for more information. https://www.pomonaca.gov/government/departments/neighborhood-services/housing-services/housing-programs#!/

RANCHO CUCAMONGA

In anticipation of Winter storms, the City of Rancho Cucamonga asks residents and business to be sure to prepare sandbags before any flooding occurs. FREE sandbag materials are available for all Rancho Cucamonga residents, businesses, and schools. The self-serve sandbag materials are available at the following fire stations:

Amethyst Fire Station - 6627 Amethyst Ave. Banyan Fire Station - 11108 Banyan St. East Ave. Fire Station - 5840 East Ave. Hellman Fire Station - 9270 Rancho St.

SAN DIMAS

The City of San Dimas would like to share information on two Metro programs that help make transit more affordable for eligible riders.

Seniors 62+ Reduced Fare Program

Metro offers discounted fares for riders age sixty two and older.

Type Fares

Base Fare 75¢/35¢*

1-Day Cap \$2.50

7-Day Cap \$5

Eligible seniors can receive reduced pricing on all Metro bus and rail services by applying for a Senior TAP Card. More information is available on the Metro website at: https://www.metro.net/riding/fares/seniors/

Or get started by calling the TAP Reduced Fare Office at 213-680-0054, Monday - Friday, 8am -4pm.

Low Income Fare is Easy (LIFE) Program

The LIFE program provides additional fare support for income-eligible riders across Los Angeles County. Eligible residents can receive 20 free rides every month on Metro or a discounted pass on another participating transit agency, such as Foothill Transit: https://www.metro.net/riding/fares/life/

You can also call TAP Customer Service at 866.TAPTOGO (866-827-8646), Monday - Friday, 8am - 6pm.

Residents who qualify are encouraged to take advantage of these programs to reduce daily transportation costs.

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On Monday, November 17, 2025 Mayor Cajulis and City Staff met with representatives from Cal Poly Pomona to discuss the future development of 300 acres known as the Lanterman Property. Representatives provided a background of the site, including past attempts to develop the site – most recently in 2021. Due to various reasons, including rise in housing/development costs, those attempts never materialized.

^{*}Off-Peak rates apply weekdays 9am – 3pm & 7pm – 5am; weekends & Federal holidays.

It was discussed that the University is in early phases of restarting the development process and has engaged with consultants to prepare proformas related to the development of the site, and has also retained land use professionals to provide the highest and best use concepts of the site while preserving existing buildings (there are over 100 potentially historic structures).

Although the University is in the early stages there are no plans to share currently. It was noted that the vision for the property is to develop it with housing, recreational, and community-serving spaces, including commercial opportunities. While the meeting was productive, it was a good faith effort by the University to engage the City early in the process to share their vision for the site.

Staff looks forward to future meetings with the University to learn more about the Project and to ensure any concerns/impacts to our community are addressed. Information on Lanterman can be viewed on the website here: https://www.cpp.edu/lanterman/index.sht ml. Staff will continue to keep the Council and informed on this Project.

WEST COVINA

As the holidays approach, the City's on-demand transit service, *Go West Covina*, will operate during extended hours so riders can shop, dine out, and enjoy holiday fun.

Effective November 11, 2025, through January 2, 2026, *Go West Covina* will run 7am – 10 pm, Monday through Friday. The service will not operate on holidays. More information is available on the *Go West Covina* App, which is available for <u>iOS</u> and <u>Android</u>. To learn more about West Covina's microtransit program click here <u>Go West Covina</u> - <u>Microtransit | West Covina</u>, CA