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BALDWIN PARK

The City of Baldwin Park, alongside its project partners, hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Nov. 5 at 10 a.m. to celebrate the opening of The Weingart Sycamore, a 113-unit permanent supportive housing development at 13921 Francisquito Avenue.

Developed and operated by the nonprofit Weingart Center, with support from the state, county, City of Baldwin Park and other partners, the project provides furnished apartments and on-site supportive services to help residents experiencing homelessness secure stable housing and work toward long-term independence.

The ribbon-cutting celebration brought together community members and project partners for refreshments and tours of The Weingart Sycamore. Formerly the Grand Park Inn, the property was converted into permanent supportive housing through California's Project Homekey initiative. The development includes 109 furnished studio apartments and two one-bedroom apartments, as well as dedicated units for property management and maintenance staff. Resident apartments feature fully equipped kitchens, private bathrooms, heating and air conditioning. The property also includes laundry facilities and bicycle storage.

The project is supported by an interagency agreement between the Housing Authority of the City of Baldwin Park and Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA), authorizing LACDA to administer rental assistance for 111 units through the Continuum of Care and Housing Choice Voucher programs. These include specialized programs such as the Family Unification Program and Foster Youth to Independence. The agreement provides priority consideration for Baldwin Park residents and participants in the City's existing transitional housing programs.

The Weingart Sycamore builds on Baldwin Park's ongoing efforts to address homelessness and expand housing options, complementing the City's interim housing programs at Esperanza Villa and Serenity Homes. By collaborating with regional housing partners, the City continues to work toward connecting eligible residents with housing and support services that promote greater stability and long-term independence.

The Weingart Sycamore was made possible through a collaborative investment by state, county and local agencies and private-sector partners. The State of California awarded $34.6 million for the project through its Project Homekey initiative, while the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors committed $16 million in matching funds. Los Angeles County also committed Measure H funding to support on-site services for residents. The project brought together the City of Baldwin Park, Los Angeles County Homeless Services and Housing, the LACDA, Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, L.A. Care Health Plan, Health Net, Gensler and other project partners.The City is thankful to all the organizations and individuals whose funding, expertise and collaboration

helped make The Weingart Sycamore possible and expand access to permanent supportive housing in the San Gabriel Valley.

CHINO HILLS

Waterton, a national real estate investor and operator, acquired Reserve at Chino Hills, a 482-unit rental community in Chino Hills. The 20-acre, garden-style apartments located at 4200 Village Drive include 46 residential buildings and a clubhouse.

Located in the westernmost point of the Inland Empire, the low-density community is near the intersection of San Bernardino, Los Angeles, Riverside and Orange counties, with convenient access to the region's employment centers. Waterton will execute a multi-tiered value-add program to enhance the residences and amenity spaces throughout the community.

It was originally built in 1987. Floor plans include traditional garden-style apartments, offering studio, one- and two-bedroom options with in-unit washer/dryers and private patios or balconies. Townhomes, built in 2024, offer three-bedroom configurations, providing larger-than-usual floor plans and an attractive alternative to single-family home ownership in a highly rated school district. Amenities include three outdoor pools and three hot tubs, an outdoor lounge area with a fireplace and TV, a grilling and picnic area, a dog park and a playground. The clubhouse, built in 2018, includes a fitness center, children's room, well-appointed lounge, game room and co-working spaces.

Waterton plans to renovate the residences to a modern finish level with new flooring, stainless steel appliances, quartz countertops, cabinet upgrades, lighting and plumbing fixtures, hardware and backsplashes. Across the amenity package, Waterton plans to refresh fixtures and furnishings while contemplating a reconfiguration of underutilized spaces to maximize the resident experience at the community.

Residents at Reserve at Chino Hills enjoy proximity to abundant nearby retail, and the community is served by the highly rated Chino Valley Unified School District. The location benefits from immediate access to the recently improved SR-71 corridor, which provides convenient access to retail centers and employment hubs across Riverside, San Bernardino and Orange counties as well as the Los Angeles metro area.

COVINA

The City is pleased to announce the upcoming Covina Recreation Village Complex is opening in early 2027.

The Complex is currently within the final stages of construction, and is located in the heart of downtown Covina, just east of the Covina Metrolink Train Station.

The new Complex will feature the City's first indoor gymnasiums, equipped for multiple sports, including basketball and volleyball. Recreation Village also hosts the City's first indoor rock climbing and bouldering gym. Additionally, the complex will include the new home for the Covina City Library,

equipped with state-of-the-art public workstations, furnishings, study rooms, and an enhanced space for Literacy Services. Within the complex are 2 park spaces including a playground and dog park.

Recreation Village has been made possible thanks to several competitive grant awards, state budget appropriations, and federal appropriations. To learn more about the project, view renderings, and more information please visit the project webpage at www.covinaca.gov/recreationvillage

Covina Recreation Village is located at 640-680 N. Citrus Avenue.

The City will announce the Park's opening date in early 2027.

DIAMOND BAR

Construction crews with the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) are scheduled to begin reconstruction of the second half of the Grand Avenue bridge.

When work starts in mid-November, traffic will shift onto the newly built eastern half of the bridge, clearing the way for crews to demolish and rebuild the western half. Rebuilding the bridge in two halves keeps two lanes open in each direction throughout construction. As with the other half, demolition of the western half will require full overnight freeway closures on weekends starting in late November and continuing into mid-December. When finished, the bridge will carry eight lanes and wider sidewalks.

This work is part of the 57/60 Confluence Chokepoint Relief Project which aims to improve the heavily traveled interchange where the 57 and 60 freeways merge. More than 350,000 vehicles a day, including an estimated 26,000 trucks, travel through the area. The American Transportation Research Institute ranks it as California's worst truck bottleneck and the seventh worst in the nation.

Much of the congestion is created when drivers on the eastbound 60 Freeway drivers attempt to get across several lanes to reach the Grand Avenue exit. By separating traffic on the two freeways, the project will give those drivers direct access to Grand Avenue and let through traffic continue without merging with the 57 Freeway, which will help reduce both congestion and sideswipe crashes. The project also adds an eastbound lane through the interchange.

SGVCOG, which is leading the project together with Metro and Caltrans, expects the project to be completed by mid-July 2028. For detailed information and sign up to receive project updates, visit https://www.sgvcog.org/5760project

GLENDORA

The Glendora City Council will consider changes to the city's personnel rules Tuesday, Dec. 8. The proposed ordinance would clarify hiring authority, executive appointment requirements and employment procedures.

Ordinance No. 2102 would define the city manager's personnel administration, delegation and appointment authority. It also would establish requirements for council ratification of certain executive appointments and approval of employment contract terms. The council introduced the proposal for a first reading Tuesday, Nov. 10.

The changes would clarify which positions fall within classified service and update procedures for recruitment, examinations, appointments, discipline and separation. They also address personnel rules, classification and compensation plans, nondiscrimination, reasonable accommodation and employee complaints. Other provisions would revise consideration of applicants' criminal histories to conform to applicable law and clarify the effect of memoranda of understanding and the at-will status of specified employees.

The adoption consideration will take place in the Council Chamber at 116 E. Foothill Blvd., Glendora. Residents can review the full ordinance at the city clerk's office in Glendora City Hall at the same address or on the city's website under Public Notices. If adopted, the ordinance would take effect 30 days after adoption.

INDUSTRY

Shea Properties has started construction on Shea Center Industry, a Class A industrial development in City of Industry. Totaling 118,232 square feet, Shea Center Industry will feature a 48,073-square-foot building and a 70,159-square-foot building, with 5,000 square feet to 7,000 square feet of office space.

Completion is slated for late 2027. The buildings will feature 32-foot clear heights, ESFR fire suppression, grade-level and dock-high doors, dedicated office space and ample parking. Each building will have a fenced, private concrete yard with electric rolling gate operators.

LA VERNE

At its October 19, 2026, meeting, the La Verne City Council approved a Side Letter Agreement with the La Verne Firefighters' Association (LVFA), providing a resolution to a disagreement over how Firefighter Paramedic compensation is set forth in the current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). As part of the resolution, the City and LVFA, agreed to establish an interim compensation process for Firefighters selected by the City to attend paramedic training, ensuring that eligible employees are understanding of the Firefighter Paramedic classification salary step they will be at upon successful certification. This resolution was crafted without either party conceding its interpretation of the existing MOU and recognizes that a new labor agreement negotiation process will soon be started, thereby allowing continued discussion towards a long-term mutually agreed upon process.

Prior to the current MOU, the City hired Firefighters with a Paramedic certification and paid a 5% assignment bonus which increased to 15% after a successful one-year probation. When the new MOU was entered into in December 2022, a new Firefighter Paramedic classification was created so Firefighters could be hired and eventually earn their paramedic certification and be promoted into the new classification. That new classification was set at 15% higher than the Firefighter classification. Under general City promotional rules, an employee is promoted and receives a 5% increase. This promotional process in the new MOU differed from the previous system and was the basis of the disagreement. The agreement included a compromise settlement for the three Firefighter Paramedics by agreeing to increase their pay from a defined date, but not agreeing to further back pay as requested. That settlement totaled approximately $37,862 for the three Firefighter Paramedics and represented the difference from the 5% to the 15% for the defined time.

ONTARIO

Porto's Bakery & Café is coming to the City of Ontario, marking the family-owned bakery's first location in the Inland Empire.

Founded in 1960 by Rosa Porto, Porto's Bakery has grown into a Southern California favorite, with the second and third generations of the Porto family now carrying her legacy forward. What began with Rosa's recipes and hospitality has grown into an experience that welcomes guests throughout the day, from breakfast and coffee to lunch, dinner, pastries, cakes and savory favorites. Rosa's recipes still anchor the menu, including signature items like the Cheese Roll® and Potato Ball®, alongside new offerings that stay connected to the family's Cuban roots and the communities it serves.

The Ontario location will bring the Porto's experience closer to residents throughout the Inland Empire while creating new jobs and adding a major new dining destination to the city.

Porto's Bakery will be part of a new 8.6-acre commercial development at the southwest corner of Archibald Avenue and Inland Empire Boulevard. The site will feature approximately 50,000 square feet of commercial space across three buildings, with a mix of restaurant, café, and retail uses. A landscaped outdoor plaza with water features, outdoor dining and gathering spaces will connect the buildings.

"Anchored by Porto's, this new retail destination will bring hundreds of local jobs and draw thousands of visitors each day, making it a significant addition to Ontario's local economy," said Jennifer McLain Hiramoto, Executive Director for the City of Ontario Economic Development Agency. "This investment will transform a site that has remained vacant for years into a new center for dining and retail, creating opportunities for businesses and bringing new activity to this part of the city."

Located near the I-10 Freeway, the development builds on recent growth in the surrounding area, including the recently completed Hyatt House and Hyatt Place, new auto dealerships, and the growing Capital City Entertainment District near Toyota Arena.

Construction is expected to begin in 2027, with the bakery projected to open in 2028. Additional details about Porto's Bakery's Ontario location will be announced as plans move forward.

POMONA

The Pomona Public Library is migrating its eBook and eAudiobook service from CloudLibrary to Libby by Overdrive. Libby will be your primary source for eBooks and eAudiobooks as of November 2, 2026. Libby is easy to use, is available on more devices, and has enhanced searching ability.

In order to maximize our limited collection funding, access to CloudLibrary ended on November 18, 2026. Cloud Library content should be fully migrated to Libby by December 1, 2026.

To learn more about our Libby move, please visit our Libby FAQ page or call/visit the Pomona Public Library (909-620-2043) during operating hours.

RANCHO CUCAMONGA

Rancho Cucamonga ranked No. 35 among 182 U.S. cities in WalletHub's 2026 Safest Cities in America analysis. The City ranked fifth among California cities in the study, third among Southern California cities included, and highest among Inland Empire cities included.

WalletHub also ranked Rancho Cucamonga No. 13 in its Home & Community Safety category.

Public safety is a core City priority and one of the City Council's stated values. The Council's mission is to continuously ensure and advance the community's quality of life through inclusive decision-making. Its 2026 goals include implementing the Drones as First Responders Program and preparing a schematic design for a Fire Administration building and Emergency Operations Center.

WalletHub's analysis compares cities across 41 indicators, including measures related to home and community safety, natural-disaster risk and financial safety.

The overall ranking is a composite analysis, and regional rankings were calculated from cities included in WalletHub's analysis.

SOUTH EL MONTE

South El Monte's city council unanimously approved a pair of urgency ordinances placing a 45 day moratorium on development for data centers and battery energy storage systems (BESS) The council will be looking at the question of banning data centers and BESS entirely at a future meeting.

As with other recent public debates over AI data center development (see Monterey Park, which instituted a total ban), the council chambers were divided between residents opposed to the infrastructure over concerns about water supplies, energy costs, and fire risk, and industry lobbyists and trade union representatives who believe that building more data centers is economically critical for Southern California.

Though no data centers are currently in development in South El Monte, some locals are concerned about what might become of the recently rejected Lexington-Gallatin Warehouse project by Magellan Value Partners.

The location of the now cancelled Lexington-Gallatin Warehouse. Magellan Value Partners still owns the land.

Due to that concern, Mayor Gloria Olmos called for a permanent ban to be brought up as a future agenda item, and the council voted 5-0 to institute the moratorium on data center and BESS development.

WEST COVINA

West Covina is preparing for a possible wet winter due to El Niño for the 2026-27 winter storm season. A wet winter is not guaranteed; however, preparing before significant rainfall can help reduce risks to people, property, and public infrastructure. The beginning of the rainy season provides an important

opportunity to review emergency plans and take reasonable steps to protect people and property. West Covina is urging residents and businesses to prepare now for the heightened potential of severe torms.

Los Angeles County advises residents to prepare for possible severe storms by monitoring official alerts, developing an evacuation plan, assembling supplies for up to 10 days, securing property, and understanding local flood and mudflow risks. West Covina and Los Angeles County maintain flood-control infrastructure and conduct storm-season preparations in the city.