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## Roundabout Guide

### STAFF REPORTS

**Eastvale** – One of the updates in the City of Eastvale is that the new vehicular bridge over Cucamonga Creek Channel is now open to traffic. The City provided a guide for safely navigating the roundabout. This roundabout is located on Limonite Avenue between Archibald Avenue and the new bridge.

"To ensure everyone can navigate this new traffic feature safely and confidently, please take a look at

see **Grow** page 2

## Limonite Gap Bridge Is Now Open

### STAFF REPORTS

**Eastvale** – The Limonite Gap Bridge is now open to the public and the City held an official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony this month.

"This bridge is more than just a new roadway—it's a vital addition to our region, designed to enhance access and reduce travel time for residents," stated the City.

"Thank you to CTC for allocating \$9.475 million from the Local Partnership Program,

WRCOG for providing a total of \$10 million in Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee (TUMF) funding, and RCTC for approving \$13.5 million in Measure A Regional Arterial funds for this project," the City added.

These funds allowed the City to extend Limonite Avenue from Archibald Avenue to Hellman Avenue. In addition, pedestrian enhancements were added, including Class I bicycle paths

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Photo courtesy: City of Eastvale

The Limonite Gap Bridge is now open and several City Officials gathered for a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate.

## Local Events Coming Soon

### STAFF REPORTS

**Eastvale** – There are several local events coming up in the surrounding cities. Mark your calendars for the events below.

City of Eastvale's Kids Bike Skills Day

When: December 8 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Where: River Heights Intermediate School

Details: This event is open

to young cyclists of all skill levels. Led by certified instructors, the City's interactive workshops "focus on building essential biking skills, boosting confidence, and promoting safe riding habits. Participants will engage in fun, skill-building exercises tailored to their age and ability, from basic balancing techniques to nav-

igating obstacles. Whether they're just learning to ride or looking to improve their skills, this event offers a great opportunity to learn and grow in a safe, supportive environment." Registration is encouraged but not required for participation. Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/KidsBikeSkillsDay>

Red Cross Blood Drive

When: Thursday, December 12, from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Where: Clara Barton Elementary's Multipurpose Room at 7437 Corona Valley Ave, Eastvale

Details: To schedule your appointment, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org).

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## OUR FEATURED BUSINESSES

## New Traffic Grants

### STAFF REPORTS

**Eastvale/Norco** - The Riverside County's Sheriff's Office, Jurupa Valley Station received a grant for Traffic Enforcement Programs for the City of Eastvale and Norco to increase safety on roads. The City of Eastvale was awarded a \$112,381 grant and the City of Norco was awarded a \$89,191 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS).

The grants were awarded to "support ongoing enforcement and education programs to help reduce the number of serious injuries and deaths on the roads," stated a Riverside County Sheriff's Department news release. "The grant program runs through September 2025."

"We are grateful to receive this grant, which will strengthen our traffic enforcement efforts and improve road safety," Lieutenant Ernie Esquibel

said. "By increasing enforcement of traffic laws and focusing on high-risk areas, we aim to reduce dangerous driving behaviors, prevent crashes, and make our roads safer for everyone."

The news release stated that the grants will provide additional programs and resources for both cities, including:

- DUI checkpoints and patrols focused on stopping suspected impaired drivers.

- High-visibility distracted driving enforcement operations targeting drivers in violation of California's hands-free cell phone law.

- Enforcement operations focused on the most dangerous driver behaviors that put the safety of people biking or walking at risk.

- Enforcement operations focused on top violations that cause crashes: speeding, fail-

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## Tint Your Windows At Mr. Tint

### STAFF REPORTS

**Norco** - Car window tinting is one of the best ways to improve the look and comfort of your vehicle. You can protect the interior of the vehicle from sun damage by tinting the windows. Sunlight and heat can cause your interior, like seats and the dashboard, to fade, crack and deteriorate. Window tinting reduces the sunlight allowed into the vehicle, which in turn reduces how hot it gets inside your car. Likewise, homes and offices heat up during the day, and trying to keep

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# Sell your casa with Gil Rivera

## Casa from page 1

ed commission, but with full service. Rivera's offer of 4% Total Commission for Sellers includes 2.5% to the Buyer's Agent and 1.5% to Rivera's office. Most Realtors negotiate a 6% commission because they have to split the fees with their brokerage. But, as Rivera is the Broker, he passes on the savings to the Seller. This will save Sellers thousands of dollars in commission fees. His team offers full service for that discounted rate including high quality flyers, professional photos, open houses (as allow-

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Rivera sells houses, condos, and two to four unit investment properties in Riverside, San Bernardino, Los Angeles, and Orange counties. He just recently sold another home in

Eastvale last month. He also does real estate appraisals for banks, estates, trusts, divorces, attorneys, refinances, home purchases, and probate/inheritance for tax purposes. In addition, Rivera has assistants that work with him who are fluent in Spanish and Chinese, helping to reach people of different dialects all over Southern California.

Rivera's philosophy is to "treat my clients the way I want to be treated." In fact, Rivera said that he became a Realtor because he did not like the way his Realtor treated him when he was buying his home. Rivera shows respect for his clients

at all times. He listens to what they say, so that he can better serve them.

Rivera also does not push his Buyers into a sale. Rivera said, "I always tell Buyers: 'You will know right away when we walk into the house that's meant for you'. Whether it takes a week or months, my Buyers will always be satisfied with their purchase and never pressured into it."

Rivera's current promotion is, "We will SELL your house in four weeks at highest value! We only request a listing period of four weeks, while most other Realtors ask for a six month listing." Rivera says that "Buy-

ers need to know that they do not need to pay their Realtor any fees for representing them on a purchase. The Buyer's agent is paid by the Seller, not the Buyer.

Check out Rivera's website at <http://www.SellYourCasa.com> to see how many different cities Rivera has sold in and for additional information about his company. You can also call the toll free number at (877) 888-SOLD (7653), or cell phone number (909) 967-4525. He also currently has large freeway billboard signs throughout the San Gabriel Valley and Inland Empire. Call today for a free market evaluation.

# Local events coming soon

## Events from page 1

org and enter: ClaraBarton  
Miracle on Citrus Street  
When: December 14 and 15 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Where: 13200 Citrus Street in Eastvale  
Details: The event will feature a North Pole Express train

ride, snow field and slides, festive arts and crafts, seasonal food and treats, and much more. Parking and admission for Miracle on Citrus Street is FREE. Join the enchanting holiday train ride, available December 14 and 15, from approximately 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Community Emergency Response Training (CERT)

Courses  
When: December 2024 and March 2025  
Details: This engaging 20-hour program will prepare you with vital disaster response skills, including fire safety, light search and rescue, and medical operations. Sessions will take place over a weekend, with Friday evenings from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday

and Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Fill out the interest form at <https://forms.gle/jDGVCyMZJ6BFSJTv8> and be among the first to get updates and registration info.

Candy Cane Lane  
When: December 18 starting at 6 pm  
Where: Starting at Eastvale Gateway  
Details: The Jurupa Valley

Sheriff's Station and Fire Stations 27 and 31 will partner once again for this year's Candy Cane Lane. You can expect to see RSO, CAL Fire, and the City hopping around town, passing out candy canes at the locations listed on the City's map. Please be aware that the times listed are approximate, as traffic and other delays may occur.

# New traffic grants

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ure to yield, stop sign and/or red-light running, and improper turning or lane changes.

• Officer training and/or recertification: Standard Field Sobriety Test (SFST), Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) and Drug Recognition Expert

(DRE).  
For the City of Eastvale, the grant will provide additional programs and resources for:  
• Enforcement operations focused on the most dangerous

ous driver behaviors that put motorcyclists at risk.  
• Enforcement operations focused on street racing and sideshow activities which put everyone at risk.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

# Limonite Gap Bridge is now open

## Bridge from page 1

and pedestrian sidewalks.  
"Thank you to our Eastvale City Council, City team,

Falcon, Ortiz Enterprise, Inc., Mark Thomas, and many others for joining us on Monday for our official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony!" stated the City.


"With projects like this, we're building a stronger, more connected city—one that future generations will be proud to call home."

# Roundabout guide

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the graphics provided for some important tips on how to drive in and around the roundabout," stated the City.

"For additional tips and information, please visit our website: <https://www.eastvaleca.gov/community/roundabout-rundown>"



### Eastvale Roundabout Rundown

- 1. Slow Down**
  - Slower speeds give more time for decisions and safer yielding to others
  - Entering a roundabout at slower speeds reduces the severity of crashes
  - Slowing down helps drivers better see and share the road with pedestrians and cyclists
- 2. Look Around**
  - Drivers should choose their lane based on their exit sign and markings guide them
  - Use other intersections, use the left lane to turn left, right to turn right
  - Drivers should watch for pedestrians at crosswalks and be ready to stop
- 3. Yield**
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  - Give space to large vehicles like trucks or buses inside the roundabout
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I Can Never Go Home Again



Michael Armijo

I've always played the lotto with one intention: TO WIN! And when I thought about what I'd do with the money, I've always wanted to give my family careers, buy them all homes within the same block, and re-live all those days of sunshine that used to nurture my soul. But now that's no longer an option.

I no longer feel that way anymore, mainly because I've realized why I've always wanted to do all of this. I one day realized

what was truly motivating my yearning to help my family.

When I was in my 20's our family would always get together. I think it was because my dad, the glue in the family tree, promoted that when you're a family, that's what we were supposed to do. We had to be friends, take care of one another, and love each other. There were no exceptions. But one day this entire philosophy died. Because my dad died.

Following those dark days after our loss, we soon fell apart as friends, and then as a family. We no longer speak, we no longer hang out, we no longer care for one another. We never see each other, and when we do, we act like we care, but it's obvious that we really don't. We only call when we need or want something. We don't even know where each other lives anymore. My best friend of seven years told me last year: "I didn't know you had a brother." Subconsciously we're allowing one another miss

years of our lives.

In retrospect, I miss those days of love and friendship. I think that sometimes we did or said hurtful things to each other because we knew we were family. We always thought we'd be okay because we were supposed to love family to the end. We said or did whatever we wanted because we were supposed to love one another through thick and thin. Our poor judgment was always forgiven. All was forgotten. But now that's not the circumstance anymore. We somehow came to the conclusion that we were no longer family. We somehow felt that we were no longer accountable for each other. We could no longer forgive, I guess there were just too many bad things that happened and those incidents somehow erased our blood line.

After all of these life changing incidents, I now believe that there are some places you can never visit again. It's like being an aging rock star, or a former athlete. You have to somehow come to the realization that it's over. Times have changed. Regardless of what you do, regardless of how you act or how much money you have, you can never go back to those days of glory. You can never re-live that time in your life, those emotions, or that love. It's like the sun: you can gaze at it, remember its warmth, enjoy its rays of light, but you can never visit. You can never touch the sun, you can never go back in time, and I can never go home again.

*This article was written by Michael before he passed in October 2020. His articles are placed in his memory.*


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# Why Do I Write

Mark Hopper

People often ask me what my books are about. What is my reason for writing? What is the purpose or goal for the stories I share?

In the past, I told them the history of my writing journey. A local newspaper publisher asked me if I would like to write some articles or stories for his weekly advertiser. I was honored to be asked but not sure what I would write about. That was almost 20 years ago. Gradually I found my stride by simply writing about my own family and stories about daily life. I wrote about things I observed or experiences from my

past. Sometimes I would share my opinions on a particular subject or topic.

Often, I included a reference from the Bible in my stories. One of my primary jobs as a church pastor was to teach people the Bible. I loved the opportunity to help people understand the Bible and discover how practical and personal it is. Most people know very little about the best-selling book of all time. The Bible is filled with biographies and accounts of real people in real history. It isn't a fairytale. It records real events in real places at specific times in history. And the authors and the people in the Bible frequently used stories to cement

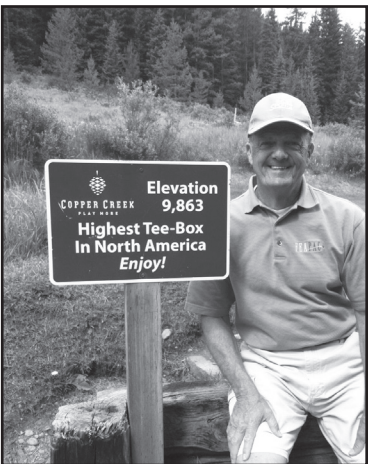
lessons in the hearts and minds of their readers or listeners.

Bottom line, the goal of all my books is not to entertain. The goal is to encourage. We live in a discouraging time. The recent Covid19 pandemic left many people exhausted and discouraged. The ups and downs of uncertain economic trends have too. And the political division and polarity leaves many people discouraged. Many people are facing serious health problems. Many others are struggling with broken relationships or a feeling of hopelessness.

The real goal of my books is to encourage people so they will encourage other people.

I hope when people read one of my short stories every day they will be lifted up and get them thinking. And I hope they will watch for an opportunity to encourage someone else by writing a note, making a call or speaking a word of encouragement to others during the day. There are many verses in the Bible which instruct us to encourage the people in our lives. The Apostle Paul wrote, "Encourage one another and build up one another" (First Thessalonians 5:11). Let me encourage you to watch for an opportunity to encourage someone today. They will be glad you did, and you will too.

You can read more encour-



aging stories by Mark Hopper in his books "Let Me Encourage You More" and Let Me Encourage You Again" or by visiting his website: Let-markencourageyou.com

# He Shouldn't Have To Wear A Sign

Melody Kraemer

It's my birthday month, and the one wish I have is: I wish every month to be autism awareness month. I am not asking anyone to get a degree in autism, but to be aware of a few things. Autism is not contagious, and you don't need to be afraid of being around an autistic person nor be mean to someone that has autism,

This past month we attended several "Halloween" events, and what I witnessed from

many led me to my birthday wish.

At one outing where my son was flapping and dancing around, having fun, this woman acted as if my son had the plaque. Little kids came up to him and stared at him, and one even kicked him. My little one has no clue why he was kicked or could even express it hurt, and he got pushed too by one. Why do kids think it's ok to bully someone differently?

At another event, my boy was doing his own thing in a pile

of corn, the corn pit at Frosty's Pumpkin Patch. He was lying there covering himself in corn when a child decided to walk across him and stand on his stomach. My boy looked at him as I yelled to get off him. A few minutes later, the boy came back and jumped on his legs. Just because he doesn't scream or say anything doesn't mean he's not feeling it.

Be kind. Teach your children to be kind. We are all created uniquely. None of us should have to wear a sign explaining

ourselves. We all should be accepted.

*Ephesians 4:2 NIV*  
*Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.*

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# Where Is God?

Pastor Dennis Morales

*"O LORD, how long shall I cry, And You will not hear?" Habakkuk 1:1*

Pandemic, panic, division, and the question, "How much longer, Lord?" At some point, some of us have wondered, "Where is God?" We may even have thought that it seems like evil is winning and God is silent. Habakkuk shows us that we have a choice as to how we respond to the difficulties in our life. It's obvious by the language of Habakkuk at the onset, that he begins to wrestle with God in prayer (Ha-

bakkuk's name actually means wrestle). Have you ever felt like your prayers are like wrestling prayers? Habakkuk was troubled by the moral and spiritual decline of the world around him and he wanted answers. God answers Habakkuk, but it's probably not the answer he is looking for. God says, "I'm working, but if I told you how, you wouldn't believe it" (Hab1:5). God said He would use the wicked Chaldeans to judge Judah. God's response troubled him even more because it meant things would get worse. Habakkuk didn't understand God's response, but

he says later "the just shall live by faith" (Hab 2:4). Habakkuk would learn that understanding how God works is not his job, trusting Him is. If God told you everything He is doing and how He would do it, would you be able to understand it? Scripture says God doesn't think like us (Isaiah 55:8). It's easy to get anxious, but God says, "He is working." Habakkuk brought his prayer to God and allow His peace to flood his heart (read Philippians 4:7). Habakkuk's worship and prayer of encouragement is a beautiful demonstration of his faith in God. He

trusted the steadfast love and faithfulness of his Savior even when he didn't understand God's plan. The prophet Habakkuk lived in a day of uncertainty, much like we do. In light of all his questions about the future, his response remained simple, "yet I will rejoice in the Lord" (Habakkuk 3:18). We too can rejoice, no matter the circumstances. Will you trust Him today? We are complete in Jesus alone and in His steadfast love and faithfulness (read John 16:33). Notice that Habakkuk's wrestling became worship.

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# Happy Thanksgiving



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I would like to start by wishing all of you a very happy and blessed Thanksgiving. I also want to remind you that we have so very much to be grateful for during this very difficult time in our world. Make every day a Thanksgiving not just one

day a year. Think about all that you have in your life. Most of us have our health, a roof over our heads, food in our bellies, a car, hot and cold running water, family, pets, and so much more. We can spend our days feeling sorry for ourselves for what we don't get to do or have right now or we can focus on all that we have.

It really comes down to perspective and attitude or what I refer to in a mindset. I believe it is important for our well-being to stay positive and grateful. If we give in to the darkness and all that is wrong, then we will become depressed and anxious. If we can practice staying in the good and the light, then our lives will be better, and we will enjoy each day no matter what is occurring in our world. The

truth is all we really have control over is how we respond to everything. I say use this power to put good into our world and into ourselves.

Please remember different doesn't have to be bad it can be amazing. I know this year many of us will have a different type of celebration for Thanksgiving but remember you can still make it magical. This can be the year of some new fantastic traditions and a great opportunity to make magnificent memories!!!! Happy Thanksgiving to you all amazing beings and may your holiday be filled with the magic of positive thinking and all that is possible and fabulous in our world!!!!!!

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