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HERE WE GROW

Eastvale Stats

STAFF REPORTS

Eastvale – The City of Eastvale has grown so much in the last year. The City shared a recap of all that the Economic Development team did in 2024.

19 New Storefronts were opened:

- Krak Boba
- Taco Bell
- NHAU at Cravings Eastvale
- Nobibi at Cravings Eastvale
- 7/11 & Chevron Gas
- Cassidy's Corner Café
- China Bros

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New Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem

STAFF REPORTS

Eastvale – At the last City Council meeting, Mike McMinn was selected as the new Mayor of Eastvale and Jocelyn Yow was selected as the new Mayor Pro Tem.

McMinn replaced Christian Dinco as Eastvale Mayor and Yow replaced McMinn as Mayor Pro Tem. They both served one year in those positions.

Dinco will now serve as a Councilmember alongside Clint Lorimore and Todd Rigby.

When Dinco left his position

as Mayor, his outgoing message included the following: "As my term as Mayor of Eastvale comes to an end, I want to express what an honor and privilege it has been to serve this amazing city and share how immensely proud I am of all we've accomplished together as a community. None of these achievements would have been possible without the unwavering dedication and collaboration

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Photo courtesy: City of Eastvale

The Eastvale City Council welcomed a new Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem at the last Council meeting.

Fire and Police Celebrated

STAFF REPORTS

Eastvale – Our local Fire and Police Officials have done a lot for our community. This month, they were celebrated for all their hard work.

On Dec. 3, the City of Eastvale and the Eastvale Chamber of Commerce proudly celebrat-

ed them at the 3rd Annual Fire and Police Appreciation Luncheon. "This special event was dedicated to honoring the hard work and commitment of our local first responders throughout the year," stated the City.

Congratulations to the following individuals on their awards:

- Victor Pimentel - Volunteer of the Year

- Frank Martinez- Fire Personnel of the Year

- Crystal Hope - Non-Sworn Employee of the Year

- Jeremy Pazienza - Firefighter of the Year

- Lawrence Lareau - Sworn Officer of the Year



Photo courtesy: City of Eastvale

The Eastvale Council awarded several individuals for their service to the City.

OUR FEATURED BUSINESSES

Celebrate this Holiday Season Responsibly

BY RIVERSIDE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT

Eastvale/Jurupa Valley/Norco - The holiday season can be dangerous for people on the roads. In December 2022 alone, 1,062 people were killed in the U.S. in alcohol-impaired-driving crashes, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The Riverside County Sheriff's Office, Jurupa Valley Station wants to remind the public of the dangers of driving impaired and to celebrate the holiday season responsibly by not driving under the influence.

From December 11 through New Year's Day, the Jurupa Valley Station will have additional officers on patrol looking for drivers suspected of being under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. The high-visibility enforcement effort is part of a national campaign, Drive

Sober or Get Pulled Over, with the goal of stopping suspected impaired drivers who put others at risk.

"During the holiday season, we see families and loved ones coming together to celebrate, and our goal is to make sure everyone gets home safely," said Sergeant Andrew Sullivan. "Impaired driving isn't just dangerous; it's illegal. Let's make this a joyful and safe holiday season for everyone on the road. We urge people to act responsibly and plan a sober ride home."

The Riverside County Sheriff's Office encourages everyone to stay in for the night or have a "go safely" game plan by scheduling a ride or designating a sober driver if you plan to consume alcohol.

Impaired driving is not just

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Learn More About Medicare with Lizeth

STAFF REPORTS

Riverside/San Bernardino Counties - If you have Medicare and need help finding the best insurance coverage that fits your needs, then you need to call Lizeth Gallardo from Gallardo Premium Insurance Services. With 10 years of experience in this field, Lizeth is an insurance agent that genuinely cares for her clients.

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Visit Riverside Christian Alliance Church

STAFF REPORTS

Jurupa Valley – If you're looking for a new home church, consider Riverside Christian Alliance Church in Jurupa Valley. Their core values are centered on family, love, the Word of God, and missions.

Their church mission is to "glorify God as a Christ-centered family by loving God and others, proclaiming the Good News, cultivating faithful living through teaching God's Word, and reaching the lost in our local and global communities."

Riverside Christian Alliance Church loves to meet peo-

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Riverside Christian Alliance Church meets every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Visit www.riversidecma.org for more information.

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Learn more about Medicare with Lizeth

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swer any questions,” said Lizeth. Lizeth’s business philosophy is to help people as if they were her family. She continues in this field because she is passionate about helping people under-

stand Medicare. “It’s a complex topic and every year, there are changes,” said Lizeth. Lizeth can help guide you understand all the areas of Medicare so you can find the best coverage. She can explain what Medicare covers, what Medicare

Advantage and Supplement are, what you should do when you turn 65, and she can go into depth about Medicare part A, B, C and D. Lizeth also speaks Spanish, and she does not charge for her services!

“Feel free to call and ask any questions regarding Medicare insurance plans,” said Liz. “You do not have to sign up for anything and there is no charge to review and compare your current coverage.” Call 800-240-1183 for more information today!

Gallardo Premium Insurance Services is located at 14252 Schleisman Rd Suite 201 in Eastvale. The building is at the corner of Schleisman and Archibald Avenue in the Vista Medical Plaza at the Marketplace at the Enclave.

Visit Riverside Christian Alliance Church

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ple, serve the community, and provide resources to help the others. The church hosts a 10:30 a.m. family service every

Sunday, where both adults and children can sit together. They offer a bilingual service in both English and Mandarin. Many of the congregants live in Eastvale, Jurupa Valley, and Riverside. Riverside Christian Alliance

Church also organizes various events like a Lunar New Year celebration, mid-Autumn festival celebration, a Thanksgiving gathering, and a Christmas program. All events are free and offer good food too! In addition, Riverside Christian Alliance has

different fellowship groups for all ages that meet throughout the week. Come visit Riverside Christian Alliance Church this Sunday at 10:30 a.m.! New visitors of the church will enjoy a free snack or lunch after Sunday

worship. Visit Riverside Christian Alliance Church of C&MA at 9640 Jurupa Road, in Jurupa Valley. If you have any questions, you can call them at 951-360-0113 or visit <https://www.riversidecma.org/>.

New Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem

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of my fellow City Councilmembers, the exceptional leadership of our City Manager, and the diligent work of our City staff. Thank you all for your

hard work, vision, and commitment to making Eastvale the best it can be. To the residents of Eastvale: thank you for your trust, support, and partnership. This city’s heart lies in its people,

and I am endlessly inspired by your resilience and drive to make Eastvale a place we all proudly call home. Though my term as Mayor is ending, I am excited to remain on the City Council for the next

four years as my new term is just beginning. I look forward to seeing how Eastvale continues to thrive and grow in the years to come.” The City said in a news release, “Under his leadership,

our city has experienced remarkable growth and progress. We’re grateful for his dedicated service and unwavering commitment to making Eastvale a city we’re all proud to call home.”

Eastvale Statistics

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- Tutu Ballet School
- Dubu Tofu House at Cravings Eastvale
- Wushiland Boba at Cravings Eastvale

- Bomb AF! Ice Cream
- Staybridge Suites
- Tenmaya Japanese Restaurant
- Handel’s Ice Cream
- Slice House Pizza
- Eastvale Chiropractic
- Gameday Men’s Health

- Dollar Tree
- Klatch Coffee at Sprouts
- The City also:
- Held meetings with 60+ businesses interested in joining Eastvale
- Walked over 180,000 steps in 2 days at ICSC Las

- Vegas
- Completed 2,210 monthly business walks
- In addition, they held several rankings:
- Crumbl Cookies Eastvale is ranked #1 most visited Crumbl in CA

- Eastvale Gateway Foot Traffic ranked #1 within 15 miles, #4 in California, and #9 in the US
- Goodman Center Foot Traffic ranked #2 within 15 miles, #8 in California, and #26 in the US

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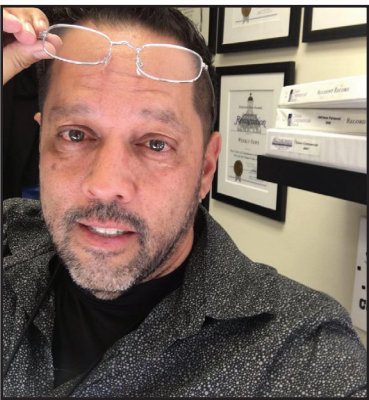
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Don't Cry When I'm Gone



Michael Armijo

I've left this earth and you're still here crying. Well, don't cry now that I'm gone. You see, I'm free. Free of the responsibilities that came with life. I can't hear anymore; I can't see what you see. I'm a pure and flowing spirit that will roam and feel the energy of life. When I shed my body I shed the tears, the pain and the torment that came with it. I waited all my life to feel what I'm feeling now. I waited what felt like an eternity. I lived a good life on earth, so now I will lead a good life in my next step. Just as I was taken from the womb of my mother and lived that life completely, I am now taken from this life to live yet another.

I am happy, as each life

gets easier, stronger, better. I no longer know pain, so when you are in it, I cannot see you. I only know love, so when you follow it, I will watch you shine. Just as I do not remember my life in my mother's womb, I do not remember the life I had on earth. All I know is that I am truly happy now. My world now is the world that I've built in my heart while on Earth. My world is the one I had always hoped for. It is beautiful. It is wonderful. It is mine. But I must tell you, enjoy your life as I am now enjoying mine. It'll go quicker than you can ever imagine, it travels faster than you'll ever believe. One day you will look up and your life will be over. Enjoy today completely and contently as tomorrow may never come. Tomorrow never came for me.

So please don't cry when I'm gone, be happy for me as I was always happy for you. And please remember to live life with compassion and character, hope and pride, and love and peace, because the love you've embedded in your heart today is the love you'll hold onto forever.

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

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Christmas Traditions

Mark Hopper

I have shared in my previous book some of the Hopper family's Christmas traditions. Some of them were passed down by our own parents and some of them started when we had our own family. Every generation keeps some of the old ones and creates new ones. I'm sure this is true for you as well.

One of the Christmas traditions you have read about was making cinnamon rolls. This started with my Grandmother Marie Halliday. She baked the best cinnamon rolls for us when I was young. My brother and I learned how to bake them

when we were growing up and continued doing this with our own children in the Christmas season.

I actually included the recipe in the back of my second book, "Let Me Encourage You More". My children have modified them or found new recipes, but they still bake cinnamon rolls for Christmas in memory of Grandma Halliday.

Another tradition passed down in my family was reading the Christmas Story from the Bible on Christmas Eve. When I was young, I remember going to my grandparent's house on Christmas Eve. We enjoyed hot chocolate and warm gin-

gerbread and read the account of Jesus' birth from the Bible in the book of Luke 2:1-20.

On Christmas morning my brother and I were not allowed to open any gifts at our house until we had eaten some breakfast. Who wants to stop and eat when you know there are Christmas presents under the tree in the living room? It seemed like torture, but we did it every year.

After we opened presents at our house we drove back to the Halliday's house for Christmas dinner. Then we got to open one present that was waiting for us under the Christmas tree at my grandparent's house.

My father-in-law's heritage was German. My wife's family had a little different twist to their Christmas routine. When she was growing up her parents put the kids to bed and then set up the tree while the kids were asleep and put out all the presents. Around midnight they woke up the sleeping kids and rushed to the window to wave goodbye to Santa. Her parents wanted to do the same with our children. But after a year or two of waking up sleeping kids my wife and I decided to let the kids sleep and open gifts on Christmas morning after they woke up.

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

The Ultimate Gift

Pastor Dennis Morales

At the Morales household, we love opening gifts at Christmas, but who doesn't. We hold a tradition of "ultimate" gifts to each other. It's a gift that we give with special love and attention as a last gift to each other. I have so much joy when I watch my boys open their gifts. I'm reminded when the Magi came into His house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and knelt down, and worshipped Him; and when they

had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. (Matthew 2). The Magi were astrologists-scientists, they were curious, and they were searching for meaning. Herod inquired about this prophetic King called the Christ. The Magi responded with Micah 5:2, which is a prophecy of the birth and birthplace of Jesus, which was Bethlehem. They studied the heavens, and a certain Eastern star led them to the Scriptures and the Scriptures led them to Jesus.

Psalm 19 says "The heavens declare the glory of God...there is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard." As they approached Jesus, their first thought was worship. Humbly bowing before Jesus, they knew there was something special about His birth. This was God in the flesh and Savior of the World. The magi offered valuable gifts, but they knew Jesus as an "ultimate" gift to the world (John 3:16). Jesus essentially came into this world as the ultimate gift not only to give His life, but

"to give life." (John 10:10b, Romans 6:23). Give God the best gift you could give this Christmas – YOU. If you give Him your heart, He not only holds forgiveness, but He will transform your life and give you unique hope and peace. As the Magi sought Jesus and found Him, we too can still seek Him and find Him.

Calvary Eastvale meets at the Eastvale Community Center on Sundays. Service times are 8:30 and 10:30am. Join us for our Christmas services on Sunday December 22. www.calvaryeastvale.or



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Celebrate this season

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from alcohol. Prescription drugs, over-the-counter medications, cannabis products and other drugs may also cause impairment. If you plan on drinking or taking medications with a driving warning label,

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