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Ventura County Events

**17th Annual Oxnard
Tamale Festival**

*December 7th 9am to 6pm
Plaza Park
Downtown Oxnard*

**Holidays In The Village,
A European
Marketplace & Festival In
Thousand Oaks**

*December 8th 11am to 8pm
The Oaks parking lot
Wilbur & Thousand Oaks Blvd*

**Ventura Harbor Holiday
Parade of Lights**

*December 13-14 @ 6:30pm
Ventura Harbor*

**Channel Islands
Parade of Lights**

*December 14th 7 - 9pm
Channel Islands Harbor*

**Annual Community Holiday
Dinner Thousand Oaks**

*Community Members In Need
December 25th 11:30 to 1:30
Temple Adat Elohim*



**Happy Holidays from all of us
at Ventura Management**

**Chris, Joni, Sharon,
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Holiday Decorating Safety Tips

The holiday season is here! We all love to celebrate the holidays with colorful decorations and lights. While we're all busy decorating, safety may be one of the last things on your mind. To ensure you have a safe, healthy, and happy holiday season, here are some tips to keep in mind as you deck out your home:

Keep live trees away from heat sources. Place your tree away from fireplaces and heaters, and keep a fire extinguisher near your tree. Live trees are highly flammable, due to needles and sap.

Hydrate your tree. A dried-out tree can catch fire faster than one that has been properly watered. Check the water level every other day to ensure proper hydration. Starting with a green tree is one way to keep it from drying out so quickly

Fake it! If you buy an artificial tree, make sure it's labeled "fire resistant." Fire-resistant trees are less susceptible to catching fire.

Don't burn wrapping paper in the fireplace. Paper can catch fire very quickly and can cause flash fires. Instead, recycle (or better yet, reuse!) your wrapping paper.

Double-check your lights for safety. Replace any lights with frayed wires, broken sockets, and loose connections.

Power down before you turn in. Turn off all lights when you go to bed and before leaving the house to avoid a short that could start an electrical fire.

Prevent electrical cord damage. Don't mount lights in a way that might damage the cords, and avoid using nails or tacks. Use hooks or insulated staples instead.

Secure candles. Keep candles on a sturdy base to prevent tipping. Never leave a lit candle unattended.

Skip the fake food. Avoid decorations that look like candy or food if you have young children — or pets — in the house.

Beware of poisonous plants. While festive, poinsettias are poisonous when eaten, so keep them out of reach of kids and pets.

Welcome to Ventura Management!

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- Yuly Quiroga
- Derek Carter
- Evan Willis
- Emily McConnell

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Donate To A Local Food Bank



Today, 1 in 6 people in Ventura County are struggling with food insecurity. These are your friends and neighbors. Concerns about job security, health issues, and the increasing cost of living affect everyone within every socioeconomic class, race, age group, and gender. Children suffer most, along with families and seniors who are having trouble making ends meet.

Please consider donating to one of the many food banks in Ventura County to help these folks out. Here are a few:

Manna

Manna is a Conejo Valley Food Bank helping people from Camarillo to Calabasas and is located in Thousand Oaks. Please visit their website for hours and instructions on how you can donate.
www.mannaconejo.org

Food Share

Food Share of Ventura County is a member of Feeding America, Located in Oxnard, they distribute millions of pounds of healthy food every year through their own programs such as FOOD Share and Friends mobile pantry, Senior Brown Bag Program, and Kids' Farmers' Market. Please visit their website for hours and instructions on how you can donate.
<http://www.foodshare.com>

Project Understanding

Getting back on your feet is instrumental to leading a happy and healthy life. Project Understanding is structured to help people in need make it through tough times by assisting with Food, Housing and Tutoring. Empowering yourself to be self-sufficient can be achieved with focus, work and understanding.
<http://www.projectunderstanding.org>

December Quote:

No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another.

... Charles Dickens

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