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The Sixth Annual Orcutt Fa La La Award Winners

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Each evening when the sun drops below the horizon, hundreds of inflatables pop up and millions of lights twinkle Christmassy cheer all across Orcutt. The holidays have arrived, and our Orcutt community has warmed up those chilly December nights with their sparkling showcases.

The Orcutt Pioneer would like to thank our readers who submitted addresses of neighbors, family members, and friends for the 6th Annual Orcutt Fa La La Awards. We wish we could give an award to every home that brings the holiday cheer, but we only have room for six

award winners. After much deliberation and some festive drives through Orcutt, our judges are pleased to share with you the 2018 Orcutt Fa La La Award Winners. Each of the winners was awarded a gift with a value of at least \$100 from one of our sponsors.

To get a map, log onto our Google Map by using the URL: goo.gl/Muw71D or tinyurl.com/2018falala (the URL may be CASE sensitive). Then grab some cocoa and a couple of candy canes, toss on some Michael Bublé tunes, and head on out to see the 2018 Orcutt Fa La La Award Winners!



#1. BEST IN SHOW

The Clark Griswold Award of Excellence

5224 Arroyo Court Sponsored by Donna Randolph of State Farm Insurance

This beautiful corner house is a wintry Candyland delight! Giant gumdrops, candy canes, and luminaries line the walkway, while Christmas lanterns tied up in bows surround the home. The roof is perfectly crisscrossed with colored lights, while the eaves drip with multicolored icicles transforming this home into a cozy gingerbread cottage. Six brilliant Christmas trees glisten on the lawn, and brilliant green wreathes add a charming glow to the walls. The large tree in front is wrapped in lights and large snowflakes are hooped in sparkle as if this tree came right out of Disneyland. This showstopper is one that helps bring the magic of Christmas to our community!

#2. CHRISTMAS PARADISE AWARD — 789 Old Mill Lane

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This home is a magnificent display of the season! Stunning starbursts hang between glittering gold and green palm trees. Santa rides on his life-sized sleigh in the middle of the lawn, while Frosty, a Nativity, and a 16-foot tree complete this perfect Christmas scene. Be sure to check out the projection of Santa and his merry messages as you drive by this spectacular corner house.



#3. SANTA'S WORKSHOP AWARD — 4603 Via Nina

Sponsored by Company's Coming

A 12-foot Santa Claus towers next to this home beckoning all to come visit this Christmas hot spot. Snoopy and Woodstock pose atop a homemade airplane made of PVC pipe, insulating foam, and duct tape. Lights in the middle of the lawn declare this is the season of "JOY", while presents, a Nativity, and another Santa complete this dazzling display.



#4. SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN AWARD

4600 Via Nina Sponsored by Moxie Cafe

Santa seems to be in abundance at this Orcutt home. Santa in camouflage, Santa going down the chimney, Santa with his reindeer, and, yes, even Santa in a hot air balloon! Dozens of candy canes light the border of this home, while stars and colored icicles hang nearby to help light up this Santa-centric home.

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#5. ROCKIN' AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE AWARD 4113 Mayfield Street

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This home is a musical and visual delight. Tune your radios and get ready to enjoy a flashing light show that is sure to rock! A candy cane archway lines the walk so pedestrians can immerse themselves in the sparkly showcase. In addition to the front display, the side of the house proudly dons a red, white, and blue tribute in lights.



#6. KIDS CHOICE AWARD

4346 Beverly Court

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Each year we ask a group of kids to select their favorite home, and this year they kept with tradition and selected this gorgeous home featuring handmade cut outs. Mickey, Beauty (and her Beast), Jack Skellington, The Grinch, Charlie Brown, and dozens more fill this spacious lawn. The crowning glory of this showstopper is Sleeping Beauty's Castle, complete with a fluttering Tinkerbell tipping her magic over the palace. Day or night, this holiday sight is one all the kids will enjoy.

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HONORABLE MENTIONS

1132 Weymouth Court — Spectacularly high trees drip strands of lights and a lovely Nativity sparkles on this cul-de-sac home.

5253 Arroyo Court — It's time to do the "Pup-Pup Boogie" for this litter of dog inflatables! This one is sure to bring you many Happy Howl-idays.

568 Highland Drive — Darth Vader, Yoda, and a Storm Trooper wish you a "Happy Life Day", a manger scene greets a "Merry CHRISTmas", and a playhouse with some snowy friends proclaims it is a "Winter Wonderland".



1132 Weymouth Court

817 Patterson Road — A fantastic mix of colors swoop across this home proclaiming "NOEL" by the angels at the Nativity.

4186 Breezy Glen — A clever use of the family car shows us "How the Grinch (and Max) Stole Amazon".

510 Dale Way — Since 1982 this family has bedecked their home in wintry wonder, and the iconic pie tin Christmas tree still shines brightly.

5698 South Bradley Road — "Frosty Glen" is back up this Christmas. Blankets of white and sparkling lights make this icy world come to life.

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4341 Beverly Drive — Great inflatables
1132 Weymouth Court — Soaring icy trees
4447 Nottingham Drive — Inflatable-palooza, Scoobs!

789 Old Mill Lane — Christmas Paradise Award

948 Countrywood Court — Fireside warmth

4338 California Boulevard — The Island of Beautiful Misfit Toys

781 Foxenwood Drive — A golden Christmas delight

259 Stansbury Drive — Cozy, cute Christmas cottage

450 East Clark Avenue — Santa's joined the Army

230 Dyer Street — A quaint Christmas barn

510 Dale Way — Vintage Christmastime joy

817 Patterson Road — Nativity glory

954 Donald Way — Baby Tigger and friends

568 Highland Drive — "O Come All Ye Star Wars Fans"

5253 Arroyo Court — Happy Howl-idays!

5224 Arroyo Court — Best in Show Award

5698 South Bradley Road — "Frosty Glen"

4600 Via Nina — Santa Claus is Coming to Town Award

4603 Via Nina — Santa's Workshop Award
1173 Via Pinta — Mickey, Minnie, and bubbles!

4622 Harmony Lane — A narwhal and a unicorn

4718 Tiffany Park Circle — A digital countdown

4113 Mayfield Street — Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree Award

4186 Breezy Glen Drive — How The Grinch Stole Amazon

3898 Cresmont Drive — A gingerbread cottage

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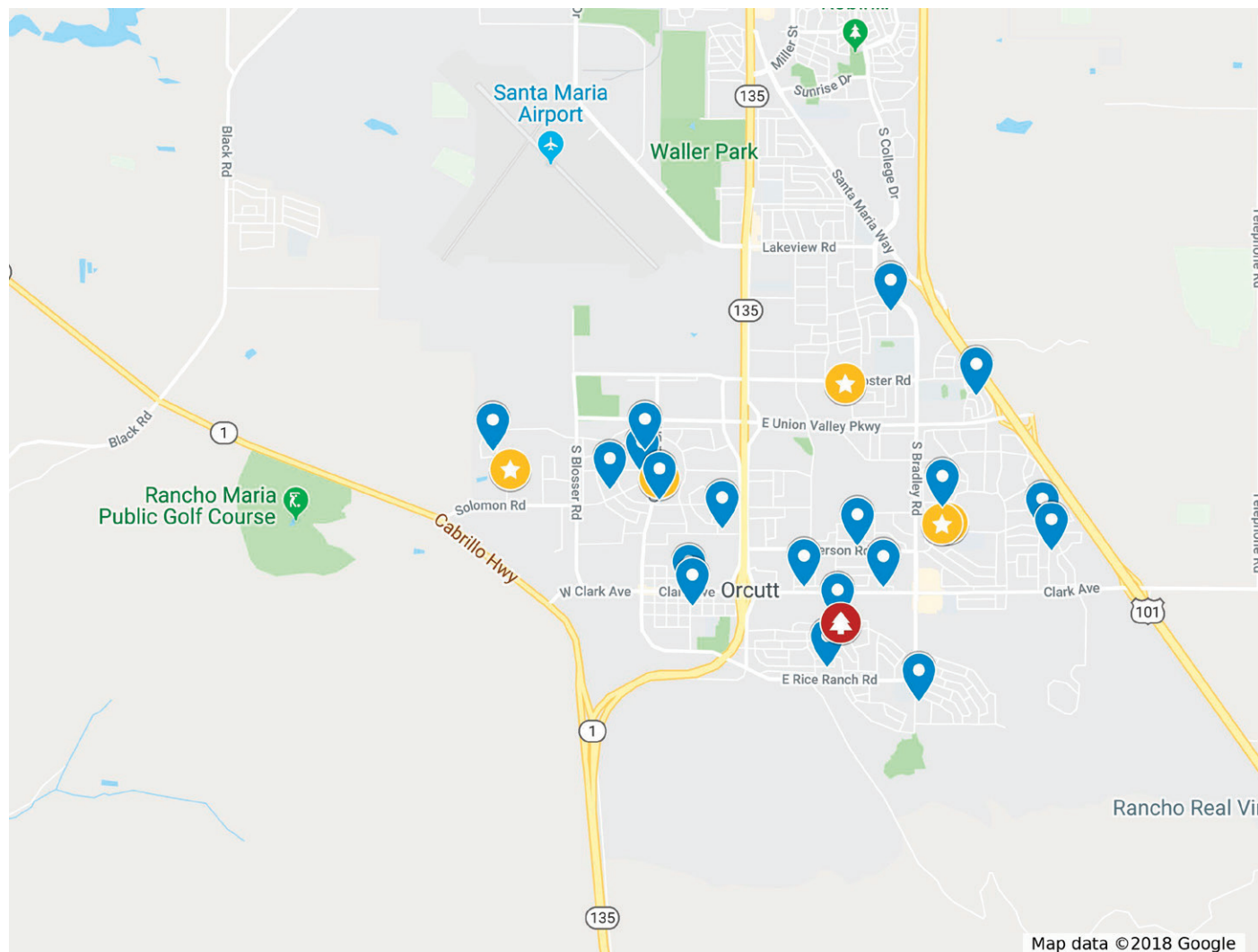
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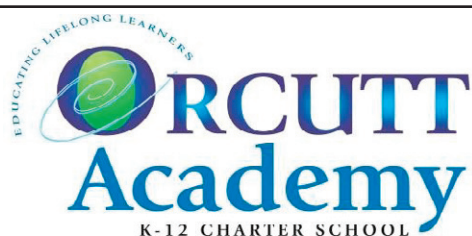
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- 📍 4186 Breezy Glen Dr
- 📍 3898 Crestmont Dr



Here are a list of winners and honorable mentions for our community Christmas and Holiday Lights Contest! Enjoy the season and check out these delightful sights. View this map at URL: goo.gl/Muw71D or tinyurl.com/2018falala



Orcutt Academy Now Enrolling for 2019-2020

The Orcutt Academy is now accepting enrollment applications for the 2019-2020 school year. Enrollment applications for the Academy's K-8 and high school campuses are accessible online at www.orcuttacademycharter.net. The deadline for applications is 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 30, 2019.

All prospective parents are asked to attend a [public information night](#). Additionally, all prospective students and parents are invited to attend a [campus tour](#) at the Academy site(s) in which they are interested. Following is a schedule of these events:

Weekday	Date	Location	Address	Time
Monday	November 26, 2018	Orcutt Academy High School Multi-use room	610 Pinal Avenue Old Orcutt	6:00-7:00 p.m. Information Night
Thursday	November 29, 2018	Olga Reed School Library	480 Centennial Street Los Alamos	9:15-9:45 a.m. Information Mtg
Monday	December 10, 2018	Orcutt Academy High School Multi-use Room	610 Pinal Avenue Old Orcutt	6:00-7:00 p.m. Information Night
Tuesday	December 18, 2018	Santa Maria Public Library Shepard Hall	110 E. Cook Street Santa Maria	6:00-7:00 p.m. Information Night
Wednesday	January 16, 2019	OA Independent Study Program Multi-use room	3491 Point Sal Road Casmalia	9:15-10:15 a.m. OAIS Campus Tour
Thursday	January 17, 2019	Orcutt Academy K-8 Campus Cafeteria	480 Centennial Road Los Alamos	9:15-10:15 a.m. OAK-8 Campus Tour
Friday	January 18, 2019	Orcutt Academy High School Multi-use Room	610 Pinal Avenue Old Orcutt	7:30-8:30 a.m. OAHS Campus Tour
Tuesday	January 22, 2019	Orcutt Academy High School Multi-use Room	610 Pinal Avenue Old Orcutt	6:00-7:00 p.m. Information Night

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PCPA's Peter Pan Hooks the Audience from the Start

It would be safe to say that most children, and by extension most adults, know the story of Peter Pan. Peter is the boy who can fly, the boy who never grows up, the boy who fights pirates and leads you on adventures through Neverland. You may have read the book, you may have seen the movie or play, but have you experienced the story firsthand?

PCPA (Pacific Conservatory Theatre) has taken on the task of not only translating J.M. Barrie's beloved children's tale, but also a Tony Award-winning musical that has been performed around the world for over sixty years. Since it's likely that many theater-goers have seen some version of Peter Pan in their lifetime, PCPA made it their goal to create something magical and immersive to set their production apart.

"We wield that potent power of storytelling with great respect, enthusiasm, and belief. And that's part of the magic you can expect to witness here," says Director Mark Booher. "The designers are creating an environment so that the actors and the audience can have the most lively interchange possible. Our audience is going to be in contact with the play in a way that we don't often get to experience."

Peter Pan opens on the familiar nursery of the three Darling children, Wendy, John, and Michael as they get ready for bed. Mother finds a stray shadow and puts it in a drawer,

the children run about, and Father laments, "Sometimes I think it's a mistake to have a dog for a nurse" as a boy in the front row laughs enthusiastically at the dog/maid and everyone else joins in. This, of course, is just the preamble to the Big Moment when Peter Pan himself descends from the sky down into nursery. Even though you know it's coming, it still gives you chills.

For all Peter's crowing about Neverland it seems ages (if you have childlike impatience) before he teaches the Darlings how to fly there. If he wants Wendy to be mother to the Lost Boys, tell them stories, and make them pockets, he'd better be quick with that fairy dust! But the waiting pays off in Big Moment #2 when Peter, Wendy, John, and the absolutely adorable Michael fly up and around the theater, out and over the audience, and sing "I'm Flying". In that moment every person in the theater becomes a child again and, as promised, the walls come down and you are a part of Neverland. The adventure has begun!

Once you've been transported to Neverland, you get to find out why the stage extends out into the audience in two places. Lost Boys, Brave Girls, and Pirates run around the stages and up and down the aisles, putting them all within arm's reach. In fact, at one point Smee (Amani Dorn) even side-steps his way down a row of seats like he was just

coming back from using the restroom before climbing onto one of the stages! When does that ever happen?

The Brave Girls were a bit unexpected if you're more familiar with the Disney cartoon, the Lost Boys were just the right balance of innocent and rambunctious, and Tinker Bell with her little green light and tinkling sound effects was full of enough personality that you can almost forgive her for having Wendy shot with an arrow (one of the more morbid bits as Wendy comes down from the rafters looking somewhat dead).

The songs in Peter Pan are catchy ("I've Gotta Crow") and fun ("I Won't Grow Up") and even touching ("Distant Melody") and each musical number outdoes the last. When Hook and his pirates come on stage it's as though it's been shot with a bolt of electricity. The pirates are frightening and hilarious and have a very interesting assemblage of facial hair. Hook (who looks remarkably like Father and is played by the magnetic George Walker) is a character you really can't help but love and his penchant for dancing will have you clapping your hands with glee as he and his crew waltz and do the tango.

Chynna Walker, as Peter, has done Cathy Rigby and Sandy Duncan proud with her portrayal and Madison Davis, as Wendy, could have a future career as a Disney princess or Alice in Wonderland she's so

charming. As always, PCPA is a master at creating strong ensembles.

Of course, Peter Pan wouldn't be Peter Pan without Neverland and once again the set designers have outdone themselves. Every element they've created, from the floor to the extra stages to the moveable set pieces play a part in making you forget you're sitting in a fairly small theater. The costumes are gorgeous and creative (spoiler alert: Peter doesn't wear green tights in this version) and add the final layer to the stunning production.

After much capturing and marauding and singing and dancing, Peter battles Hook and eventually the Darling children, who have started to forget their own real mother, find their way back home. Years later, we learn, Peter comes back and Wendy has grown up, much to his dismay. She wants to go back to Neverland with Peter, and we want her to as well, but she can't. So her daughter goes instead, to the place where dreams are born.

Peter Pan, above all else, makes you believe you've had an adventure, if only for a few hours, and leaves you with a glimmer of hope that that youthful magic hasn't gone away, it just needs a little pixie dust to kick-start it.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Come see the Living Nativity, December 23rd, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. followed by "Las Posadas" at 6:00, Star of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 4465 S. Blosser Road in Orcutt. Also Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, December 24th at 7:00 p.m. and Christmas Day Celebration, December 25th at 10:00 a.m.

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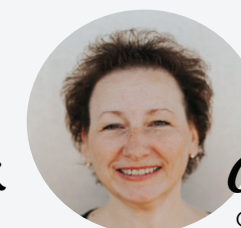
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