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## The Eighth Annual Orcutt Fa La La Award Winners

We can all agree this Christmas season couldn't come fast enough! And now that it's here, let's all take time to enjoy it because Orcutt has once again brought the holiday cheer. Hundreds of homes have decked the halls (and their eaves) with thousands of sparkling lights.

The Orcutt Pioneer would like to thank our readers who submitted addresses of neighbors, family members, and friends for the 8th Annual Orcutt Fa La La Awards. We had room for only eight award winners, but we are thankful for each and every home that dons lights, decks halls, or puffs up inflatables. After much discussion and a few festive drives through Orcutt, our judges are pleased to share with you the 2020 Orcutt Fa La La Award Winners.

To get a map, log onto our Google Map by using the URL: <https://tinyurl.com/orcuttfalala2020>. Then grab your loved ones and some Peppermint Joe-Joe's, turn up the Michael Bublé and Mariah Carey, and head out to see the 2020 Orcutt Fa La La Award Winners!

Special thanks to all of our sponsors Orcutt 76, Vivid Financial, Donna Randolph State Farm, the Shaw Family, Cups and Crumbs, That's Fetch!, Company's Coming and Old Town Garden Center for making this competition even better!

*Michael Shaw Reporting*



**955 Briarcliff Drive**  
**BEST IN SHOW**  
**"The Clark Griswold Award of Excellence"**

*Award Sponsored by Orcutt 76*

The Korn family has transformed their home into a phenomenal Gingerbread Palace. The home is dripping with icicles and is lined with giant lollipops and candy buttons. A mega-sized inflatable mixer stirs up tasty treats, and even the lamppost and flagpole have been transformed into giant candy sticks. Their thousands of lights are a gift to the community, and what a spectacular site it is! We know Clark Griswold would be proud.



**789 Old Mill Lane**  
**CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR AWARD**

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A giant 15-foot Christmas tree and dazzling palms shine, while large handmade stars (made by the homeowner) dangle above the lawns. A Mickey Mouse-themed projection screen showcases some Disney magic, and a gorgeous manger scene sparkles at this spectacular home.



**5223 Arroyo Court**  
**CHRISTMAS COTTAGE AWARD**

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For 29-years this home has brought its breathtaking Christmas designs to new levels. This year the gingerbread house has added some candy cane Christmas trees!

From the crisscrossed roof to the lantern-lined sidewalks, the house has decked every inch to bring holiday cheer to everyone in Orcutt.

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## Pauline Novo, A True Orcutt Pioneer



Pauline Frances Lownes Novo, a lifelong resident of the Santa Maria Valley, passed away peacefully on November 18, 2020, at the age of 100. Pauline was born May 26, 1920, in Bicknell/Orcutt, California, a 5th generation Santa Marian, to parents Carl D. Lownes and Hazel Slater Lownes. Pauline married her high school sweetheart Albert Stanley Novo and had three children, Peggie (Jim) of Nipomo, Wayne (Barbara) of Lake Almanor, and Carl (Nadine) of Orcutt. She was a loving grandmother to her grandchildren Doug, Melissa, Steven, Cheryl, Makenzie, Katie, Ryan and Blake. She was also a great grandmother to 26.

Pauline graduated from Santa Maria High School in the class of 1939/1940 and was involved with the alumni association, including the renovation of the Ethel Pope Auditorium. She was an active member of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, receiving the high honor of "The order of the Rose". She loved sports and often said some of her best memories were of playing softball in high school and her team winning the All-Star Game at the World Fair in San Francisco. Pauline & Albert bonded over music, ballroom dancing, and love of country, both having served as a part of the Second World War effort -- Albert in the Navy and Pauline as a volunteer at the Santa Maria airfield. Pauline and Albert were happily married for over 65 years, until Al passed

in 2008.

Pauline was very passionate about her Orcutt community, dedicating a great deal of her life to volunteering and working to keep the Santa Maria Valley a wonderful place to raise a family. She was instrumental in establishing the Santa Maria Valley Pioneer Association. It was her dream to establish and build the Pioneer Park on Foster Road in Santa Maria, which she accomplished with the help of many dedicated Pioneer Association members. She served as a Director, Board member and Historian for the Pioneer Association, and was involved with publicity and membership for many years. The Pavilion at the park was dedicated to her and Albert in honor of their hard work to establish the park -work they were both extremely proud of. Pauline's lifelong history in and dedication to the Orcutt community also earned her the honor of grand marshal of the 2012 Old Town Orcutt Christmas Parade.

Pauline was preceded in death by her husband, Albert, her parents and her brothers Bob and Bill and her Sister-in-law, Pat, and nephew, Bob. She is also survived by her sister-in-law Joan and her loving nephews and their children.

A private graveside service was held at the Santa Maria Cemetery.

A celebration of life will be planned for the spring/summer of 2021.

Memorial donations in honor of Pauline can be made to the Santa Maria Valley Pioneer Association, P.O. Box 718, Santa Maria, Ca 93456.

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## Orcutt Schools Update

# Holiday Gratitude for a Caring Community

*Dr. Holly Edds, Superintendent, OUSD*

Students in the Orcutt Union School District benefit from an immensely caring, generous community. As we near the end of a particularly trying calendar year, I would like to express thanks to some local organizations who make considerable contributions to our students and schools.

The **Orcutt Children's Arts Foundation** supports arts education on all of our campuses. In 2019-2020, OCAF funded new band instruments, the Arts Attack visual arts curriculum, dance instruction, and teacher grants. "Children and adults find healing and comfort in the arts," says OCAF Executive Director Lee Ann Luongo. "We all need art!" To help OCAF, go to [www.orcuttarts.com](http://www.orcuttarts.com) or phone 805-938-8966.

The **Orcutt Lions Club** partners with Orcutt schools on projects ranging from vision screenings to a fifth-grade patriotic essay contest to fund-raisers for sixth-grade Outdoor School. "We love the kids - helping them is what our goal is," says Sheri Hughes, the club's current president. To support the Lions, contact Hughes at 805-714-8727 and **leave a message**.

**Shoes for Students** is a nonprofit foundation that provides shoes, clothing, backpacks, books, and musical instruments

to local children in need. At the holidays Shoes for Students makes gift cards available to schools to award to families who are having financial difficulty. To donate, go to [www.shoesforstudents.com](http://www.shoesforstudents.com) or phone 805-361-8113.

**Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley** offers programming to promote a healthy, safe environment for local students. It organizes youth events, parent education, and family outreach that highlight the importance of being drug- and violence-free. FBSMV also gives or finds support for families who are experiencing hardship. To contribute, go to [www.fbsmv.com](http://www.fbsmv.com) or phone 805-346-1774.

The **Los Alamos Foundation** works to address needs of students in that small town. In typical years the Foundation puts on a Summer in the Park for Los Alamos youth. More recently, the Foundation organized a community effort to construct desks and chairs for 50 Olga Reed School students to take home for use in distance learning. "Most of our crew members do not have children in schools, but they wanted to help," says Executive Director and Trustee Monna Dingman. "What made their day was to see the smiles of the children when they were given a desk and chair." To assist,

go online to [thelosalamosfoundation.org](http://thelosalamosfoundation.org) or phone Laura Beas Diaz at 805-714-2390.

The **SOAAR Foundation** enhances programs at the three Orcutt Academy campuses. Short for "Supporting Orcutt Academy's Academic Resources," SOAAR has contributed to classroom technology, the arts, instructional materials, field trips, and even PSAT testing at Orcutt Academy High School. To help, go to [www.soaar.org](http://www.soaar.org) or phone SOAAR board member Joe Dana at 805-938-8934.

The **North County Rape Crisis and Child Protection Center** delivers a Child Safe Program to our schools and is working on community and parent education around the subject of human trafficking. "I really believe in the work they do to keep kids and families safe and to be a trusted presence and resource in the community," says district teacher Tanya Lee, who sits on the center's board. To donate, go to [sbcountyrapercrisis.org](http://sbcountyrapercrisis.org) or phone 805-922-2994.

Last but certainly not least, **Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA)** units throughout the district work tirelessly in support of our students and schools. They

always can use contributions, especially in a time when it is difficult to organize fund-raisers. To lend a hand to one of our PTA or PTSA units, please contact any Orcutt school.

This is just a sampling of organizations working to help Orcutt schools. There are many others, and I wish I had space to mention them all. For now, though, I would like to express heartfelt thanks to our community for always, always "being there" for our students. **THANK YOU!!!**

On behalf of the Orcutt Union School District, I wish all of you a happy and blessed holiday season. See you in 2021!

*Superintendent Dr. Holly Edds can be contacted by phone at 938-8900 or by e-mail at [hedds@orcutt-schools.net](mailto:hedds@orcutt-schools.net). She can be followed on Twitter at [@hce101](https://twitter.com/hce101).*



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# Fa La La

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**4346 Beverly Court  
KIDS CHOICE AWARD**  
*Award Sponsored by Shaw Family*

Disneyland may be closed, but you can visit it here in Orcutt! With dozens of hand painted characters filling this spacious yard, there is something for every Disney fan. This year you'll spot a few new additions including a complete "It's a Small World" façade and a few critters from the Lion King.



**4603 Via Nina  
CHRISTMAS MOVIE TRIBUTE AWARD**  
*Award Sponsored by Company's Coming*

Clark Griswold himself makes a cameo at this Christmas-movie themed home. Look for Clark driving his family car on the driveway (complete with tree strapped to the roof), while Cousin Eddie hooks up his trailer nearby. Rudolph and Clarice cuddle close, while King Moonracer and the Bumble look over this fantastic display.



**1173 Via Pinta  
CHOO CHOO EXPRESS AWARD**  
*Award sponsored by Cups and Crumbs*

All aboard the Reindeer Express! This arch-lined home is a twinkling tribute to trains and all things Christmas. In fact each Saturday evening from 5 to 8 PM the homeowners set up a fun wagon ride for young passersby to enjoy.



**1441 Ivory Drive  
ROCKIN' AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE AWARD**  
*Award Sponsored by Old Orcutt Garden Center*

We always look for a rockin' Christmas display, and this year the residents on Ivory Drive get to enjoy this jingling home. Watch as the lights flash and move to the sounds of the season, and enjoy the delightful Christmas village and characters.



**5253 Arroyo Court  
FELIZ NAVI-DOG AWARD**  
*Award Sponsored by That's Fetch*

This year we looked for a home that showed off some puppy love, and we found it! Santa Paws has nothing on this home with the multitude of mutts in the yard. They'll be barking in the New Year with this pack of inflatables!

## Honorable Mentions

4718 Tiffany Park Circle—If you love "The Nightmare Before Christmas", check out this delightful display of Jack and his Halloweentown Gang.

466 Doverlee Drive—This. House. Is. Completely. Covered. In. Lights. Go. See. It. Wowza!

3732 Corta Bella Way—If you love Star Wars and Christmas, check out this totally Geek-tacular themed home! Merry Sith-mas and Droids to the World!

4380 Lynnhurst Circle—An amazing display of Santa's fair with elves and animals busy enjoying the holiday magic.

1229 Country Hill Road—A joyous Noel to everyone who catches sight of this dazzling home. Look for the amazing colored orbs in the yard!

## Complete List of Award Winners and Honorees

955 Briarcliff Drive—Best in Show Award

4447 Nottingham Drive—Infla-palooza

789 Old Mill Lane—Christmas Spectacular Award

945 Old Mill Lane—A dancing Tall Boy shakes it up!

4341 Beverly Drive—Lots of cute inflatables

4346 Beverly Court—Kids Choice Award

466 Doverlee Drive—WOWZA! That's a lot of lights

350 S. First Street—Love the light trees on the fences

450 E. Clark Avenue—Frosty's goin' huntin'

568 Highland Drive—God rest ye merry gentle-hen

320 Jullien Drive—That's a HUGE tree, people

5223 Arroyo Court—Christmas Cottage Award

5253 Arroyo Court—Feliz Navi-Dog Award

5505 Domino Ave—Cute pup and kitty

1350 Via Del Carmel—Santa and friends in a pickup

4745 Crestwood Drive—Hi from Mickey and Clarky

4603 Via Nina—Christmas Movie Tribute Award

1173 Via Pinta—Choo Choo Express Award

4871 Cherry Avenue—Tigger's bouncing here

282 Hobbs Lane—An icy wonderland—and a narwhal

643 Mi Tierra Lane—A good display for the good Good Sam

817 Patterson Road—A glorious nativity

510 Dale Way—A delightful pie tin Christmas tree

4380 Lynnhurst Circle—Santa's Workshop is delightful

1129 Woodmere Road—Santa's got Frosty in a sidecar

1229 Country Hill Road—Gobs and gobs of lights!

4522 Boardwalk—That's a tall green pole, people.

4655 Karnes Drive—The Christmas Dragon of Truth!

4718 Tiffany Park Circle—A Nightmare to Delight

4622 Harmony Lane—American Christmas and the Animal Kingdom

1441 Ivory Drive—Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree Award

1141 Village Drive—A cute Christmas cottage

3732 Corta Bella Way—Merry Sith-mas! Droids to the World!

3740 Corta Bella Way—Adorable lawn displays

560 Fair Oaks Drive—A dancing frosty and a lovely tribute

3898 Crestmont Drive—Bring on the tidy Fa La La!

261 Harsin Lane—Dazzling delights here

441 Wilshire Lane—Holiday happiness is heaped up here

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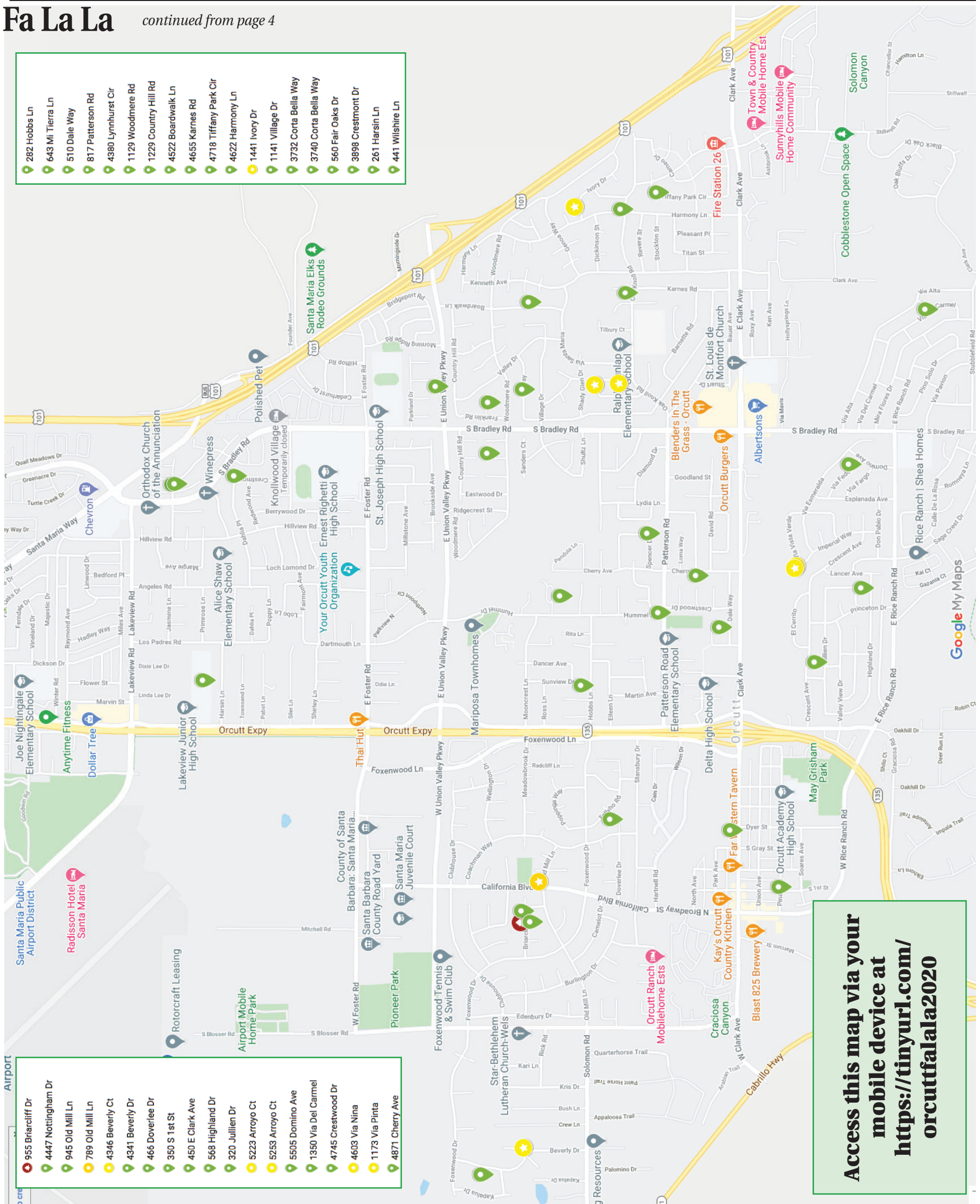
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- 5505 Domino Ave
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- 4745 Crestwood Dr
- 4603 Via Nina
- 1173 Via Pinta
- 4871 Cherry Ave

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