

Planning Commission Selects Five Orcutt Areas for Affordable Housing

Recommendations Sent to Supervisors

Several months ago, the Santa Barbara County Planning Department designated about 200 acres of vacant land in Orcutt for potential rezones for housing to satisfy the State's Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA).

On March 27, the five-person Planning Commission selected several of those properties to be rezoned. It also suggested densities to meet requirements to supply housing for lower-income housing, moderate and above moderate-income levels.

Recently appointed by County Supervisor Bob Nelson, Fourth District Planning Commissioner Roy Reed presented the Orcutt sites with the most potential of being rezoned. He said the commissioners struggled to determine which sites were the most appropriate for rezone. "I don't want anyone to have any suspicion that we didn't expend a lot of thought, grief, and sleepless nights wrestling with what would be good decisions for some people and produce disappointment for others."

Those Orcutt properties selected for rezoning include:

1.) Key Site 10: a 17-acre vacant parcel located west of South Bradley Road between Clark Avenue and Rice Ranch Road. It would be rezoned to allow 112 lower-income units, 43 moderate-income units, and 17 above-moderate-income units.

2.) Key Site 11: twenty-two acres located on the southside of the Splash and Dash Car Wash across from Delta High School. The development would be located north of Orcutt Creek with 157 apartments, divided into two sections, plus commercial. There would be a sports field with a picnic area and bridge over the creek. The apartments would

be split between a commercial area and located about 25 feet below Clark Avenue. In the commercial area a grocery store and various retail outlets are planned. Most of the southern portion of the site is in a flood zone and significant grading will be needed to prepare the area for the project. The architecture theme would be Old Town Orcutt "boom town".

3.) Hummel Cottages is a 4 ½ acre site located east of Hummel Drive and north of Mooncrest Lane that could be rezoned to allow 30 lower income residences. The site is partially vacant.

4.) Mariposa Reale is located on the southside of Union Valley Parkway and west of Hummel Drive. It is a vacant five-acre parcel plus an 11 acre partially-vacant southern parcel, which could be rezoned to allow 90 lower-income units.

5.) Boys and Girls Club land is located on a 15-acre site south east side of Union Valley Parkway and Hummel Drive. A portion is proposed to be rezoned to allow 52 lower-income units, 20 moderate-income units and eight above moderate-income units.

Proposed housing units totaled to satisfy RHNA requirements

To comply with the Regional Housing Needs Assessment, the North County needs zoning for 1522 units: lower income (807), moderate (229), and above moderate (485) units. The County is adding a 15% buffer.

Totaling the units from the Orcutt projects suggested to the Planning Commission by Commissioner Roy Reed, there is a surplus of 227 units. Before sending recommendations to the Board of Supervisors, the Planning Commission will finalize its decision on the rezones later this month or early May.

Steve Southwick reporting

Boys & Girls Club Shares Plans for New Center at Hummel Drive and Union Valley Parkway



Looking southeast at Union Valley Parkway and Hummel Drive where the Boys and Girls Club of the Central Coast hopes to establish a recreation center.

During a March 19 Board of Supervisors planning workshop for developers, representatives of the Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors described plans for developing a sports recreation center on Hummel Drive southeast of Union Valley Parkway.

Local architect Tom Martinez said the property was purchased last year with the objective of selling a portion of the 15 acres for housing with the proceeds used for development of the sports center. He told the Supervisors the Boys and Girls Club has 635 youth in Orcutt basketball programs alone. "The rezone will go a long way to help us build a recreation facility to serve the youth of Orcutt and the Santa Maria Valley."

Tim Murphy has served on the organization's Board of Directors for 25 years. He said the board is in discussions

with Peoples Self Help Housing, a non-profit organization which builds affordable homes providing buyers the opportunity to use the "sweat equity" program to allow them to assist in construction of the homes.

Dan Bullard is the Board of Directors' chairperson and interim CEO. He told the Supervisors the Boys and Girls Club hopes to build an indoor and outdoor recreation area and community service center. "Eventually, we would like an after-school program. Our objective is to reinvest funds from the housing development into youth facilities to serve Orcutt youth for the next 50 years. This will have an impact on Orcutt and the Santa Maria Valley for generations."

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OA Robotics Trailer Stolen

Local Groups Help Team Purchase Replacement



The new Spartatroniks trailer, donated by local groups, will be wrapped with the team's logo and school colors.

The Orcutt Academy High School Robotics Team, nicknamed Spartatroniks, awoke to quite a surprise while attending its season's first competition last month. The trailer that transports the team's roadie crates, tools and other equipment was stolen from a Ventura hotel parking lot.

The team had to scramble to find a trailer to transport its equipment home,

and there was concern about the team's ability to financially recover. "This surprise really hurt the team financially and emotionally," said the team's mentor and treasurer Rick Soto. "Recovering from this kind of loss is really hard."

Three local groups came to the team's rescue. Donations from CoastHills Credit Union, the Santa Barbara County Deputy Sheriffs' Association, and the Santa Maria

Breakfast Rotary Club made possible the purchase of a new trailer that will be painted with the team's logo so that it will be easier to recognize and harder to steal.

"We are really thankful for all the support everyone has shown for us," said Spartatroniks member Xavier Zarate.

To learn more about the Orcutt Academy Robotics Team, visit www.spartatroniks.com.

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County Supervisors Approve 99-unit Apartment Project on Foster Road

Project Goes Back to Planning Commission for Adjustments; Residents Hope Traffic Issues will be Addressed



Montessori School will be replaced if Foster Road project of 99 apartments near US 101 is approved by planning commission.

Even though there have been adjustments in the pattern and density of the 99-unit affordable apartment complex on East Foster Road, neighbors remain concerned about traffic and parking on Foster and Morning Ridge Roads, the only access routes in and out of the complex.

The Board of Supervisors approved restructuring of the development in March, but it still needs to be reviewed by the Planning Commission.

Neighborhood residents who live in the single-family neighborhoods

of Edgewood, Knollwood Meadows apartments, Knollwood Terrace condos and Knollwood Mobile Home Park have been vocal about their opposition to the density of the affordable apartment development at the end of Foster Road near Highway 101, and the traffic issues it will create.

Initially the plan was to put 61 units on a small corner close to East Foster on the 4-¼ acre parcel. The project was submitted by the developer under state legislation that mandates affordable housing and allows little

local involvement. However, after neighborhood wrath became intense, the County negotiated a settlement for reducing density by spreading the complex over the entire parcel and increasing the number of units from 61 to 99.

Miko Nehman, a local real estate agent with eXp Realty in Orcutt and former president of the Knollwood Terrace Homeowners Association, coordinated several meetings with residents to voice concerns about the project. She says the Orcutt Community Plan, approved by the County in 1997, envisioned thirty-two residences on the site. "That would have been very acceptable. With a density of 99 affordable units and close to 275 vehicles traversing Foster and Morning Ridge Roads daily, it's a major safety issue."

Jim Brennaman is the current president of the Knollwood Terrace Homeowners group and is hopeful the Planning Commission looks at safety issues. He supports calming measures; speed bumps and four-way stop signs on surrounding streets and intersections. He wants a three-way stop sign at

Morning Ridge Road and Fountain Drive, which abuts Edgewood Park. "Government should be our avenue to safety. But government has abdicated its responsibility and put it on us," he complained.

In an earlier neighborhood meeting of concerned residents, Fourth District Supervisor Bob Nelson told the group, "Sacramento approves projects and forces them down our throats."

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Hiking in Orcutt — The Brodie Trails



The Brodie Walking Trails, accessible via southbound Stillwell Road, are a hidden gem for hikers in the Orcutt area. Kathy Brodie, who grew up hiking the area on her family property, has opened the trails to the public.

“I grew up exploring through the trees and the top of the highest peaks, and I cherish the discovery, joy and wonder found along the way,” she explains.

The trails are developed, maintained, and improved by Santa Maria Valley Open Space, a local nonprofit organization also known as Orcutt Trails. Donations

and volunteers are welcome. To join the monthly trail work morning or for more information, see www.smvos.org.

To find the trails, go southbound on Stillwell Road near Clark Avenue and Highway 101, turn right at Black Oak to the top of the hill before Aquinnah Lane. The sign at the beginning of the trailhead reads "Welcome to Kathy Brodie's Trails."

The Brodie family asks that while using the trails, please respect the land and the privacy of the neighbors.

Delta Robotics Team Headed to World Championship Competition

The Delta High School robotics team earned a berth at the Vex Robotics World Championships after its three teams competed in the State Championship at Bakersfield College.

One team placed in the top three for the Excellence in Engineering Award. In addition, it placed fifth overall in skills, thus earning one of six spots available to go to the world championship competition held in Dallas, Texas, at the end of April. There will be more than 700 robots competing out of more than 20,000 teams representing 55 countries worldwide.

“I want to represent my school and my community at the World Championships in a way that demonstrates our potential,” said head engineer Maria Navarro.



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Orcutt Schools Update

Orcutt and the Science of Reading

Dr. Holly Edds, Superintendent, OUSD

In the past year the “science of reading” has been one of the most discussed topics in the ongoing national conversation about educating our children.

The Orcutt Union School District has been applying research-based principles and practices to reading instruction for years. This column will recap what the “science” is, how we implement it, and what parents can do to support their children’s development as readers.

The science of reading represents converging evidence on what works in reading instruction. Research is clear that reading instruction should be founded on five pillars:

Phonemic awareness: the ability to identify the different sounds that make up speech.

Phonics: the ability to match sounds to letters or letter groups. This is the key to decoding words.

Fluency: the ability to read accurately and quickly.

Vocabulary: the acquisition of new words. This also entails recognition

of root words and affixes seen across words.

Comprehension: the ability to read for understanding.

“For our youngest children, the focus is on the first three pillars – phonemic awareness, phonics, and fluency,” says Julie Kozel, the district’s executive director of curriculum and instruction, principal of Alice Shaw School, and a former primary-grade teacher. “The later grades focus more on vocabulary development and reading comprehension. To be proficient readers, students need all of these skills.”

Orcutt’s adopted textbooks for reading instruction – McGraw-Hill Wonders for grades TK-5 and Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Collections for grades 6-8 – are evidence-based and teach the five pillars systematically. Our teachers work to provide rich, complex text for all the students in their classroom. We utilize Acadience and Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) assessments to monitor students’ progress. We regularly bring in reading

experts as consultants to make sure our teaching and assessment practices align with the latest research.

When data shows a student is slower to develop early reading skills, we have SIPPS – short for Systematic Instruction in Phonemic Awareness, Phonics, and Sight Words – as an evidence-based intervention. SIPPS provides regular, explicit instruction in word recognition that puts students on track to fluency.

“With all that we have in place, we are seeing progress in individual reading scores,” Kozel says. “We feel we are able to provide students a good foundation for literacy.”

Meanwhile, parents, guardians, and grandparents have an integral role in reinforcing children’s growth as readers.

With younger children, parents can focus on letters, sounds, rhymes, songs, and other language play. The best and easiest way to do this is simply to read to your child. Schedule daily read-aloud time – you and your child will both love it!

Having books in a child’s hand is critical. Children can check out

books from a library. Library cards are available for free at the Santa Maria Public Library downtown and its branch libraries in our district at Orcutt and Los Alamos. As possible, parents can purchase books for their children, as having a library at home is linked to higher academic achievement.

Technology – TV, computers, gaming, and cellphones – gets in the way of children having time with books. Parents can mandate that their children take breaks from technology and sit down and read.

In the end, reading is one of the most foundational skills not just for school, but for life. Reading makes life more fun and enjoyable for everyone, young and old. In the words of Dr. Seuss, “You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax, all you need is a book!”

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Orcutt Resident Creates Jewelry From Family Silverware



Orcutt resident Dean Johnson uses his industrial design background and a bit of imagination to create personalized jewelry from often forgotten or closeted silverware. Many of his pieces are purchased as keepsakes for friends and family, and he also sells some of his creations at Old Orcutt's Déjà Vu Antique and Gift Store.

Johnson, originally from Iowa, came to California armed with a teaching degree. After a stint with Lockheed, he found a

permanent job with Santa Maria High School teaching mostly Industrial Arts for 33 years, from 1962 to 1996. He also taught night classes at Hancock College. After 5 years of retirement, Johnson hopped into the jewelry business on a whim. "My daughter brought me a bracelet she found in Reno and said 'Dad, you could make these a lot better'." With all his industrial arts know-how, he rose to the challenge. He began transforming silverware for her to sell. Fork prongs got curled into rings. Decorative cutlery stems turned into his overall best seller, bracelets, as well as earrings. The ends of spoons and forks turned into charms of angels or bells on necklaces.

The business picked up steam quickly as he and his wife, Judy Johnson, became a traveling duo, attending juried festivals, shows and Christmas fairs all over California and surrounding states. Between shows he'd come home "and make 40 more bracelets and other jewelry" which had often sold out. "Then people," explains Johnson, "started sending me their own silverware," which made it slightly less expensive for them,



more personal and helped Johnson with finding inventory. Often, he had to make trips to his favorite California antique stores in search of the right silverware, silver plate or sterling. Johnson said that his customers especially love jewelry from their own personal collections. "One woman said it was the only thing she had from her grandmother," remembers Johnson. Another client had Johnson make 7 bracelets "for all the daughters and granddaughters in the family."

After a few years on the show circuit, the Johnsons started seeing others at shows had copied their designs. "One guy even called his business the same thing, DJ Creations," laughed Johnson,

who added that he asked him to change the name because "this guy's work was poorly made." At his busiest, Johnson was in stores from Orcutt to Cambria and also selling on the website Etsy. Each state had different tax papers to fill out, "a headache," so Johnson and his wife eventually cut back on the shows and about 8 years ago decided to work exclusively with Déjà Vu.

Déjà Vu, which also sells gifts, furniture, and plants, has "35 premiere antique dealers" according to Orcutt owner, Wendy Steller. "People usually buy multiples of his beautiful items, particularly his angel necklaces made from the base of a spoon or fork, embellished with wings and a pearl for the angel's head. "Dean runs his business with such efficiency and professionalism. I am very blessed to have him as one of my premier dealers."

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Orcutt Kids Bike Club's comprehensive programs cater to a diverse range of ages and skill levels, from young beginners to competitive high school racers. The club's emphasis on safety, skill development, and

fostering a love for the outdoors has made it a cornerstone of youth activity in Orcutt. The recent achievement of two of its members qualifying for the prestigious Mountain Bike Nationals in Pennsylvania is a testament to the club's high standards and the exceptional talent it nurtures. This significant milestone not only brings

pride to our community but also places Orcutt on the national cycling map, showcasing the potential that lies within our local youth.

Beyond the competitive successes, OKBC's impact is deeply felt within the community. The club's activities, from weekly rides to special events, have become a much-anticipated part of many families' lives. A young member's declaration that, "OKBC is the best part of my day" encapsulates the joy and sense of belonging that the club brings to its young riders. It's this sentiment that highlights the club's role not just as a sporting organization but as a vital part of the social fabric of Orcutt, creating lasting memories and friendships.

As the club continues to flourish, its positive influence extends beyond its members, inspiring the wider community to embrace outdoor activities and the values of healthy competition and mutual respect. The success of OKBC is a beacon for other community initiatives, demonstrating the profound impact that dedicated volunteers and supportive families can have on the development of our youth.

As a local cyclist and someone who knows the huge benefits of community engagement, witnessing the evolution of the Orcutt Kids Bike Club fills me with immense pride and optimism. The club's essence, centered on growth, camaraderie, and the pursuit of excellence, resonates with my own beliefs in the transformative power of community-based programs. The journey of OKBC and its members to the nationals serves as a compelling reminder of the potential that can be unlocked when we come together to support and uplift one another.

In embracing and supporting initiatives like OKBC, we not only foster the talents and dreams of our youth but also strengthen the community bonds that make Orcutt a truly special place to live. The Orcutt Kids Bike Club is more than just a club; it's a vibrant community that embodies the best of what we can achieve together, setting a shining example for all of us to follow.

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Bond Money Reallocation from Science Labs to OA Gym

The new gym for Orcutt Academy (OA) certainly will benefit the school as well as the community. It will relieve pressure from the consistent athletic usage at the Orcutt and Lakeview junior high gyms. There are, however, questions to be asked about its origins.

The funds came from a bond that Orcutt taxpayers approved in 2016. When passed, the bond made no mention of funding for a gym. Instead, there was \$6.3 million allocated towards building new science labs at Orcutt, Lakeview, and OA. In a Bond Oversight Committee meeting with current superintendent Holly Edds attending, the money was "reallocated" from science labs and towards the gym. The bulk of the money was taken from what should have been new science facilities. Rather than benefiting students throughout the district, the bond money now only benefits those attending OA. While a new gym is an improvement for OA students, it's hard to underestimate how much science labs would mean for the larger student population in the district. While students from other district schools may participate in activities in the new gym, that is not comparable to the academic benefits of new modern science facilities that students would use beginning in seventh grade.

The final irony is that the district was aware of the excitement surrounding the creation of new science labs. Science teachers were asked their opinions about outfitting the labs, including new technology. Once the money was taken away, it felt like a stab in the back

to the schools and teachers involved. It was stated in an open board meeting that the science teachers approved the "reallocation." This is not true. After the district eliminated the lab funding and felt repercussions, it decided to allot \$200,000 to Orcutt and Lakeview to build storage rooms for their current science buildings.

After the 2021-22 school year, five veteran junior high science teachers retired, some because of this controversy. Today, no construction has taken place on promised storage facilities. Why? The district again eliminated funding. That is totally unacceptable from a district that had more than \$25 million in its ending balance last year.

There is no doubt that this gym is a necessary improvement, but it is important that the district is upfront about where they spend the public's bond money if they expect taxpayers to approve future bond measures.

Patrick E. Brickey
Lakeview Jr. High Science Teacher
1988-2022
Keri Kirkland
Lakeview Jr. High Science Teacher
1997-2022

Lack of Children's Activities Available in Orcutt

I am puzzled by the lack of activities for children in Orcutt. I see all the new building sites, but no one has brought anything up about enriching kids around here. All the proposed buildings and new stores are either storage units, low income, or something that involves alcohol. Do we really need another brewery or wine spot that we can't take our kids to? There are so many children around here but not many things to do locally unless you drive to the end of Santa Maria or further. There should be a little more thought of what's being built for our community.

Paige Grenke
Orcutt Resident

Buying a Home in a Flight Path = Noise
I found the letter in January's Orcutt Pioneer puzzling.

The writer complains about noise from military touch-and-go landings at the Santa Maria airport. Perhaps there have been more military flights recently, but the Santa Maria airport has been there since at least the 1930's. The airport was used to train Air Force pilots in World War 2, with many pilots flying P-38 fighter-interceptor planes.

I believe when the writer bought the home, commercial flights were also regular activities at the airport.

I bought a home in Orcutt, about 50 yards west of highway 101 in 2012. I am also a little over a mile from the airport. Before buying, I spent several days in the vicinity assessing airport noise. At that time, 2012, there were regular commercial flights into and out of the airport.

It is my understanding that sometime after WW2, the federal government agreed to fund extension of a runway at the airport, IF Santa Maria would agree to permit U.S. government flights for training purposes.

In short, anyone who buys a home near an airport should not then complain about NOISE from that airport.

Jim Vint
Orcutt Resident

Welcomes our Military Heroes to Santa Maria Airport

I am writing in response to February's letter to the editor, which requested that the Airport Board cease soliciting military aircraft for training. While the writer expressed concerns about changes in military training affecting the peacefulness of Orcutt, it's important to note that the majority of residents actually appreciate the presence of military aircraft. The Santa Maria Airport has a rich history of military use dating back to its construction by the United States Army during WWII, spanning over 80 years.

Regarding concerns about noise ordinance studies, it's worth mentioning

that these studies are available on the airport's website for public access. Additionally, it's crucial to understand that neither the Airport nor the FAA have the authority to deny military access to the airport.

The writer stated that "military bases send their aircraft to practice over our homes," but it's important to clarify that military bases do not use Santa Maria Airport as a training facility. They simply land and take off, proceeding to their destinations. Even if they do practice taking off and landing, it is no different than any other aircraft doing the same thing as them.

Furthermore, the concern raised about potential aircraft crashes is valid, but it applies to all aircraft, not just military ones. In recent years, there have been multiple aircraft crashes around Santa Maria Airport, including one into a school and another in a farm field just last month, and none of them were military.

To our Military Heroes visiting Orcutt, please know that majority of residents warmly welcome your presence. We greatly appreciate your service and enjoy the flyovers. It's heartening to see you supporting local businesses at places like Blast825, Liquid Gravity, and Spencer's Fresh Market.

Sincerely, Robert Tolan
Flight Path Resident

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SPECIAL EVENTS

FRIENDS OF THE SANTA MARIA PUBLIC LIBRARY'S PAINTED CHAIR RAFFLE at the Santa Maria Town Center East April 20th-May 5th. Local artists create book-themed items for the public to purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win. Raffle's proceeds less administrative costs support the Santa Maria Public Library.

CENTRAL COAST CHORDSMEN presents "Jukebox Saturday Night" April 20, 2:30 PM, Boyd Hall, Allan Hancock College. Special Guest Coastal Voices Community Choir.

EARTH DAY 2024, Sunday April 21st Noon-3 P.M. The Natural History Museum, Santa Maria 412 S. McClelland St. 805-614-0806 "Our Santa Maria River Watershed" is the theme. Native plant sale, Succulent Sale, Veggie Seedlings, Garden Demos, Prizes, Crafts for Kids, Zoo to You, Food and Music.

COMMUNITY YARD SALE. April 27, 8AM-Noon. Gloria Dei Lutheran parking lot. 4380 Orcutt Rd. (805)937-3905. Space rent \$25.

FREE ONE DAY MEDICAL/DENTAL CLINIC. Services include dental care, medical counseling, foot care, physical therapy, massage therapy, haircuts and much more. Sunday May 5, 2024 at the Santa Maria Seventh Day Adventist Church. 1775 S. Thornburg. 8am to 4pm. First come first serve.

SANTA MARIA COIN & COLLECTIBLE SHOW, May 11, 9am-4pm at Elwin Mussell Senior Center Sport Cards, Beanies, Stamps and more, free admission & free appraisals. Info: 805-937-3158.

ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION located at 877 Francine Lane, Santa Maria is holding an Ethnic Food Fair on Saturday, May 18th, 2024 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. featuring foods from Greece, Syria, Ukraine, and Romania. Items include Dolma, Tabouli, Piroshki, Vareniki, Stuffed cabbage, Baklava, assorted cookies & pastries.

MONTHLY OR WEEKLY EVENTS

SANTA MARIA COIN CLUB meets 7PM third Wednesday of the month at the Church of the Nazarine in Santa Maria. Coin collectors of all ages and casino chip collectors are all invited. Bring coins for free appraisals. 805-937-3158

50+ CLUB Meeting/Luncheon at Giavanni's Pizza, 1108 E. Clark Ave. at 11:30AM on the second Thursday of the month, purchase our own lunch, meet & share ideas and support local charities. New members welcome. Pam Cosma 805-896-6045.

AA (Alcoholics Anonymous). If you want to drink, that's your business. If you want to stop, that's ours. Meetings Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 6:30PM Orcutt Presbyterian Church. General information and other meeting times and places, 805-925-3782.

ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS AND DISFUNCTIONAL FAMILIES (www.adultchildren.org) meets on Thur, Fri, Sat, and Sun. Contact Kim at (805) 714-6908.

ALL AMERICA CITY QUILT GUILD meets at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 4380 Orcutt Rd. on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm except March and July. Info: aacquilters@gmail.com or 805.448.6276.

ALTRUSA OF THE CENTRAL COAST meets 6PM on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. Altrusa is an international non-profit organization of men and women that strives to make our local communities better through leadership, partnership and service. For info and meeting location call 805 478-9243 or www.altrusaofthecentralcoast.org.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 534 is open to all members Thursday 3-9PM, Friday 3-10PM, Saturday Noon - 10PM, Sunday noon-6PM, Monday 3-8PM, Closed Tuesday and Wednesdays.

ANGELS FOSTER CARE is looking for families in Santa Maria and Orcutt local foster care providers. To learn more about becoming an Angels Foster Care parent, visit www.angelsfostercare.org or call 805-884-0012.

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Community Events

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BENT AXLE CAR CLUB is welcoming new members! Do you have a pre-1973 American-made car and would like to socialize with us (cruising, eating and having fun)? MaAnn McKindley 805-714-6111

BREAKFAST at The OASIS Center, 420 Soares Ave, Old Orcutt on the second Saturday of each month, 7:45-10am. Adult members: \$7.00, Non-members: \$8.00, Children under 10: \$5.00.

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CENTRAL COAST BEACH BOARDWALKERS WALKING CLUB. Call 805-714-1552 for information.

CENTRAL COAST CHORDSMEN invite those who like to sing or would like to learn to participate with them. Call 937-7960 for information.

CENTRAL COAST CORVETTE CLUB open to Corvette Owners and Enthusiasts. Meetings at 7PM on the first Thursday of the month @ Home Motors, showroom lobby at 1313 E. Main St., Santa Maria. Info: call Mike-805-934-3948 or Bruce 805-588-5334

CENTRAL COAST CRUISE NIGHTS invites all car collectors to join us on the 4th Saturday of the month at Golden Donut in Orcutt, depart at 6pm, and drive into Old Orcutt. Afterwards, grab a bite to eat and support our local businesses.

CENTRAL COAST SAMS RV GROUP meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month for a 3 day "campout". We enjoy planned tours, good food and fellowship at local campgrounds within 100 miles of the Central Coast. We welcome new members. Contact Faye Cardoza 805-481-1047.

CENTRAL COAST SUDOKU CLUB- Ready to take your SUDOKU solving skills to the next level? Monthly "step-by-step" solutions to "Tough" puzzles in a "Skype" game format. Email stepbystepsudoku@verizon.net for more information. For examples, search YouTube for SUBINGDOKU.

COASTAL VALLEYS MARINE CORPS LEAGUE 1340 monthly meeting on the fourth Tuesday of the month at Veteran's Memorial Bldg at 313 W Tunnell in Santa Maria at 7PM.

COASTAL VOICES is looking for singers! Rehearsals Mondays, 6:30PM at St. Andrew United Methodist Church, 3945 S. Bradley Rd. All participants must be fully vaccinated against COVID. A love of singing and the willingness to work hard and learn beautiful music is the only requirement. www.coastalvoices.info, coastalvoices@gmail.com or call 805-937-5827 for additional information.

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY, an international non-denominational Bible study, runs through May 1, 2024. Meets weekly on Wednesday mornings from 10:10am to 12pm, at Grace Baptist Church in the Ed Building. <https://santamaria.cbsclass.org/>

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