TCHS announces annual holiday performance

Temple City High School Performing Arts Department will ring in the holiday season with its annual holiday extravaganza Deck the Hall at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 15, at the San Gabriel Mission Playhouse, 320 South Mission Drive, San Gabriel. Reserved seats are $12 and $15. General admission is $10. Tickets can be ordered at www.templecitybrighterside.org or by phoning the Temple City High School Activities Office at 626-548-5160. The musical spectacular will showcase performances by Brighter Side Singers, Concert Choir, Women’s Chorus, Honors Orchestra, Pit Orchestra, Auxiliaries, a special number by the faculty, and maybe even a visit from Santa Claus. The grand finale to the concert will be the traditional singing of Handel’s Hallelujah Chorus with full choir and orchestra, including Vocal Arts alumni.

City seeks resident opinion on Las Tunas Drive plans

Dec. 1 study session will allow for community input; Mandarin translation available

The City Council will host a study session at 7 p.m., Dec. 1, at Live Oak Park Community Center, to review three proposed streetscape design concepts for Las Tunas Drive. Community feedback is welcome.

Mayor Tom Chavez recognized that community involvement has enabled the city to move ahead with the revitalization of downtown. At the same time, he hopes residents will maintain their high

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Readers may follow his progress at his facebook page: www.facebook.com/AidensLeukemiaFight

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Veterans, military honored for service

World War II combat veteran Staff Sgt. Paul Martinez was the guest speaker honoring veterans at the Blue Star Banner program, Nov. 5.

PHOTO BY KRIS WALTMIERE.

Lights On Temple City, Dec. 4

Temple City will turn on its holiday lights and Santa will make his way to Temple City Park, 9701 Las Tunas Drive, Friday, Dec. 4, when Lights On Temple City opens the annual Christmas season. The festival begins at 5 p.m. and ends at 9.

Santa’s annual parade along Las Tunas steps off at 7 p.m. at Cloverly and ends at Kauffman at the park. The parade to the park where Santa will pull the switch to light up a 100-foot redwood tree is the central event of the night. See advertisement, Page 16.

The children’s activities will include sled runs (sleds provided), a snow play area, visits with Saint Nick at the Santa House, balloon art by Santa’s elves, and free take-home holiday crafts. There will be opportunities to take a photo for holiday mementos.

There will be holiday performances by the Temple City High School (TCHS) Brighter Side Singers and The Pride of Temple, the TCHS marching band. Food will be available for purchase throughout the evening.

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For readers wondering what they can do, Aiden’s family shares this information:

• Donate blood. Visit the blood bank at the hospital and make a donation of blood or platelets. If it is a good match you can request that your donation go specifically to Aiden.

• Donate books and toys for Aiden and others. The Children’s Hospital has a wonderful team called Child Life Specialists who bring toys to children like Aiden who cannot leave their room.

• Donate to Aiden’s GoFundMe campaign: https://www.gofundme.com/AidenMyMysteryFight

To be with Aiden full time, his mom Ashley had to stop working even with unexpected expenses from travel, treatment and household bills.

• Mail a donation to: Love in the Name of Christ PO Box 3505, Covina CA 91722

(please put “For Aiden Kramer” on the memo line of the check - this is required).

• Send a greeting card (Aiden LOVES cards - especially from other children): Aiden Kramer, c/o Irene Martin, 1191 Huntington Drive, Box 380, Duarte CA 91010

Aiden’s journey is unfortunately shared by many others. Certainly, however, anyone who chooses to help in any of the ways listed above will sleep better at night knowing that they have acted out of love.

And at the end of the day, we all wish all the Aидens can wake to a brighter future. – Peter Choi

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George and Amal Clooney adopt basset hound from local shelter

Temple City Chamber member San Gabriel Humane Society announced on Facebook, Oct. 28, that actor George Clooney and his bride of a year Amal had adopted a four-year old Basset hound named Millie who was rescued by the shelter.

The Hollywood (and political) super couple, who discovered Millie on Petfinder.com, brought their dog Louie, a 10-year-old Cocker Spaniel George and fellow shelter rescue, for a “meet and greet” to check their compatibility. The Clooneys and shelter staff chatted as they watched Millie and Louie play for more than an hour.

Millie was found without a home and hoping for food scraps outside of a local restaurant in San Gabriel earlier that month. The SGVHS noted that now her “luck has changed.”

The SGVHS’ Facebook page has garnered 35,915 likes and 15,843 shares. For more information about the SGVHS, phone 626-286-1159 or go to www.sgvhumane.org.
For many of us, December is an opportunity to celebrate the highlights and successes of 2015 while looking ahead to the promise and hopes of the New Year. But for many less fortunate this holiday season simply continues their struggles against adversity.

So it is in the seasonal spirit of giving that I would like to highlight one way you can help the less fortunate and I would like to thank Ashley Murphy Kramer (mother of the brave young Aiden) profiled on Page 1 for her assistance with this month’s column.

Unlike the many children who eagerly await Christmas morn, having left cookies and milk for Santa and his reindeer, there are many children like Aiden who will spend Christmas morning (and many mornings to come) in the Children’s Hospital Los Angeles. Won’t you consider making a donation to brighten their holiday season?

The Children’s Hospital most needs gifts for infants (two years and under) and teens (12 years and up).

For infants/toddlers: (Note: All items need to be plastic and completely wipeable) Interactive toys with lights/sound/music; Fisher Price laptop etc.; toddler activity toys; play doctor sets; Fisher Price Little People (not the big sets, just the people/characters); infant board books (with the hard cardboard pages).

For Teens: Earbuds; $10-$15 gift cards (iTunes, Amazon, Target etc.); recently released video games (Xbox, PlayStation 3); new DVDs rated PG-13, water bottles, small makeup sets or nail polish; over the door Nerf basketball sets; older games (Uno, Apples to Apples, playing cards).

Other general suggestions are action figures and baby dolls, Look/EFind books, Put-Dough, Barbies, Hot Wheels cars, LEGO® sets, new head bands/beansies.

It is important to note that all donated items should be new (nothing opened or used), no stuffed animals, no costumes or clothing, nothing breakable (i.e. glass etc.)

If you would like to donate to the Children’s Hospital, please contact Erin Shields, Child Life Specialist at eshields@chla.usc.edu or phone her at 323-361-8630.

You can also support the San Gabriel Valley Humane Society by making a $10 donation for their 2016 Calendar featuring the cutest canine and feline companions. The 2016 calendars are available to at the Chamber office (while supplies last). They make a great holiday gift.

However and whatever you donate, on behalf of the Chamber, our Board of Directors and Staff, I wish you a Happy Holidays and a very Happy New Year. – Peter Choi

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Thank You
Rudy Kusuma shares his tips in the Temple City Chamber seminar Nov. 20. Photo by Peter Choi.

Realtor Rudy Kusuma hosts Millionaire Real Estate Agent Workshop at Chamber

Temple City Chamber member Rudy L. Kusuma hosted a Millionaire Real Estate Agent Workshop, Nov. 20, in the Chamber Boardroom.

Kusuma, founder and CEO of Re/Max Titanium and the Managing Director of Team Nuvision, No. 1 Real Estate Sales Team in San Gabriel Valley, has advised and counseled homebuyers, sellers, and real estate investors from every walk of life.

His “team” approach has attracted business clients ranging from CEOs, executives, and business owners to sales professionals, doctors and hospital administrators.

Exceptionally busy couples hire Kusuma’s team because his home selling system features methods of marketing and selling homes that minimize their involvement and inconvenience.

Mr. Kusuma will be offering an exclusive two-hour workshop for real estate agents in the Chamber boardroom from 1-3 p.m., Dec. 11. The event is free, but space is limited to the 38 top agents.

Register online at Web site www.millionairesrealestateagents.com.

To learn more about Rudy and Re/Max Titanium, visit his Web site www.TeamNuVision.net or phone 626-789-0159.

International Trade: Emerging Opportunities and Challenges featured at SGVEP lunch

International trade was the topic of the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership (SGVEP) Speakers Lunch, Nov. 19, at the Hilton Garden Inn Arcadia. Attendees learned about emerging opportunities and challenges. SGVEP Business Assistance manager Annie Wei Cacciotti (center) is flanked by San Gabriel Economic Development Manager Angelica Frausto-Lupo and Chamber President Peter Choi.

The following advice on being prepared for the effects of El Niño weather is being distributed by the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District.

Every family or business needs to communicate in the event of emergencies. Talk about how you can work together, what responsibilities each family member or employee should have, how to reach one another, pets, escape routes, meeting places and storing and securing valuables.

Maintain emergency contact information and supplies

It’s a good idea to have emergency contact information (police, fire, paramedics, doctor, hospital, insurance policies, etc.) in safe, accessible locations, and on your cell phone. Keep emergency supplies (food, water, tools, batteries, flash lights, clothing, extra keys, etc.) in your garage and car trunk.

Have your property ready for El Niño weather

Seek advice from licensed contractors and insurance firms

Once the storms arrive, local utilities and roofer, electricians, plumbers and landscapers, will be working under emergency conditions. Now is the time to meet with them to make sure your home, business, apartment or condo is inspected and repaired. Make sure your contractors are licensed and check references. Call your insurance agents about coverage from wind, fire and flooding. Discuss the scope and limitations of your present policies.

Trim trees

Every year, it is wise to trim tree branches to reduce the risk of fire and falling branches. Top heavy trees can fall over during wet, windy weather. Remove branches that hang over roofs, gutters and chimneys, and remove trees that stand too close to structures.

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Employees who assisted in the transport and distribution of the turkeys stand with Assemblymember Chau and Chamber Board member Brian Barreto of California American Water.

Assemblymember Chau, whose district includes Temple City, held a press conference Nov. 10 to discuss the 12 bills that will become new laws on Jan. 1.

Assemblymember Chau discusses new state laws effective Jan. 1

Affordable housing, cyber security, and access to language assistance for non-English speakers are some of the issues in bills authored by Assemblymember Ed Chau and signed into law by Gov. Jerry Brown.

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“I worked hard this year to ensure my constituents and all Californians have the resources necessary to address the issues affecting their daily lives,” said Assemblymember Chau. “Some of the legislation I authored will ensure that more resources and tools are available to create more affordable housing, provide the public with greater privacy protections against cyber crimes, and make sure that non-English speakers have access to language assistance services guaranteed under current law.”

Some of the bills highlighted in the Assemblymember’s press conference included:

Cyber Security
AB 195 - Hacker for Hire Prevention Act - The growth of Hacker-for-Hire Web sites allow some individuals to seek illegal hacking services from less than ethical hackers, such as installing spyware on devices and gaining access to the email and social media accounts of unsuspecting victims. This new law will protect individual privacy by making it a crime to assist in the solicitation of a hacker to illegally access a computer network. (Chapter 552, Statutes of 2015).

Assemblymember Chau hosts 3rd annual Operation Gobble - turkey giveaway

Families in need were able to gobble up turkey on Thanksgiving, thanks to Assemblymember Ed Chau. Assemblymember Chau (D-Monterey Park), in collaboration with Temple City Chamber member California American Water and the San Gabriel Valley Water Company, hosted his Third annual 49th Assembly District “Operation Gobble” turkey giveaway, Nov. 5, at the Church of Our Saviour Kid’s Campus in El Monte.

The turkeys were distributed to local charitable organizations in the greater San Gabriel Valley including Chamber member Asian Youth Center.

“This annual program is devoted to raising awareness about hunger issues in California while helping those who need it most,” said Assemblymember Chau. “This Thanksgiving season I hope that our event can inspire others to share in the giving spirit and help ensure that no family goes to bed hungry.”

Assemblymember Chau represents the 49th Assembly District, comprised of the communities of Alhambra, Arcadia, El Monte, Monterey Park, Rosemead, San Gabriel, San Marino, Temple City and portions of Montebello and South El Monte.
A family-focused area of the law

As we know, the holidays are a very family-focused time of year. Similarly, estate planning is a very family-focused area of the law where attorneys work with clients to ensure family dynamics are properly planned for after death. When thinking about your family or loved ones, do you favor one person in certain circumstances?

For instance, after you pass, would you want your son or daughter who has been living and caring for you for the last 10 years to remain in your home for the rest of his or her life?

Alternatively, would you want to try to ensure your son who will eventually act as Successor Trustee is not sued by his siblings when administering your estate?

There are many ways to safeguard against the favored person being attacked. One of my favorites is seemingly effortless: a video. In situations like these, I stress to all clients that they are the people in charge, the easiest topic to discuss, I stress to all clients, why he or she favored this one person as a beneficiary or trustee.

Most people challenging the fact that this person was favored is likely to drop his or her claim once he sees the client, Mom, Dad, or someone else, explaining posthumously in his or her own voice why he or she favored this one person as a beneficiary or trustee.

Although estate planning is not always the easiest topic to discuss, I stress to all clients that they are the people in charge, and it is my job to help ensure their wishes, whatever they may be, come to fruition.

Tony does not charge for initial consultations. For more information, please contact Tony at 5703 Temple City Boulevard, 626-285-7033, or e-mail him at tyre@tyrelawgroup.com.

Assemblymember Ed Chau discusses new state laws

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Affordable Housing

AB 90 - Federal Housing Trust Fund (FHTF) - This new law requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to develop an allocation plan to demonstrate how funds from the Federal Housing Trust Fund (FHTF) for affordable housing will be spent and submit the plan to the Legislature 30 days after receiving the funds. (Chapter 686, Statutes of 2015).

AB 744 - Density Bonus Law - This new law allows developers who request a density bonus from a city to also request that the city reduce minimum parking requirements for an affordable housing development if it is within 1/2 mile of transit, a senior-only project close to transit, or serves special needs individuals close to transit. (Chapter 699, Statutes of 2015).

Language Access

AB 389 - Hospital Language Access - This new law requires hospitals and the Department of Public Health (DPH) to post language assistance policies online, enabling policymakers and consumers, especially Limited English Proficient patients, to access information the law guarantees. (Chapter 327, Statutes of 2015).

AB 1443 - Election Language Access - This new law establishes in the Office of the Secretary of State a Language Accessibility Advisory Committee of appointees to advise state and local elections officials on best practices to address language accessibility needs of voters. (Chapter 347, Statutes of 2015). For more information, phone Edmundo Cuevas at 916-319-2049 or email Edmundo.Cuevas@asm.ca.gov.

Legal Report

By Tony J. Tyre, Attorney at Law

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Hello Emmy, this year ends with my retirement account a bit bruised. What can I do to make next year better?

Look a little closer at your investments' individual performances. Notice more than which did well and what didn’t. Look for both consistencies and anomalies compared to past performance. Not all investment types or asset classes followed the same trends this year.

“Aim for Balance” is a useful New Year’s mantra. If one asset class performed particularly well this year, that’s great. But if that asset now represents a larger proportion of your portfolio than originally intended, you might want to lower that asset’s allocation.

Some specific sectors of the market performed quite well in 2015, even factoring in the recent volatility. Standard and Poor’s Information Technology Index is up 9% for the year; Healthcare’s Index is up 6%. The Consumer Discretionary sector, meaning luxury goods, rose 14%. Conversely, the Energy and Utility sectors both under-performed.

Although past performance offers no guarantee of future returns, such market observations should be factored in when rebalancing your portfolio, and the start of a new year is a good time to do so.

The goal is to keep your holdings strategically diversified. Remember, what goes up will eventually drop down. If your investment in a specific asset class or market sector has grown to a larger ratio than recommended, it may be wise to lessen your exposure to a possible downturn.

The goal is to avoid overexposure during future volatility. Begin the New Year with a meeting with your financial professional to review your investments and, if necessary, make a few adjustments.

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Santa’s Top 10 Wish List ... and this year it’s on time

So I still can’t believe how impressed I am with myself. And a little more self-Dr. V praise probably won’t even raise a Dental Assistant Extraord- inaire Dani or Singing Dental Assistant Kolleen eyebrow; they’ve both read it many times before. And in the past, I’ve been slightly out of deadline synch once in a while on holiday oc- casions, but not this time. Nope. “Santa’s Top Ten ...” is coming your way right on time in the year, 2015. The holiday wishes possibly reflect some of the opinions of the writer and while some of the names are fictional ... to protect the innocent (but enough about my dog).

So without further delay, I give you Santa’s Top 10 Wish List:
1. Quiet dental drills
2. Dental materials taste just like Tiramisu or Double- deckers (animal style.)
3. Research shows eating chili fries at least once a day adds eight years to your life.
4. Dental insurance pro- grams are notified 2016, not 1971, is just around the corner ... and annual maximum ben- efits finally increase.
5. Camellia Square is finally complete ... before my canine Spot turns 77 in dog years.
6. Random acts of violence are replaced by random acts of kindness.
7. The children who’s look- ing up to Santa this year get to stay children longer than I think they will.
8. The USC Football Trojans do NOT break their own NCAA record by hiring five head coaches in one year.
9. Everyone within six de- grees of separation and beyond has a great Holiday, feels like a kid again, and successfully looks and listens for health, prosperity, and happiness in 2016.
10. Merry Christmas!

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- 181 consecutive days during peace- time
- Six or more years National Guard Service or Reserve

The Department of Veteran Affairs also offers foreclosure avoidance protec- tion assistance for homeowners. More than 500,000 veterans and service members have avoided foreclosure since 2008 as a result of this effort.

So please reach out and remind our national heroes of their benefits.

And let us not forget what a blessing it is to live the Unites States of America. Wishing all of our readers a warm, wonderful and safe holiday season.

Source: C.A.R. Veterans Affairs/Veterans United Home Loans

La Rosa school’s mural rocks, thanks to Jason Young’s artistic effort

La Rosa students and staff honored Jason Young, father of kindergartner, Jaslyn Young, Oct. 28, for the presentation of the mural, “La Rosa Rocks,” he painted at the school. Mr. Young took a once unadorned wall and transformed it into an inspirational mural that so perfectly cap- tures the spirit and soul of the campus.

Mr. Young spent many hours creating the mu-

ral.

“Since attending La Rosa myself as a child and having my daughter attend now, I wanted to im- prove the school by inspiring future generations to tap into their creativity – I wanted kids to have something happy to look at,” said Mr. Young. The students thanked Mr. Young with cards.

Mr. Young’s family is no stranger to the Temple City Unified School District. His wife Kaitlyn at- tended La Rosa as a child and is now the commu- nity liaison, and his mother-in-law works at the district office.

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Deadline for Royal Court first graders is Dec. 28

The Camellia Festival Committee led by General Chairmen Jon and Melissa Rains invites youth groups and organizations to become a part of Temple City’s Camellia Festival which is steeped in history and tradition, and provides lasting memories for young and old alike.

The Temple City community is encouraged to become a part of these traditions, which span more than seven decades.

The Camellia Festival transcends generations and cultures. It draws thousands of people to Temple City from the surrounding communities in the San Gabriel Valley. Join this quintessential hometown weekend celebration. Build a float, march in the parade, or operate a game or novelty booth to raise funds for your non-profit club or organization.

Applications are available at the Camellia Festival Office at City Hall or online at Web site www.templecity.us. The search is on for the Royal Court of First Graders who will reign over the 2016 Camellia Festival. Applications may be downloaded from the City’s Web site and are available at Temple City Unified School District elementary schools and the Camellia Festival Office in City Hall.

Entrants must attend the first grade and reside within the TCUSD or Temple City boundaries. Deadline for applications is December 28.

Information regarding Camellia Festival events and opportunities can be found at the City of Temple City Web site, by phoning the Festival Office at 626-285-2171, extension 4030 or by emailing dtarin@templecity.us.

By attending the Camellia Festival, you have an opportunity to ensure students are ready for the challenges of tomorrow.

The Temple City Unified School District serves students in transient kindergarten through high school.

For more information about TCUSD schools, phone 626-548-5120.

TCUSD Board honors Boys’ and Girls’ State TCHS representatives

The Temple City Unified School District’s Board of Education recently honored Temple City High School’s 2015 Boys’ State American Legion and Girls’ State American Legion Auxiliary representatives.

Students Karly Feng, David Brackbill, Maxwell Clark, Robert Cuttriss, Alexander Liu, and Jason Yang shared with Board members their experiences at conventions this past summer.

TCUSD Guidance Counselor Debbie Singh explained how students are selected to participate as the American Legion representatives.

Superintendent Kathy Perini and Board President John Pomeroy congratulated and presented Certificates of Recognition to these students for representing Temple City High School.

The Temple City Unified School District serves students in transitional kindergarten through high school.

The District embraces its core values of service, integrity and honor through academics and extracurricular activities. For more information about TCUSD schools, phone 626-548-5120.

The District is committed to 21st century academic excellence to ensure students are ready for the challenges of tomorrow.
World War II combat veteran lights up Blue Star gathering honoring veterans

By Monique Weiland

The Temple City Blue Star Banner program conducted its biannual Recognition Dinner at the First Baptist Church, Nov. 5. The fall program recognized veterans and active military personnel and their families.

The guest speaker, Staff Sgt. Paul Martinez, set hearts afame with his amazing stories about combat in World War II during the major European battles from Normandy, the Battle of the Bulge, and others.

Sgt. Martinez enlisted at age 16 in the 101st Airborne Division as a paratrooper because he wanted to see action and the additional revenue of hazardous duty pay. He was not denied the action he sought.

Paratroopers were developed in response to the German parachute divisions’ successes in getting infantry into key locations quickly that were otherwise difficult to access.

Through all the engagements he was involved in, Sgt. Martinez only mentioned one injury suffered when his officer asked him to detect the source of a sniper. As he raised his head to look, a ricocheted bullet hit him above his left eye that sent him to the hospital for 10 days.

Sgt. Martinez experienced all the difficulties of war of exhausting tours of duty with limited supplies and support, loss of friends, and brutal scenes. But the Americans and Allies had amazing resilience in the face of the Germans.

Sgt. Martinez received a standing ovation of respect and appreciation.

In other activities of the night, Temple City’s Blue Star program recognized six new members this year.

Thanks to Scout Troop 169 for serving as the color guard and to Jim Robuck for leading the audience in singing familiar patriotic songs adding fuel to the patriotic fire that glowed during the gathering.
**St. Luke School to present *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, Dec. 17**

The Theater Club of St. Luke Catholic School will present *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* at 7 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 17, in the Parish Hall. This is the second annual Christmas Play for the school’s new theater club.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. General admission is $5; Preferred seating is $10 (reserved seats in the first few rows). Tickets can be purchased at the school office during school hours or at the door.

For more information, phone the school office at 626-286-5959.

St. Luke Catholic School is located at 5521 N. Cloverly Ave., Temple City.

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**Children’s Christmas Program**

Appearing at a church nearby this advent season. Consider yourself invited.
City gathers input from residents on plans for Las Tunas-Rosemead Boulevard intersection

Temple City government invited residents to participate in a Las Tunas-Rosemead Specific Plan Community meeting, Nov. 5, to share thoughts regarding what improvements should be implemented to make the Las Tunas/Rosemead intersection a more attractive destination.

After an informative presentation on the Las Tunas/Rosemead Boulevard Specific Plan and an overview of the possibilities, attendees engaged in an interactive feedback opportunity to input on the specific plan which is one of several policy tools used by the City to guide community development.

During the General Plan 2050 update process, the Las Tunas-Rosemead Boulevard area was identified as an "opportunity area" after input was gathered from the General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC), public workshops and events, and from the Planning Commission and the City Council.

For more information, visit www.MakeTCHappen.com or email planning@templecity.us.

El Niño weather

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Install sand bags and mulch for erosion control

Fire stations and home improvement stores are good sources of sand bags. Place sand bags and mulch near slopes, driveways, curbs, doors, garage doors ... wherever stormwater run-off and Mudslides are likely.

Have roofing professionally inspected and repaired

Your roof protects your family and your possessions. Preventative roof maintenance is much less expensive in the long run.

Clean rain gutters

Leaves, twigs, bird droppings, nests, feathers and other residue can clog rain gutters resulting in both heavy, broken gutters and leaks onto other parts of your structure. Clean them out with a ladder, brush, rake or leaf blower.

Clean storm drains

Regularly remove debris that could clog the drain, itself, or route water from streets into private property. All you need is a broom, rake, gloves and a garbage can. If the job is too large, call your local sanitation or street services department for help.

Install rain barrels

Rain barrels are available from some municipalities for free or with a rebate. You may purchase them both online and at home improvement stores. They may be connected to a gutter or near a runoff location. Use the saved water to irrigate your vegetation or to fill your pool or spa.

Inspect neighboring properties for risks from trees, brush and stormwater runoff/mudslides

If neighbors’ trees or hillsides place your home at risk of damage from overhanging trees, branches, rocks, water or mudslides now is the time to talk with them and obtain professional advice. Similarly, make sure your property is not causing problems for neighbors.

Stay away, stay informed, get help!

Government agencies are professionally trained to deal with emergency circumstances. Evacuate if instructed to do so. Do not walk or drive into dangerous fires or floods and stay away from stormwater channels and basins. Program your cell phone and e-mail to provide you with emergency updates. Enroll in special training, such as CERT, if you’d like to know more about helping yourself and your community.

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