

# INTER-CANYON NEWS

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## ICL Closes Out Disaster Relief Efforts for Winter Storm 2010/2011

After twelve weeks of clearing roads, organizing volunteers, supplies and food, and with the assistance of an endless list of agencies, the Inter-Canyon League officially concluded its disaster relief efforts as of March 5, 2011. We had close to 1,000 nonresident volunteers come to the aid of our community, showing a relentless commitment and spirit of compassion. The Inter-Canyon League received over \$7,000 in cash donations, awarded \$15,000 in emergency aid grants to victims of the storm, and paid \$30,000 to clear roads, culverts, and haul debris to ensure safe passage to residents of our communities.

We are all very grateful that the continuing winter storms didn't pack the same punch as what we endured in December. This has been one of the wettest and coldest winters since 1951. According to the OC Public Works rainfall report, as of March 25th, a season total of 43.21 inches of rainfall was recorded at Santiago Peak. The average is 30.14 inches for that weather station. That's an increase of almost 50 percent above normal.



### INTER-CANYON LEAGUE GOES TECHY!

If you haven't already registered to be on the ICL's mailing list we encourage you to do so. We promise you won't be inundated with a bunch of junk mail – but will be included on our community news bulletins and ICL meeting announcements. Please sign up by sending an email to [inter-canyon-news@cox.net](mailto:inter-canyon-news@cox.net) and simply note SUBSCRIBE in the subject line.

The Inter-Canyon League Board of Directors is proud to announce that [www.intercanyon.org](http://www.intercanyon.org) is currently undergoing a facelift and should be unveiled soon. We have been working to improve navigation and provide enhanced information about who we are and what we do. The improved capabilities will allow a more friendly experience for the visitor as well as be a useful tool when doing outreach.



## Annual Vaccination Pet Clinic

Friends of the Library will be hosting their annual "Dog and Cat Vaccination Pet Clinic" next month. Dr. David Gordon, DVM will be administering the vaccinations again this year. Each year Dr. Gordon brings a variety of vaccinations for dogs, cats, puppies and kittens to help us protect our beloved pets. Vaccinations vary in price from roughly \$12 to \$20 each with discounts provided for combination packages. All proceeds are to benefit the Silverado Library.



When: Saturday, May 14th, 2011

Time: 9:00 am to 10:30 am

Where: Silverado Community Center

The time allowed for vaccinations this year is 30 minutes less than previous years. Please come early to fill out your paperwork and help the clinic treat as many pets as possible. Animal Care Services will also be present for any animal owners wishing to speak with them regarding the licensing of their pets.

## 2011 Canyon Cleansweep

Help Keep Our Community Fire Safe!

June 4th & 5th, 11th & 12th  
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Where: Aguinaga Green  
27910 Baker Canyon Road  
(at the end of Baker Canyon Road in Silverado)

- Only cut vegetation will be accepted - such as tree trimmings, weeds & brush
- NO palm fronds
- NO hazardous materials
- NO lumber
- NO trash

Canyon Cleansweep is brought to you courtesy of The Orange County Fire Authority, The Inter-Canyon League Fire Safe Council and Aguinaga Green.

For further information call:

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## USPS EYES CLOSING SILVERADO POST

The cash-strapped U.S. Postal Service has begun plans to begin closing as many as 2,000 post offices around the country and the Inter-Canyon News has confirmed that our local Silverado post office is one of the facilities being considered for closure. The plan is part of a cost-cutting program designed to staunch the red ink the postal service has been bleeding. The postal service reported losses of more than \$8 billion for the 2010 fiscal year.

In speaking to the USPS media relations department we were informed that the Silverado post office is currently in a data collection phase to determine long-term viability, other options to accommodate the community, etc. We were also assured that when and if our 92676 post office reaches the next phase of consideration for closure the residents would receive written notification with instructions as to where to send your comments and concerns. It is also possible that a community meeting would be scheduled.

According to the Wall Street Journal a disproportionate number of post offices are in rural or suburban areas, and their closure would shut off the closest link to the rest of the country for those communities. The paper also pointed out that critics of the move say it could place a large burden on the elderly, who find it hard to travel out of their towns or suburbs. Please continue to monitor this situation and show your support to keep our post office open.

**MODJESKA  
MAY DAY**



**CRAFT  
FAIRE**

Looking for a unique, one-of-a-kind gift for a friend or yourself? Mark your calendar for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual May Day Arts and Crafts Faire. Modjeska resident and artist Bruce Day will be featured along with many other very talented local canyon artists and craftspeople. Come meet the artisans while you view their beautiful, original, handmade art, jewelry, photography and so much more! Stop in on your way to the Sarkisian House, featured again this year on the Heard Garden Tour. There will be sack lunches for sale while supplies last. So come early and enjoy the great offerings. It can't hurt to look. You just might find that treasure you've been searching for!

Date: Sunday, May 1st - Free to the public  
Time: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Place: Corner of Santiago Canyon Road and  
Modjeska Canyon Road (free parking)

For more information contact Lisa Collins at (714) 710-9446 or email [canyoncreekhome@aol.com](mailto:canyoncreekhome@aol.com).



## LOOK WHO'S TALKING IN TRABUCO CANYON

A core group of GMRS radio users in Trabuco Canyon have been hosting a radio network discussion on Monday evenings. They have been doing this for about a year now and access the Joplin/Franklin repeater. The purpose of this net is to teach users radio protocol and it's use as a primary source of communication in the event of an emergency. They have recently reached out to the community by offering a radio net for FRS hand held users following the close of the original net. The goal is to assist folks in becoming comfortable using an FRS or GMRS radio and hopefully whet their appetite to obtain an FCC license and purchase their own GMRS radio. ETI/357 has a limited amount of small radios they are offering to Canyon residents; compliments of Canyon Watch.

For more information, contact ETI's Debbie Kelly at [rileyboy1@cox.net](mailto:rileyboy1@cox.net) or at (949) 459-7191.

## 7th Annual Tree Hugger's Ball and "Go Green" Expo

The Canyon Land Conservation Fund (CLCF) is hosting it's 7th Annual Tree Hugger's Ball on Saturday, June 11, 2011 at the Santiago Event Center in Blackstar Canyon. The event includes an art show, environmental expo, silent auction, great food, live bluegrass and rock 'n roll, and dancing.

The "Go Green in the OC!" portion of the event will feature exhibitors of eco-friendly products and services, alternative energy and transportation sources and some well known environmental speakers.

The Expo runs from 4:00 pm to dusk and the Ball is from 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm. Adult general admission tickets are \$25 per person, kids 6-16 are \$10 and children 5 and under are free. For more information about the CLCF or this event including maps, directions, ticket purchasing and contact info, visit their website at [www.canyonland.org](http://www.canyonland.org).

Proceeds from this event will be used for preservation efforts of the wild lands of the Santa Ana Mountains.





**SILVERADO CONCERTS IN THE PARK**

May 14th kicks off this year's series of concerts in the park at the Silverado Community Center. The music starts at 6:00 pm but show up early with your chairs and blankets to stake out a spot and get settled in. A burger, beans and chips dinner plate can be purchased for \$3.75 or feel free to bring your own picnic style dinner. Water and ice cream are provided for free.

The dates for the rest of the series are June 18th, July 16th, August 13th and September 17th. For more information, contact Denise Ater at (714) 710-9040.



Modjeska has planned four movie nights for year's Summer Series. Their season opener is scheduled for June 18th with a Father's Day Event. All events are held at the Community Park next to Fire Station 16 and are free to canyon residents and neighbors.

Gather your family and friends, pack a picnic basket, blanket, and chairs and claim your spot in the park for dinner and a movie al fresco! Each event begins at 7:00 pm but feel free to come early to socialize and let the kids enjoy fun activities prior to the start of the movie.

For more information and the rest of this year's line-up visit [www.modjeskanights.com](http://www.modjeskanights.com).



Recently Colleen Colgan & Deanna Craig from the Inter-Canyon News visited Tucker Wildlife Sanctuary. It was a beautiful day to be reacquainted with our local wildlife sanctuary on a tour led by Karon Cornell, Tucker Wildlife Sanctuary Director. If you haven't been over to Tucker in the past few years, it is definitely worth seeing as they have added many new features and have improved the facility with help from scout troops, grant funding and community support.

Tucker receives approximately 15,000 public visitors annually and proudly honors their mission statement by educating visitors on the varied and unique wildlife found in Orange County in the hopes that they will chose to become good stewards of our natural resources.

While visiting with Ms. Cornell, we asked about the Tucker Family and learned that Mr. Benjamin Tucker was a banker in Long Beach and a philanthropist to his community. In 1916, Benjamin Tucker bought several lots that had been originally purchased by Madam Helena Modjeska and in 1926 Benjamin and his wife, Dorothy May Tucker, built their vacation home, Oakwood, adjacent to Santiago Creek.

The Tuckers built birdhouses from kegs and gourds and they experimented with various designs of hummingbird feeders. On May 4, 1939, Oakwood was dedicated as the Dorothy May Tucker Bird Sanctuary. In 1940, on July 16<sup>th</sup>, the Tucker mountain cabin was destroyed by a fire but the following year Ben Tucker deeded Oakwood to the Audubon Society, who re-built the cabin as a museum and continued the tradition of feeding the birds. The floods of 1968-69 wreaked havoc all over the canyons and the Audubon Society was unable to restore the 12-acre property. The California State College, Fullerton Foundation took title from the San Fernando Valley Audubon Society, rebuilt the bridge and added a museum, ponds and nature trails.

Today, Tucker Wildlife Sanctuary is owned and operated by California State University, Fullerton and its College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics. In addition to serving as a research center for Cal State Fullerton students, faculty and others, Tucker is open to the public to enjoy and learn about the local wildlife and natural habitat in the Southern California canyon area.

Tucker's facilities include a small natural history museum/interpretive center, two ponds, a bird observation porch and feeders, relaxing patio and picnic areas, a small amphitheater, a caretaker's house, hiking trails, and a gift shop.

Hours are Tuesday through Sunday from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, except major holidays. Admission is free but donations are gratefully accepted to help offset costs of feeding the birds and maintaining the facility. Tucker also sells top quality bird seed and grows and sells California Native Plants in their own greenhouse. Please visit [www.tuckerwildlife.com](http://www.tuckerwildlife.com) for more information.

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**Calendar of Regular Events**

**INTER-CANYON LEAGUE**

1st Tuesday, 7:00 PM  
Silverado Community Center

**FIRE SAFE COUNCIL**

3rd Thursday, 7:00 PM  
Fire Station 14

**SMRPD BOARD**

4th Tuesday, 7:00 PM  
Silverado Community Center

**BROWN BAGGERS**

Twice monthly.  
Call Judy Myers to confirm  
location and time  
(714) 649-2786

**Calendar of Special Events**

April 30	ETI Cowboy Festival
May 1	Modjeska May Day Craft Faire
May 8	Mother's Day
May 14	Vaccination Pet Clinic
May 14	Silverado Concert in the Park
May 28	ETI month end ride
June 4-5	Canyon Cleansweep
June 11	ETI Play Day at O'Neill Park
June 11-12	Canyon Cleansweep
June 14	Modjeska Movie Night
June 18	Silverado Concert in the Park
June 18	Modjeska Movie Night
June 19	Father's Day
June 25	ETI month end ride
July 9	Modjeska Movie Night
July 16	Silverado Concert in the Park



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