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Game Changer: The New CMS SportsBowl



If your daily commute takes you along College Boulevard, you've probably noticed the construction—and the road closure that only recently reopened. While having to divert over to Monte Vista may have been an inconvenience, the reason behind all that construction is something pretty exciting for Claremont: the new CMS SportsBowl.

The CMS SportsBowl is set to become a major addition to Claremont McKenna, Harvey Mudd, and Scripps Colleges' athletic facilities, bringing sports medicine, training, and competition together in one state-of-the-art complex. Once completed, the project has the potential to further put Claremont on the map as a destination for collegiate athletics.

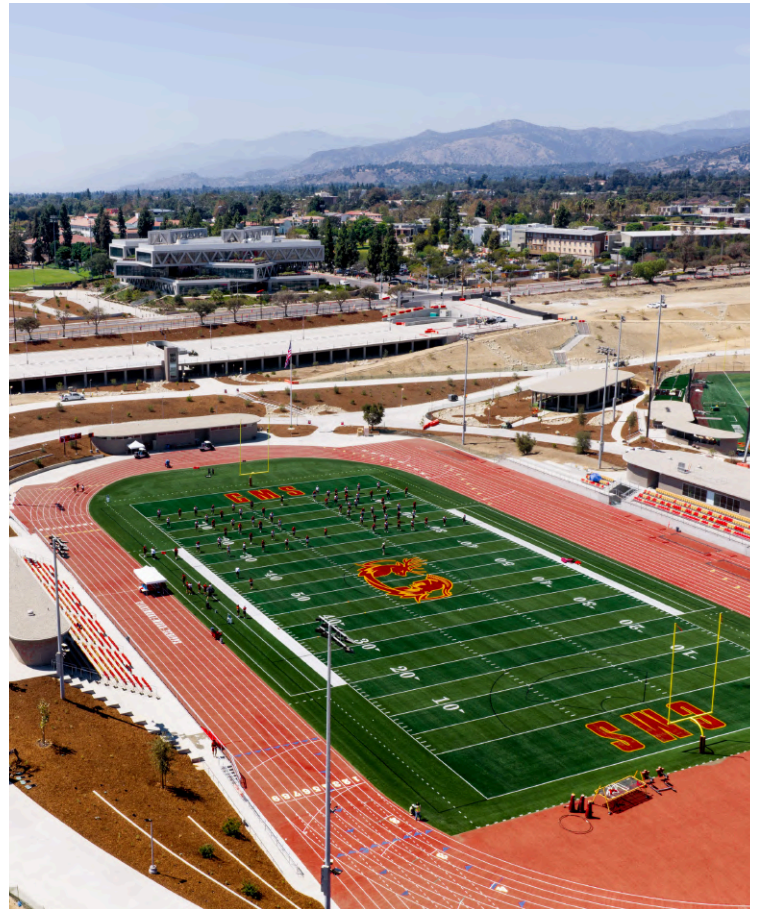
The SportsBowl will be developed in two phases, with the first phase focusing on the southern portion of the approximately 75-acre site. Plans include new baseball and softball fields, a track and field competition venue, a lacrosse and football field, cross-country running paths, and a golf practice facility.

But the project goes far beyond the fields themselves. The SportsBowl is also planned to include spectator seating, locker rooms, meeting spaces, sports medicine services, a parking structure, and a 20-foot-wide tunnel running beneath Claremont Boulevard to better connect the athletic facilities. The site is also expected to become the future home of the ROTC program.

Altogether, the SportsBowl will significantly expand the colleges' athletic footprint and serve more than 300 student-athletes across multiple sports, including softball, baseball, cross country, football, golf, track and field, and women's lacrosse.

For Claremont, the impact could extend well beyond college athletics. A premier athletic complex like this has the potential to bring more competitions, visiting teams, families, and spectators into the city—giving them an opportunity to experience our restaurants, shops, hotels, and local businesses while they're here.

So, while the construction and detours may have been frustrating in the moment, the finished project could be something Claremont benefits from for years to come. I'm excited to see the talent, energy, visitors, and opportunities the CMS SportsBowl brings to our community.



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OCTOBER 2026

★ ATHLETICS CALENDAR ★



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2ND



Men's Water Polo vs
Gary Troyer Invitational (at CMS)

TBA



Men's Tennis vs
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Women's Tennis vs
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD



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Halloween SPOOKTACULAR

Saturday,

October 17, 2026

Lewis Park, 881 Syracuse Dr., Claremont

**FOOD TRUCKS,
GAMES &
ENTERTAINMENT**

3:00 - 6:00 PM



**HOWL-O-WEEN
DOG COSTUME
CONTEST**

5:30 PM



**CHILDREN'S
COSTUME CONTEST**

5:30 PM



Where to Trick or Treat in Claremont

Spooky streets, sweet treats & family-friendly Halloween fun 🎃

Halloween in Claremont is all about community! From festive Village businesses to neighborhood streets filled with decorated homes, there are plenty of ways for little ghosts and goblins to enjoy Halloween close to home.

🏠 OLD CLAREMONT NEIGHBORHOODS

If your kids are looking for the classic Halloween experience of walking from house to house, Old Claremont is one area local families have historically mentioned as a busy trick-or-treating destination. Community discussions have specifically pointed to homes along Indian Hill Boulevard between 1st Street and Foothill Boulevard as an area that can attract trick-or-treaters.

📍 Old Claremont / Indian Hill Blvd. area

🔍 Best for: Traditional neighborhood trick-or-treating

🎃 Expect: Decorated homes, costumes and plenty of Halloween activity



🏘️ CLAREMONT VILLAGE + DOWNTOWN

Want to turn trick-or-treating into a full family outing? Start in the Village, visit participating businesses for treats, grab dinner or dessert, and enjoy the Halloween atmosphere around downtown Claremont.

The Village is especially appealing because it offers a walkable setting with local shops, restaurants and community activities all in one area.

📍 Claremont Village

🌟 Best for: Families with younger children who want a convenient, walkable evening



👻 LEWIS PARK

Get the Halloween fun started early at the City of Claremont's annual Halloween Spooktacular! This free family event features carnival-style games, a children's costume contest, spooky stories, a Howl-O-Ween dog costume contest, a Special Needs Sensory Zone, and food trucks.

📅 Saturday, October 17, 2026

🕒 3:00–6:00 PM

📍 Lewis Park, 881 Syracuse Drive

💰 FREE

This is a great option for families who want Halloween activities without relying on traditional door-to-door trick-or-treating.



👟 HALLOWEEN TIP FOR PARENTS

Bring a comfortable pair of shoes, a sturdy candy bag and a flashlight. If you're trick-or-treating in a neighborhood, stick to homes that are decorated or have their porch lights on, stay on sidewalks whenever possible, and keep little ones close after dark.

44TH ANNUAL CLAREMONT HERITAGE *Home Tour*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026
10AM – 4PM

Check-in Opens at 9:30am

Garner House in Memorial Park

Docent-led Tours of 8 Remarkable
Claremont Homes each Representing a
Unique Chapter in our City's History.

Homes with History



HOME TOUR

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NAOMI HOWLAND, watercolor artist



NAOMI HOWLAND, watercolor artist

Annual Fall *Online Auction*

Oct 4 thru Oct 18 at 12noon

Sunset Reception CGU President's Home

Friday Oct 9 | 5:30-8:00pm



TICKETS

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A Docent's View: Inside Claremont's Historic Homes

Claremont Heritage is hosting the 44th annual Claremont Home Tour Sunday, October 11th. 8 unique and historic homes will open their doors to guests. And for the second time, I will be a docent in one of these homes. If you are remotely interested in beautiful homes, local history, or just want to see a dumbwaiter in action, I highly recommend you buy tickets.

My first stint as a docent was in 2024. JoJo, my partner in life and business, was asked to be a docent and if she knew anyone else interested. JoJo texted me on the spot and I remember wanting to say yes and no. The yes was because JoJo asked and my bachelors degree is in art history with an emphasis on architectural history. The no was based on my concern that leading people through stunning craftsman-style homes with elaborate woodwork, colorful tile, and tiffany glass would arouse my jealousy.

And sure enough, it did. I felt jealous. Many of the volunteers were saying that even if they had a house worthy of these kinds of home tours, they'd never do it- what with having strangers walking through judging, etc. The whole time I was thinking, if I had a house this beautiful, I'd drag people off the streets and make them listen as I explain when the carriage house finally had electricity installed.

As docents, we were provided a history of the house and we had a meeting about safety and proper protocols. I was assigned to the master bedroom of a beautiful home. My job was to answer questions and of course make sure that people were careful as they toured the home.



Despite knowing a lot about architecture, I found myself learning a lot more from those touring the houses. Many of them were raised in Claremont, as were their parents and grandparents. Quite a few people knew who lived in the house before the current owners and the owners before them. It was a lot of fun, and I even got a few laughs when I responded to a question as to where the small writing table with mother of pearl inlay might have come with an overlong tale of conflicting stories between a spinster aunt buying it at a blowout Labor Day sale at Levitz and a local historian believing it more likely purchased at the Akron Store in West Covina.

The tract house JoJo and I live in was built in 1979; I think it will be a few more years before people will want to see where the workers missed a spot removing the popcorn ceiling above the Olan Mills family photos in frames bought at the old Aaron Bros Artmart in San Dimas.

Until then, I will docent in the homes of others. This year, I will be at a truly stunning home on North Indian Hill in Claremont. If you happen to see me, feel free to ask me anything about the wainscoting, plate rails, or batten doors. I promise my answers will have a similar accuracy rate to Freddie Freeman's batting average.



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MEET

Monica

ALEMAN
GIBBS



Educated & Driven

As a **lifelong Californian**, Monica has deep roots in the Foothill communities where she has lived for most of her life. The daughter of a baker and a garment factory worker, she watched her parents make sacrifices to provide every opportunity possible for their family. **They taught her the value of hard work and living a life in service of others.** Their selflessness inspired

Monica to dream big and make them proud. Driven by her passion for learning she earned two Master's degrees from both Azusa Pacific University and Mount Saint Mary's University Los Angeles.

Called to Serve

This past June, Monica learned that a neighboring community had brown water in their taps. It took several frustrating weeks before the issue gained the attention it deserved, and the experience prompted Monica to take action. She decided to run for the Three Valleys Municipal Water District, Division 3 because **access to clean water and reliable service shouldn't be based on neighborhood or who you know.**

What she Believes

Fiscal responsibility matters. Every dollar ratepayers contribute must go toward real solutions, contamination cleanup, infrastructure reliability, and long-term water security, not bureaucratic waste.





Monica has the Experience



As a water consultant and educator, Monica has spent her career working with local, state, and federal agencies on issues that shape and protect our water.

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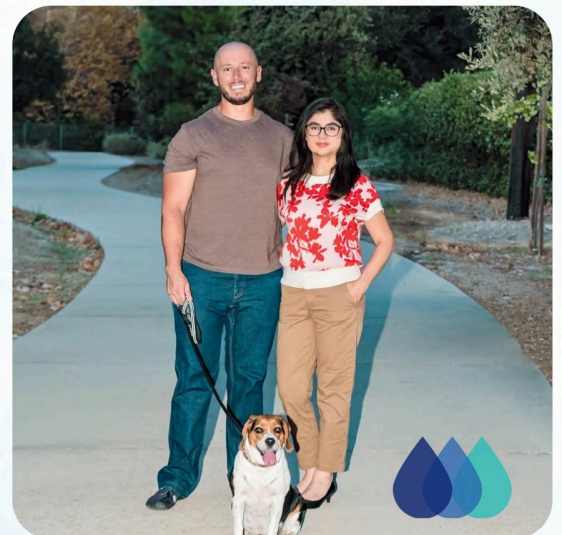
From contamination compliance to regional greenways and watershed restoration projects across the San Gabriel Valley and Los Angeles River corridor, Monica has delivered for the communities she represented. Her hands-on experience with **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) mandates** and **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regulations** gives her a rare, practical understanding of how to secure our resources and hold agencies accountable.

Monica's Promise

"I promise to fight for clean, reliable water, responsible rates, and to serve this seat with one priority in mind, **YOU!** This is not a political agenda; this is my community.

I humbly ask for your vote.

-Monica



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CHECK THE BREAST



Know your normal. Make time for you.

A reminder from the women of Stein Team Realty

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- 01 Mammograms can find what you cannot feel.**
They can detect breast cancer before a lump or other symptoms appear. Finding it early can make treatment easier.
- 02 Make a screening plan with your doctor.**
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- 03 Know what is normal for your breasts.**
Self-checks can help you notice changes, but they do not replace mammograms and have not been shown to reduce breast cancer deaths.

NOTICE A CHANGE? CALL YOUR DOCTOR PROMPTLY.

A new breast or underarm lump, skin dimpling, nipple changes or unusual discharge should be checked. Most breast lumps are not cancer, but do not wait for your next mammogram.



GET TO KNOW YOUR BREASTS

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Moms Morning at The Spot Café – Third Thursdays

- Every third Thursday of the month, The Spot Café hosts a cozy morning just for moms and their little ones. Enjoy meaningful conversations with local moms while kiddos take part in a free craft and sip on complimentary hot cocoa or smoothies. It's a relaxed, welcoming space to connect, unwind, and build community.
- Every 3rd Thursday, 9 AM - 11 AM



Coffee Date with Scott and JoJo

- Join Scott and JoJo for a friendly monthly meetup! Catch up with friends, meet new people, and enjoy great conversation in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere. Everyone is invited! Follow them on Instagram to learn the location for the month and get the latest meetup details.
- Every last Wednesday at 10:00 AM | La Verne, CA



Pilgrim Place First Saturday Sale

- Start your day with a coffee and donut, then shop among many popular booths from Pilgrim Place's Festival, including books, furniture, housewares, clothing, fine art, plants, vintage treasures, and more.
- All proceeds benefit the Resident Health and Support Program. Plus, by purchasing these gently used items, you are also supporting Pilgrim Place's value of caring for the earth.
- Saturday, September 5, 2026 | 9:00–11:00 AM | Pilgrim Place, Claremont



Ink in the Garden Art Class

- Step into the garden and let it inspire you. In this class we'll use ink and watercolor, a timeless combination that brings nature to life on the page.
- With your instructor, you'll learn the fundamentals of both mediums while sketching wildlife. We'll start with graceful branches, leaves, and flowers, then move on to a woolly bluecurls branch, a hummingbird, and the delicate shimmer of a dragonfly. Simple subjects, beautifully rendered. No experience needed and no anatomy lessons here.
- Saturday, Sept 12, 2026 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | California Botanic Garden



Claremont Farmers & Artisans Market – Every Sunday

- Every Sunday from 8 AM to 1 PM, the Claremont Village fills with fresh produce, handmade goods, flowers, and friendly faces – a place to shop local, connect with neighbors, and support small farms and businesses. Discover Claremont
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- FREE at Claremont Village



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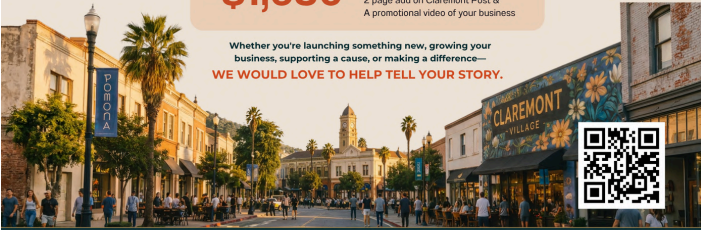
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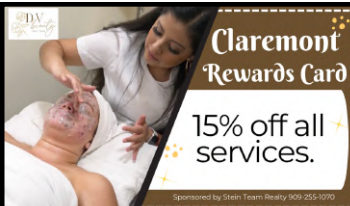
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Village Venture: One of the Best Days to Be a Claremont Resident



There are plenty of reasons I love living in Claremont, but every October I'm reminded of one that rises to the top of the list: Village Venture.

For one weekend each year, our charming downtown transforms into something truly special. The streets fill with hundreds of artisan and craft vendors, local organizations, live entertainment, delicious food trucks, and thousands of neighbors enjoying one another's company. If you've never experienced it, you're in for a treat. If you've been before, you already know exactly what I mean.

I still remember the first time I attended Village Venture. I couldn't believe how many vendor booths stretched throughout the Village. Everywhere I turned there was something unique—a handmade gift, a beautiful piece of artwork, specialty foods, or something I never knew I needed until I saw it. Even today, I make a point of walking every street because I never know what treasures I'll discover.

Some of my favorite memories, though, are the ones made with my family. When my children were young, they proudly marched through the Village in their Halloween costumes during the annual parade. In my mind, I can still picture my five-year-old daughter proudly marching in the parade dressed as Dorothy from *The Wizard of Oz*, while her toddler brother rode behind her in a little wagon, dressed as a pumpkin.

One of the things I enjoy most about Village Venture is seeing so many familiar faces. Everywhere I look, I run into friends who are volunteering their time to help make the weekend a success. It seems like everyone has found a way to pitch in, whether they're working a booth, supporting a local cause, or simply helping create the welcoming atmosphere that makes Village Venture so uniquely Claremont.

This year, you'll find me wearing another hat as President of the Claremont Kiwanis Club. Stop by our booth and try your luck at our spinning prize wheel! For just \$1 a spin, you'll have a chance to win See's Candies or gift cards, all while supporting Kiwanis' service projects that benefit children and families in our community. We'd love to see you, so come by, say hello, and give the wheel a spin!

Village Venture has been bringing our community together for generations, and every year it reminds me why Claremont feels so much like home. Whether you're shopping with local artisans, grabbing a bite from one of the many food trucks, cheering on the parade, visiting community booths, or simply strolling through the Village with family and friends, you'll be surrounded by the spirit that makes this city so special.

Every year, I leave Village Venture with a few purchases, lots of smiles, and a grateful heart. It's a beautiful reminder that Claremont isn't just a city—it's a community. Watching neighbors, families, volunteers, and visitors come together to celebrate what makes this place so special is one of the many reasons I love calling Claremont home.



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