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# Valley Voice

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## ***Arcadia Convenes Forum to Address Homelessness***



On Thursday, February 29th, the City of Arcadia hosted a homelessness symposium in partnership with the SGVCOG and Supervisor Kathryn Barger's office. The gathering focused on addressing the complexities of homelessness, including service provisions and housing solutions. Supervisor Barger, along with SGVCOG President Tim Hepburn and Arcadia Mayor April Verlato, opened the event with introductory remarks. The symposium aimed to foster a collaborative environment where best practices could be exchanged, initiatives encouraged, and understanding deepened among a diverse group of participants comprising local government representatives, municipal employees, service providers, and community members.

**Contribute to the SGVCOG Broadband Survey and  
Boost Internet Services Across San Gabriel  
Valley: Participate in the Community Survey and  
Join Our Regional Broadband Summit**



**Broadband Study in the SGV**



**SCAN HERE**

**Complete the Community survey to help us improve broadband connectivity in the SGV**

The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) needs **YOUR** input to enhance our community's digital future!

Access to high-speed internet has become essential for education, work, healthcare and overall communication. **By participating in this brief survey, you will be contributing to improved connectivity, community growth and digital equity and inclusivity in the San Gabriel Valley.**

[sgvcog.org/broadband](https://sgvcog.org/broadband)



**Regional Broadband Summit**



March 13, 2024  
2:30 - 4:00 PM

Zoom

Questions?  
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The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) will be hosting a virtual Regional Broadband Summit. The summit will include a panel of broadband guest speakers and a presentation on the SGVCOG's regional needs assessment results and preliminary draft of the regional strategic plan to improve broadband services in the San Gabriel Valley. All interested stakeholders and the public are welcome to join.

Scan the QR code to register via Zoom



Check out our website for more information:  
[sgvcog.org/broadband](https://sgvcog.org/broadband)



Your voice is crucial in shaping the future digital landscape of the San Gabriel Valley, and here's your chance to make an impact. The SGVCOG is counting on your insights to drive enhancements in broadband services throughout the region. High-speed internet access is the backbone of modern education, healthcare, work, and communication. By taking a moment to complete the SGVCOG Community Survey, you're not just sharing your internet experience — you're actively participating in the advancement of connectivity and promoting digital equity and inclusion across the Valley. Let's work together to create a digitally inclusive future for every resident and organization in the SGV. **Take the survey by scanning the QR code or visiting [sgvcog.org/broadband](https://sgvcog.org/broadband).**

**Also, join us for a virtual Regional Broadband Summit on March 13, 2024, from 2:30 to 4:00 PM**, hosted virtually by the SGVCOG. This summit promises to be a cornerstone event, featuring a panel of experts in broadband and interactive discussions on the SGVCOG's regional needs assessment results. You'll also get a first look at the preliminary draft of the regional strategic plan aimed at upgrading broadband services across the San Gabriel Valley.

Your insights and input are vital as we shape the future of internet connectivity in the region. This is more than just a meeting—it's a chance to actively contribute to a plan that will impact our region's access to reliable and high-speed internet. Stakeholders and members of the public are all invited to take part in this critical conversation.

Don't miss the opportunity to make your voice heard and help bridge the digital divide. **Register for the summit today by scanning the QR code on the flyer or visit [sgvcog.org/broadband](https://sgvcog.org/broadband) for more information.**

Your contribution is the key to a connected and empowered San Gabriel Valley!

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***Joint Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources  
and Water Committee and Working Group at Pure  
Water Demonstration Plant Tour***



On Wednesday, February 7th, the SGVCOG Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources and Water Committee and Working Group convened for a special joint meeting in Carson, California. The members in attendance received a tour of the Grace F. Napolitano Pure Water Southern California Innovation Center and Pure Water Demonstration Plant, which is the result of a joint partnership between the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and the Los Angeles County Sanitation District.

During their visit, the committee and group members were introduced to the facility's groundbreaking approach to water purification. They witnessed firsthand the journey of treated wastewater as it undergoes an advanced purification process within the plant, employing cutting-edge technologies to transform it into some of the cleanest water found in California. Should this project receive a green light for expansion, the output of purified water could supply approximately 150 million gallons of treated water daily. This volume is sufficient to support around 500,000 households, highlighting the project's potential impact on local water sustainability.



For more information and to learn more about how to schedule a tour at the Pure Water Program Demonstration Plant, reach out to MWD staff, Rupam Soni, at [RSoni@mwdh2o.com](mailto:RSoni@mwdh2o.com) or visit the Pure Water Program [website](#).

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## ***SR 57/60 Confluence Chokepoint Relief Project Update***

STATE ROUTE 57/60  
CONFLUENCE  
CHOKEPOINT RELIEF  
PROJECT UPDATE



**CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS**

As we proceed on the SR 57/60 Interchange improvement Project, we're excited to share that there has been significant progress, bringing us closer to fixing the state's worst truck bottleneck, improving safety and reducing traffic congestion. Your continued support fuels our efforts, and we're committed to minimizing impacts during this transformative phase. Stay tuned for more updates and feel the change as we pave the way to a smoother journey by 2028.

For the latest construction progress and to stay informed about any immediate travel advisories, please follow us @5760Project on social media or contact us directly with your questions.



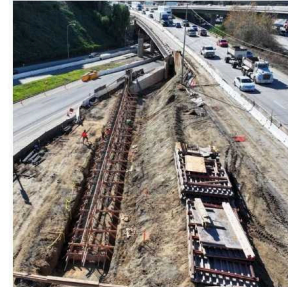
Embankment for Grand Ave on- and off-ramp



Retaining wall construction along eastbound SR-60



Relocation of sanitary sewer line



Northbound SR-57 connector bridge widening over Golden Springs Drive



**ONGOING ROAD CLOSURES**



**Eastbound SR-60 Diamond Bar Blvd Ramps:** Intermittent closures on eastbound SR-60 Diamond Bar Blvd on and off ramps



**Eastbound SR-60 Grand Ave Ramps:** Intermittent closures on eastbound SR-60 Grand Ave on and off ramps



**SR-57/SR-60 Confluence:** Intermittent closures on eastbound SR-60 to northbound SR-57 and northbound SR-57 to eastbound SR-60



**Golden Springs Drive:** WB Golden Springs Drive closed from 8 am to 5 pm Monday to Friday. EB Golden Springs Drive will remain open.

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***SGVCOG Leaders Engage in Statewide Regional Leadership Forum***



Last month, at the California Association of Councils of Governments (CALCOG) Regional Leadership Forum held in Monterey, CA, San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) President Tim Hepburn and Director of Government and Community Relations Ricky Choi were in attendance and had the opportunity to discuss priorities and important policy issues with regional leaders from across the state. This event provided a forum for regional leaders from various parts of California to deliberate on pressing state issues, encompassing vital budgetary and policy concerns. The discussions underscored regional governments' essential role in crafting comprehensive solutions to these challenges.

***Join Village 143's Effort to Collect Essential Cleaning Supplies This Spring***

# SPRING CLEANING SUPPLIES DRIVE

We are accepting the following new and unopened items:

- Laundry detergent
- Disinfectant wipes
- Trash bags
- Paper towels
- Cleaning cloths
- Sponges
- Hand soap
- Dish soap
- All-purpose cleaner
- Glass cleaner
- Gift cards



Please send all donations by  
March 21, 2024



Village 143 has kicked off its newest campaign, focusing on the critical need for cleaning supplies to assist residents in local transitional housing and those facing food insecurity within the San Gabriel Valley. As we enter a season with a heightened risk of respiratory illnesses, these supplies become even more crucial.

By donating new and sealed cleaning products, you can make a significant difference in the lives of our community's most vulnerable members, ensuring they have a safer and more comfortable environment.

To contribute, add some cleaning items to your cart during your next shopping trip and bring them to our office. Alternatively, you can select goods from our [wishlist](#) and have them shipped directly to our office at [1333 S. Mayflower Ave., Suite 360, Monrovia, CA 91016](#).

Should you have any inquiries about the Village 143 initiative or how to contribute, please get in touch with Victoria at [vurenia@sgvcog.org](mailto:vurenia@sgvcog.org). Further details can also be found on our website at <https://www.sgvcog.org/village143>. Your support in this drive is invaluable to our efforts in providing essential assistance to those in need.

## *San Marino Lunar New Year Celebration Postponed*

**POSTPONED  
DUE TO WEATHER**

**San Marino Lunar New Year Festival**  
聖瑪利諾農曆新年園遊會

**March 10, 2024 (Sunday)**  
10am - 3pm, LACY PARK  
1485 Virginia Road  
San Marino, CA 91108  
(free admission 免費入場)

Performances, Food, and Games

Hosted by Chinese Club of San Marino

[www.ccsm.org](http://www.ccsm.org) 626.796.5190 [info@ccsm.org](mailto:info@ccsm.org)

The City of San Marino will be hosting the annual Lunar New Year Festival at Lacy Park from 10AM to 3PM on Sunday, March 10, 2024. The event will include fun park activities, performances, entertainment, games, and food. The SGVCOG's Neighborhood Coyote Program (NCP) staff will be tabling to provide the community with information and resources about the NCP and other SGVCOG programs such as Fire Prep SGV and the Regional Broadband Study. Admission is free and everyone is welcome to attend!

# March Committee Meeting Schedule

Please be advised that the Governing Board will convene in person at the SGVCOG's office in Monrovia. Livestreams of the meetings can be found on the SGVCOG website [here](#). The live streams of San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust Board of Directors meetings are [here](#).

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**Executive Committee** - March 4, 2024, at 10:00 AM

**Water Committee** - March 5, 2024, at 2:00 P.M.

**Homelessness Committee** - March 6, 2024, at 8:30 A.M.

**(Special Joint Meeting) Water Committee & EENR Committee** - March 6, 2024, at 10:15 A.M.

**City Managers' Steering Committee** - March 6, 2024, at 12:00 P.M.

**Transportation Committee** - March 6, 2024, at 4:00 P.M.

**Governing Board** - March 21, 2024, at 4:00 PM

**Planning Directors Working Group** - Cancelled

**Regional Housing Trust Board** - Cancelled

**Capital Projects and Construction Committee** - Cancelled

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