

KIKA' BULLETIN

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Happy Holidays to our Kiika' Neighbors

We wish you and your loved ones a happy and healthy holiday season. Here are a few dates to be aware of this winter:

School Holiday Breaks

Belvedere Elementary and Serrano Middle Schools: December 20-January 7

Aquinas High School: December 17-31

Senior Center Activities

Christmas Food Baskets for Homebound Seniors - (909) 862-8104

Senior Center Closed: December 24-January 3

Group Trip to Ronald Reagan Presidential Library: January 6

Community Events

Highland Y Run 5k/10k and Fun Run: January 30, 8-10 a.m.



We value your comments and questions.
Call the **Neighborhood Hotline** number:

(909) 425-3483

Or email: Kiika@SanManuel.com

Investing in the Future of Highland and San Bernardino

Improving the roadways in our surrounding neighborhoods while helping to beautify the area are high priorities for the Tribe. Over the past six years, the Tribe has invested \$10.7 million as part of the Victoria Avenue Improvements, which includes local street work, storm drains, and landscaping along Victoria Avenue between Lynwood Drive and Third Street.

Here are a few highlights of the work that has been completed:

- Victoria Avenue: Sound wall repairs, new lighting, landscape, and maintenance.
- Victoria Avenue and adjoining streets: Street repaving, new curbs and gutters, storm drain improvements.
- Victoria/Highland Avenue Intersection: Expanded southbound right turn pocket and realigned intersection dividers to improve traffic flow. Also expanded eastbound left turn pocket for better circulation.
- Highland Avenue: North lane expansion to improve access and traffic flow westbound and onto SR-210.
- East Highland Off-Ramp: Helped fund studies that led to off-ramp expansion being built.

As we look toward the future, the Tribe is committed to continue working with the cities of San Bernardino and Highland to invest in projects that help improve your neighborhoods.



San Bernardino County Museums Recognize Serrano Ancestral Lands



We are pleased to announce that the San Bernardino County Museum now features an entrance display which formally recognizes that the museum is located on the ancestral territory of the Serrano people. The San Manuel Band of Mission Indians worked closely with the Morongo tribe and San Bernardino County on the development of the entrance display.

The land acknowledgement display is in English, Spanish, and Serrano, and there is also an audio recording that reads the display text out loud in each of the three languages. The Serrano language was almost lost years ago when Native American people were targeted by the US government, and we are proud to now have a public display with the Serrano language front and center.

As part of the new display unveiling, the Bird Singers of San Manuel performed traditional songs for county representatives and local tribal government members. The land acknowledgement marks a transformational point for Native American tribes in California, as this is the first time that an establishment in San Bernardino County has publicly recognized its land's history.



Contacting the San Manuel Public Safety Team



Our Department of Public Safety (DPS) works to establish a safe environment on the Reservation. Additionally, DPS works closely in aiding the San Bernardino Police Department and County Sheriff's Office to promote ongoing community safety. In events where there is suspicious activity near the borders of the Reservation we would like to hear from you. For non-emergency situations, neighbors can reach our DPS team by calling 909-425-5482.



San Manuel Partners with Spark of Love

We are excited to partner with KABC7 and Spark of Love for the fifth year in a row. Spark of Love is a campaign that collects new, unwrapped toys and sports equipment for children and teens in need in Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Orange, Ventura and Riverside counties. On December 5, Business Committee member Edward Duro joined San Manuel team members in presenting Spark of Love with a gift of \$25,000 to support their meaningful work. San Manuel staffers and Yaamava' guests also collected nearly 2,000 toys for area kids!



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