



BUELLTON BUZZ

December 2025



A Note From THE MAYOR

Happy December, Buellton!

As we close out the year, I'm reminded once again why our city is such a special place to call home. The holiday season gives us a chance to slow down, gather with the people we love, and celebrate the connections that make Buellton more than just a city—it makes us a community.

This month is filled with wonderful events across the Santa Ynez Valley that highlight our spirit of togetherness. I'm thrilled to share that the SYV Holiday Lights Festival is back and brighter than ever! From December 5th through December 21st, our valley will sparkle with festive displays, family-friendly activities, and opportunities to enjoy the magic of the season. I encourage you to explore, participate, and let the holidays lift your spirits.

Thank the many volunteers and donors who brought food and fellowship to our community members through food drives and the multiple community Thanksgiving Dinners that took place in the month of November. The best way to see a town's values is to see how they take care of one another and time after time, Buellton leads with love, support, and a seat at the table for all residents.

I also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of the community members who joined us at our recent town halls. Your voices, questions, ideas, and perspectives help guide the work we do every day. My appreciation also goes to our dedicated City Council Members and City Staff, whose preparation and support made these events possible. Transparent, engaged local government only works when we show up for one another—and Buellton does exactly that.

For those who would like to continue the conversation in a more informal setting, I invite you to join me for my next Mayor's Coffee Hour on Tuesday, December 16th from 9–10 a.m. at Zaca Coffee. It's a great opportunity to share what's on your mind, ask questions, or simply connect over a warm (or my personal preference of iced) cup of coffee.

As we head into the holidays, I hope you find moments of joy, rest, and celebration with family, friends, and neighbors. Thank you for making Buellton the vibrant, welcoming, and resilient community we are all proud of.

Wishing you a wonderful holiday season and a bright start to the new year.

City Reminders

Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up

Where: The Buellton Wastewater Treatment Plant
79 Industrial Way, Buellton
Time: 9 am – 1 pm
Dates: **Saturday, February 7th**

Residential Bulky Items – Pick Up (Curbside)

Large bulky-item clean-ups can be scheduled up to four times per year and are available on the **FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH**.
To schedule a bulky item pickup call: 805-963-1852.



REMINDER - Water & Sewer Rate
Change effective November 2025
(reflected on this bill)



English

Scan QR for Low-Income Discount
Eligibility Info and Application



Español

PG&E or SoCal Gas CARE enrollment req'd

**Escanee el código QR para solicitar el Descuento
de Bajos Ingresos**

Buellton Winter Fest

BUELLTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & VISITORS BUREAU
BUELLTON REC CENTER ~ SYV COMMUNITY OUTREACH

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

SUNDAY, DEC. 7TH 2025
9-10AM & 10:30-11:30AM

At Buellton Rec
General Admission \$15

Children 6-12 \$5 / Children 5 & under FREE
Includes Breakfast, take your own photo with Santa, and crafts to take home.

RSVP REQUIRED
SCAN CODE TO MAKE RESERVATIONS

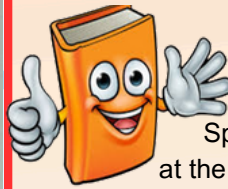
HOLIDAY VILLAGE 4PM - 7PM
RIVER VIEW PARK

In partnership with the SYV Holiday Lights Festival at the SYV Botanic Garden
(The Holiday Lights is a ticketed event)

20 Tons of Snow · Snow play schedule 4-5 pm kids under 6 · 5-7 pm open play
Food Trucks · Vendors · Beer · Wine · Spirits · & More!

MORE INFORMATION

www.buellton.org and www.buelltonrec.com - Chamber of Commerce: 688-7829 Buellton Rec: 688-1086



BIG BOOK* SALE!

Saturday December 13th 10 am to 1 pm
Sponsored by the Friends of the Buellton Library
at the Buellton Library 202 Dairyland where Valley Dairy
curves to the right.

All proceeds go to support the Buellton Library Lots of
good titles at low prices - Come early for best selection

*There are CDs, puzzles, bookmarks and more!

● Enjoy refreshments while browsing

Questions?

Email us at Friendsofthebuelltonlibrary202@gmail.com

SANTA YNEZ VALLEY
BOTANIC GARDEN

HOLIDAY LIGHTS FESTIVAL

The Holiday Lights Festival returns to the Santa Ynez Valley
Botanic Garden December 5-21!

Get tickets now: www.syvholidaylights.com

Keeping Buellton Beautiful – Parking of trailers, boats, dumpsters and other vehicles without self-propelled power- Parking Restrictions (BMC 10.01.030):

For those trailers and other vehicles without self-propelled power that seem to be parked on the curb forever, the applicable code is: No person shall park a trailer, boat, dumpster or other vehicle without any means of self-propulsion for more than twenty-four (24) consecutive hours in any seventy-two (72) consecutive hour period, in any location on any residential highway, street or alley. If you have any questions or wish to report a trailer please contact Devon DeFazio, City Code Enforcement Officer at 686-7474 or devon@cityofbuellton.com.

Branching Out for Clean Water: Recycle Your Christmas Tree!

The tinsel's down, the lights are off, and you're left with a glorious conifer... now what? After the holidays, give your Christmas tree a second life through the Christmas Tree Recycling Program! When you recycle your tree, it's turned into nutrient-rich, water-saving mulch or compost—keeping valuable organic material out of the landfill and out of our storm drains. Improperly disposed trees or yard waste can block storm drains and release nutrients as they decompose, which contributes to algae growth and poor water quality in local creeks. Recycling helps keep our waterways clean and our community looking beautiful.

How to Participate:

- Remove all ornaments, lights, and stands.
- Cut trees over six feet in half
- Place your tree next to your green waste bin on your regular collection day (during the TreeCycle period).
- Alternatively, drop off your tree at the designated collection site listed on the County's waste reduction website, www.LessIsMore.org.

Christmas tree recycling is a free and easy way to help reduce nutrients, organic debris, and litter that can pollute stormwater — a small action that makes a big difference! Thanks for being a holiday hero for our waterways!

For more information about Christmas tree recycling or for tips on preventing and reducing waste during the holiday season, please visit the County's waste reduction website, www.LessIsMore.org.

We hope you can take a moment to complete the survey on our website, which gives us feedback about our program: <https://www.cityofbuellton.com/departments/stormwater-management-program.php> To report signs of stormwater pollution or non-stormwater discharges, please contact the Stormwater Management Program at (805) 688-5177 or swmp@cityofbuellton.com.



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