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**Ventura County Events**

**World Autism Day  
Ventura County Picnic**  
April 2nd 12 to 4pm  
Arroyo Verde Park, Ventura

**“The Hunt”  
Ventura County’s Largest  
Free Easter Egg Hunt**  
April 9th 8am to Noon  
Plaza Park in Ventura

**Simi Valley Spring  
Egg Scramble  
Easter Egg Hunt**  
April 16th at 9am  
Ranch Santa Susana  
Community Park

**Broken Spoke Challenge  
Mountain Bike Ride**  
April 23rd  
[www.brokenspokechallenge.com](http://www.brokenspokechallenge.com)  
for location and times

**Small Changes Saves Gas**



With current gas prices, driving any distance can be expensive. According to the fuel efficiency experts at the U.S. Department of Energy, by simply changing driving your habits you can significantly increase your fuel economy. Below are a few tips for you to follow that can

conserve fuel and save money at the gas pump, while at the same time helping the environment and improving traffic safety.

**Slow down** - Drive 55 miles per hour instead of 65 and save fuel. EPA estimates a 10-15 percent improvement in fuel economy by slowing down. Each 5 mph you drive over 60 mph is like paying an additional \$0.15 per gallon for gas.

**Use your cruise control** - Using cruise control when possible on the highway to maintain a constant speed helps save fuel. Pumping the accelerator sends more fuel into the engine.

**Accelerate and brake smoothly** - Accelerating smoothly from a stop and braking softly conserves fuel. Fast starts, weaving in and out of traffic, and hard braking wastes fuel. The type of driving also wears out car components, such as brakes and tires more quickly, which reduces fuel efficiency. Maintaining a safe distance between vehicles allows more time to brake and accelerate gradually.

**Check your tires** - Keep tires properly inflated to the recommended tire pressure. This alone can reduce the average amount of fuel use by 3-4 percent. Under-inflated tires increase rolling resistance and reduce fuel economy. They also wear more rapidly.



**Welcome to  
Ventura Management!**

**Lynn Wuerz**

**Matt & Amanda Davis**



**Happy Easter!  
April 17th**

- *Need to buy or sell your home? Ask how we can save you thousands!*
- *Know someone who needs help with property management. We can help!*

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**Small Changes Saves Gas (Cont.)**

**Travel lightly** - Remove excess weight, such as unnecessary items in the trunk. Carrying extra weight makes the engine work harder thus consuming more fuel.

**Keep your vehicle tuned** - Maintain proper engine tune-up to keep vehicles running efficiently. Repairing a car that is noticeably out of tune can improve it's mileage by an average of 4 percent. Repairing a serious maintenance problem like a faulty oxygen sensor can improve mileage by as much as 40 percent.

**Minimize air conditioning use** - Use the air conditioning only when necessary to reduce the load on the engine. Decreasing your use of the air conditioning when temperatures are above 80 degrees can help save 10-15 percent of fuel. Use the vent setting as much as possible and park in the shade to keep the car cool.

**Avoid idling** - Today's engines don't need to warm up before you drive. Start the car immediately and gently drive away. Prolonged idling increases emissions and wastes fuel.

**Close windows at high speed** - Don't drive with the windows open while driving over 50 mph. Driving with the windows open at highway speeds, increases drag on the vehicle and lowers fuel economy.

**Consolidate trips** - Plan ahead to minimize travel time. This will enable you to bypass congested routes, lead to less idling, fewer start-ups, and less stop-and-go traffic. Also, by adjusting driving times to avoid peak rush hours, you'll spend less time sitting in traffic and use less fuel. Whenever possible, try carpooling or use public transportation.



**April Quote**

*If you think you're too small to have an impact, try going to bed with a mosquito.*

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