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### *Ventura County Events:*

***St. Patrick's Day Parade***  
*March 14th @ 10am*  
*Main St.*  
*Downtown Ventura*

***Easter Springtime Festival***  
*March 21 - April 13 2020*  
*9am to 6pm*  
*Underwood Family Farms*

***Spring Home, Garden  
& RV Show***  
*March 20 -22 2020*  
*10am - 6pm*  
*Ventura County Fairgrounds*

***10th Annual Moorpark  
Beer & Wine Festival***  
*March 28th 5pm - 9pm*  
*Arroyo Vista Com. Park*

## A Few Helpful Household Tips



### The Stinky Dishwasher

On a regular basis (every few months or so), run a wash cycle while your dishwasher is empty. Don't use detergent, but turn on the dishwasher and let it run for a few minutes until water starts to fill up the bottom. Then add one or two cups of white vinegar to the water and let it finish the cycle.

### Simple Ways To Improve The Cleaning Power of Your Dishwasher

- Scrape, don't wash. A dishwasher should only require dishes to be scraped beforehand, not hand-washed.
- Run hot water before starting the dishwasher. Before you start a load of dishes, turn your sink faucet on hot water for a couple seconds.
- Use Powder or tablet detergent.
- Don't block the sprayer arms.

### A Mouse In The House

Unless it's your pet mouse or rat in a cage, any wild rodent in your home is cause for concern. In addition to startling you with unexpected sightings, rodents such as mice and rats can contaminate food, chew up important papers, damage electrical wiring, and spread disease. Remember to:

**Block all entry points.** The single most important preventive measure you can take is to inspect the foundation and walls of your house and make sure any potential entry points are blocked.

**Don't store pet food in bags or cartons.** Transfer dog and cat foods to sealed, airtight storage containers immediately after buying them.

**Keep garbage bins sealed.** Garbage bins kept alongside the house or garage will be a siren call to rats and mice (and maybe bigger pests, such as raccoons or stray dogs and cats) unless they are kept tightly sealed with air-proof lids.

**Keep doors closed.** Garage doors left wide open can be an invitation to rats and mice, especially in the fall when these rodents are seeking to find a warm place as winter approaches.

### Some simple home remedies to deter rats and mice:

- Peppermint, rats do not like the smell of peppermint
- Onions, not jus you but even the rats hate the pungent smell of onions.
- Hot pepper flakes, garlic or cloves, ammonia.

**For Lease**

**Oxnard**  
5044 Island View  
3 Bedroom, 2 Bath  
1710 sq. ft.  
\$3400  
**Available 3/1/2020**

**Ventura**  
805 Medford Pl  
4 Bedroom, 3 Bath  
2105 sq. ft.  
\$2800  
**Available - Coming Soon!**

**Camarillo**  
96 Cottage Grove  
3 Bedroom, 2 Bath  
1426 sq. ft.  
**Available - Leased!**

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**Household Tips (cont.)**



**Those Pesky Ants**  
Try these natural ways to keep the ants away.

**Furnace Filters**  
Do you know how to change your home air filter? Changing a furnace filter is perhaps the quickest and easiest

way to maximize the efficiency of your heating system—and to help purify your home’s air. Doing so is easier than you think. The procedure should take all of five or ten minutes. Likely the most-time consuming part of this project will be finding what size filter you need, and running to the store to purchase a replacement. Essentially, you are just swapping out the old filter with a new replacement. Once you have the replacement filter, all you need to do is go through these 6 simple steps: **1. Turn off your furnace 2. Find and locate your furnace filter 3. Determine the size of your filter 4. Remove the existing (old) filter 5. Insert the new filter 6. Return furnace to “on” position**

**Cleaning Your Dryer Vents**

**This may take about an hour or so to do but is very important as blocked vents can lead to home fires.**

Pull the dryer away from wall and disconnect the vent from the dryer outlet. Remove the clamp with your fingers. Alternatively, remove the vent hose by loosening a screw, using a screwdriver. Pull out any lint that has collected in the vent opening as well as in the dryer outlet. Leave the vent disconnected.

Go outside and unscrew the cover from the vent outlet. Pull all the lint you can reach out of the hose.

Vacuum the lint from both ends of the vent line, using a canister vacuum cleaner. Push the vacuum hose into the vent line as far as it will go. Screw the dryer vent cap back onto the vent outlet and reconnect the vent line to the dryer when you are sure the vents are clear.



**March 8, 2020**

**Don't forget to change your clocks forward 1 hour**

**March Quote**

*It's never too late to be what you might have been*

*.... George Elliot*

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