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## Wishing You a Happy Thanksgiving




Like other families across our local communities and all across the country, the Harrison family will gather together this Thanksgiving for a wonderful holiday celebration. As part of that celebration, we'll take time to consider all we have to be grateful for and all the people who help make E.J. Harrison & Sons such a success.

And, of course, the Harrison family and I are thankful for all of you and your commitment to making the communities where we live, work and play such special places. And we're thankful all of you share our commitment to keeping those communities beautiful through recycling. We'll continue our efforts to help meet and exceed recycling mandates while serving the needs of our thousands of customers.

We can also be thankful for our hardworking partners at Gold Coast Recycling and Agromin. Both have been instrumental in our accelerated efforts to recycle food waste through the ReHarvest Center in Oxnard. All E.J. Harrison & Sons trucks that collect food waste from our commercial customers take it directly to the ReHarvest Center. Residential food waste is separated from other materials in organics bins at Gold Coast Recycling and taken to the ReHarvest Center as well. Together, all of us are keeping more food waste out of landfills where it would create destructive methane gas, which in turn contributes to environmentally destructive climate change.

Thanks to all of you for your commitment to our company, our communities and our planet. We hope you, your friends and family share a wonderful Thanksgiving together.

*Jim, Myron and the Harrison Family*

## Limit Your Thanksgiving Food Waste

According to estimates, more than 320 million pounds of food will be wasted during this year's Thanksgiving holiday. That's a nearly 5% increase over previous estimates from last year, which means we need to be doing a better job planning our meals.

We all know leftovers are part of the full Thanksgiving experience. How about a warm turkey sandwich piled high with some stuffing and slathered with a nice layer of gravy for the day-after lunch? Count us in. But a 30-pound turkey for a family of four? That might be a bit much.

So, how about taking some steps to keep this year's waste to a minimum. In doing so, we'll keep it out of landfills where it produces the climate-damaging greenhouse gas methane. Here are some tips to keep in mind as you prepare your holiday get-togethers.

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◆ Before you head to the store, make sure you've carefully planned your holiday meal to minimize waste. If you know your Thanksgiving meal will only have six people, there is no need to buy a turkey that serves 12. You can find online tools to help estimate how much food you'll need to keep everyone happy.

◆ All those food scraps like vegetable peelings and meat trimmings that you used to throw away? Freeze them and use them for broths or hearty soups. It's easy to use the turkey carcass and bones to make delicious homemade turkey stock.

◆ Be creative with leftovers. Keep containers on hand so you can share them with guests or friends. Or find recipes that go beyond the usual turkey sandwiches.

◆ Have leftover unopened cans of pumpkin pie filling, green beans, or cranberry sauce? Donate them to your local food bank to help those in need.

And last, but definitely not least, recycle any uneaten leftovers and other food waste. The turkey bones and carcass are recyclable food waste. Those peelings from potatoes and carrots are too. Take them and any other food waste, place them in a plastic or paper bag, secure them tightly and put them in your curbside organics (yard and food) waste cart.

Learn more about holiday food waste prevention at sustainable.umn.edu/thanksgiving.

## A Night in Paradise at Boys & Girls Club of Greater Ventura Gala






This year marked the 59th edition of the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Ventura Great Futures Auction and Gala, held Nov. 14 at the Ventura Beach Marriott. And once again it was such a heartwarming experience to see so many members of the community turn out to support such an important organization.

With a theme of "A Tropical Evening in Paradise," the event featured many Hawaiian shirts and flower-patterned dresses adorned with leis. Coupled with tropical-inspired meals and cocktails from the tiki bar, the Ventura Beach Marriott could easily have been mistaken for an island somewhere in the Pacific.

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Among the many auction items were several signed musical instruments, artwork from both club kids and local artists, gift certificates for local businesses, local outdoor excursions, a large selection of wines, and so much more.

The generosity of the auction item donors, sponsors, auction bidders and everyone who bought a ticket ensured a very successful fundraiser for the club, and E.J. Harrison & Sons is always proud to sponsor the event.

Club officials expressed their thanks for all of the support:

"We extend our heartfelt thanks to all of our wonderful sponsors, supporters and guests who joined us for this year's Great Futures Auction & Gala! Your generosity, enthusiasm, and continued commitment to our organization made the evening a tremendous success. Because of you, we can continue providing life-changing opportunities and programs for the youth in our community."

It was always Myra Harrison's wish to keep the youth of Ventura County high on our list of those we support. We will always work to fulfill her wish. In addition, David Harrison, one of Myra's great-grandsons, is past president of the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Ventura.

Boys and Girls clubs are so important to local communities, providing quality programs and a positive place for young people to meet and socialize. Their after-school educational programs provide homework assistance and help young people grow to become active, productive citizens. If you're looking for a valuable community organization to support, I highly recommend you consider this one.

## Food Share's CAN-tree Drive Coming to Downtown Ventura




Many people who struggle financially can have an especially difficult time during the holidays. One way you can help them this holiday season is by participating in Ventura County Food Share's Annual CAN-tree Drive.

This year marks the 15th anniversary of the event that turns donated food into a "forest of hope" as cans are stacked to form giant Christmas trees on Figueroa Plaza in Downtown Ventura from Dec. 3-6. There are multiple ways individuals, businesses or groups can help feed our Ventura County neighbors through contributions, sponsorships and helping build trees during the three-day event.

A full schedule of events is planned for each day including multiple tree-building times, a live radio broadcast and a sponsor and VIP party. You can also join in the celebration if you're planning on attending the annual tree lighting at Figueroa Plaza on Dec. 4, or the Farmers Market, Holiday Street Fair or Winter Wine Walk in downtown Ventura on Dec. 5.

You can find more information, a full schedule of events and a link to register for events and sponsorship opportunities at foodshare.com/cantree26/.

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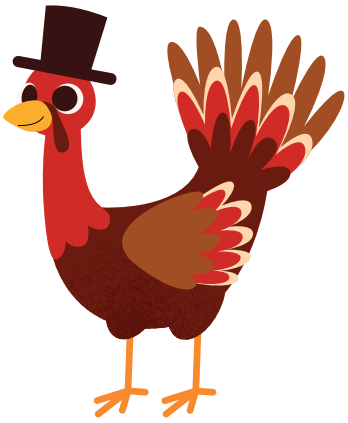
## A Favorite Thanksgiving Recipe From Co-Founder Myra Harrison

*A Holiday recipe from Myra Harrison's favorite cookbook: 1776-2000 de Los Californianos Favorite Family Recipes*

### Turkey Dressing

*(As made at Rancho Rincón de los Bueyes, now Culver City, by grandmother Claudina Olvera de Higuera.)*

Turkey giblets and neck
¾ pound sausage
1 cup chopped onion
4 tablespoons parsley, chopped
1 cup chopped celery
1 can whole black olives
1 apple chopped
½ cup raisins
6 cups French bread cubes
1 cup milk
6 tablespoons melted butter
2 eggs
Salt, pepper, garlic and oregano to taste



Simmer turkey giblets and neck in 2 inches of water until very tender. Meanwhile, fry sausage. Drain most of the grease. Add the onion, parsley, celery, olives, apple and raisins to the sausage. Cut up the giblets and neck very finely. Moisten the bread cubes with a little of the giblet broth. Add milk, butter, eggs and giblets. Combine everything in a large mixing bowl. Season to taste – and be sure to mash the garlic. Stuff the bird. Sew it up. This stuffing is moist, yet a tiny bit dry – very delicious!

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