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..... COMMUNITY NEWS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF ORANGE

LOVE ORANGE EVENT BRINGS OUT VOLUNTEERS FROM CHAPMAN GREEK COMMUNITY

Students in Chapman University Greek organizations came together recently to make no-sew blankets for Marines stationed overseas. The event was part of the Love Orange City-Wide Volunteer Day, which takes place each year on the second Saturday in October. What began as a goal of creating 50 blankets turned into an impressive success, thanks to the strong turnout and support from the student community.

Initially, the event organizers anticipated around 40 student volunteers. However, word quickly spread, and 45 students showed up to contribute their time and energy. The participants included representatives from all sororities on campus and three fraternities, creating a collaborative, inclusive atmosphere that united students from across campus organizations.

“We were blown away by the number of students who came to help,” said Maika Suaya, vice president of community advancement for Chapman Panhellenic. “The energy in the room was incredible—everyone was eager to pitch in and make a difference. It’s a testament to the compassion and commitment our students have for supporting others.”

The no-sew blankets, chosen for their warmth and ease of assembly, were the perfect project for a wide range of volunteers, regardless of crafting skill. As the students worked together, the room filled with conversations, laughter and a strong sense of purpose. Their initial goal was to complete 50 blankets by the end of the day. With so many hands on deck, they were able to exceed expectations, completing a total of 80 blankets—an amazing accomplishment and a meaningful contribution to the Marines.



Students representing Chapman’s Panhellenic organization made over 80 blankets for Marines stationed overseas on Love Orange City-Wide Volunteer Day.

The only reason the event came to a close was that the team ran out of materials. Volunteers were more than ready to keep going, with many expressing interest in participating in future events. “We’re so proud of what we accomplished today,” said Suaya. “It’s a small gesture, but we know it will mean a lot to those serving our country.”

Suaya and her colleagues on the Panhellenic board extend their heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated. The success of this blanket-making event reflects the Chapman community’s commitment to supporting others.

CHAPMAN COURT: NEW RESIDENCE HALL OPENS IN ANAHEIM

This fall, a new residential opportunity opened for students returning to Chapman, offering the independence of off-campus living while still maintaining a close connection to the campus community.

Chapman Court, located just three miles from campus in the heart of the Platinum Triangle, offers students newly-outfitted, apartment-style accommodations in a vital urban area, complete with nearby restaurants and entertainment venues. The building is packed with amenities designed to attract student residents, including an outdoor pool and Jacuzzi, a courtyard with a fireplace and barbeque area, a two-story fitness center, a clubhouse, study rooms and a parking garage with gated access. Each furnished apartment houses two or three students in private bedrooms, multiple bathrooms, full kitchens, and a washer and dryer.

The building on State College Boulevard in Anaheim was purchased by the university in 2022 in order to provide more residential options for students. Free shuttle buses run between Chapman Court and campus throughout the day, reducing traffic and parking issues in the surrounding areas.

“The campus residential experience is an important part of what makes the Chapman student community so meaningful,” said



Chapman Court, the university’s newest residential facility in the Platinum Triangle, offers many amenities to attract students who want to experience off-campus living.

Harold Hewitt, executive vice president and chief operating officer. “These apartment-style residences give students a chance to live independently without cutting them off from the campus community.”

Chapman Court is the university’s second residential facility in Anaheim. Chapman Grand opened in 2018 and houses approximately 900 students. Chapman has invested hundreds of millions in student housing over the past several years and is committed to housing 50% of undergraduate students in university housing.

Did You Know?

This academic year, Chapman celebrates the 20th anniversaries of three notable campus institutions: Leatherby Libraries, the Fish Interfaith Center, and the Sala and Aron Samueli Holocaust Library, home to the Rodgers Center for Holocaust Education. Since opening in 2004, these educational centers have become valuable community resources, with events, programming and more that are accessible not just to students and faculty, but to the general public. For all those seeking enrichment in their lives, Chapman has something for everyone.

Need to report a concern?

- Contact Chapman University’s Office of Community Relations at **(714) 289-2097** or email **neighbors@chapman.edu**.
- To report a disturbance that needs urgent attention, please call City of Orange PD dispatch at **(714) 744-7444**.

YOU'RE INVITED!

Join us for these engaging events at Chapman.

There are many terrific Chapman University events, and neighbors are always welcome. Here are just a few. Find more at the university's online events calendar, events.chapman.edu. Advance tickets for performing arts events may be purchased online at tickets.chapman.edu.

60th Annual Holiday Wassail Concert

Friday, December 6, 7:30 p.m.
Musco Center for the Arts

The beloved Chapman tradition returns to Musco Center! Join us for a magnificent concert of holiday season favorites performed by the Chapman Choirs with music performed by The Chapman Orchestra.
General public: \$25.

Economic Forecast

Thursday, December 12, 3 p.m
Musco Center for the Arts

Join President Emeritus Dr. Jim Doti and his team of experts as they look at the latest economic trends heading into 2025. Topics will include a review of the Doti-Campbell presidential forecast, a look at the real estate recession, the decline of the fed funds rate and a review of investment strategies for the coming year. Attend virtually or in person. Visit economicforecast.chapman.edu for more information.

Los Angeles Master Chorale: Festival of Carols

Tuesday, December 17, 7:30 p.m.
Musco Center for the Arts

Rejoice in the holiday season with Los Angeles Master Chorale's Festival of Carols, featuring magnificent arrangements of traditional carols spanning the globe, alongside contemporary classics sung with the virtuosity and flair only the LA Master Chorale can deliver.
Tickets start at \$53.



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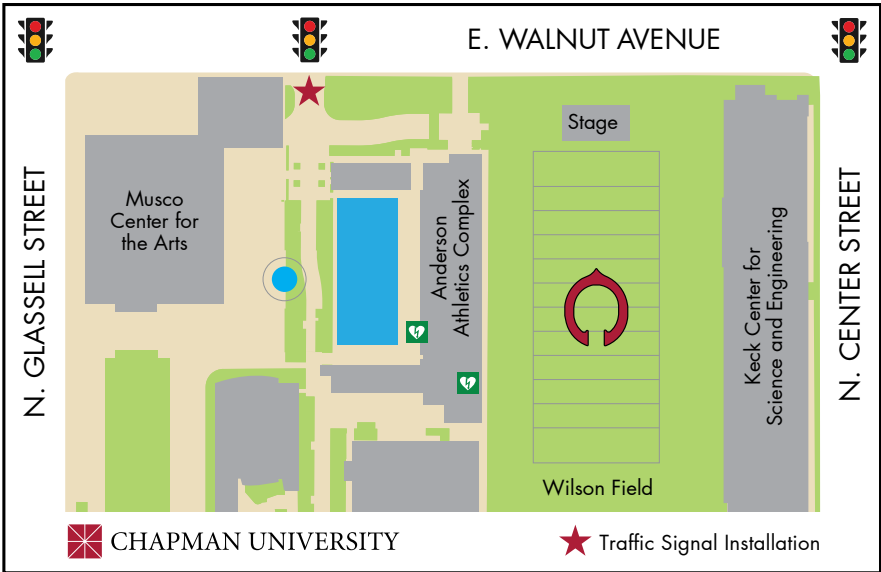
NEW TRAFFIC SIGNAL INSTALLATION ON WALNUT AVENUE

At a city council meeting on Nov. 12, the City of Orange approved the installation of a traffic signal at the entrance of the Anderson parking structure along Walnut Avenue. The signal will eventually be synchronized with the signal at Glassell and Walnut. This intersection has experienced significant congestion during peak hours, and the new signal will bring much-needed control to help traffic move more efficiently.

Chapman University will finance the cost of the installation, estimated at \$1 million.

“This new signal is an investment in our community’s safety and quality of life,” said Alisa Driscoll, vice president of community relations at Chapman. “By improving traffic flow and pedestrian safety, we’re making our streets more accessible and safer for students and residents alike.”

Installation is expected to be completed in 2026. Some closures will take place during off-peak hours to reduce inconvenience for local traffic. Local residents and businesses will be kept informed about any updates, and we appreciate the community’s patience as this important project is completed.



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More inside!