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Covina

Upcoming Events

Friday, November 17, 2023 6pm to 8pm, Tree Lighting **Ceremony & Light Festival at** Heritage Plaza Park.

More event information can be found on the Covina Today Fall Guide

In the last three months

The most issued business license in Covina was for Medical and/or Administrative Professional.

Covina has issued over 28 new business licenses.

The most issued type of building permit in Covina was for Residential Solar.

This Quarter, the Mural Ad-Hoc Committee approved three new murals. Two will be in the downtown area and one will be on the exterior the upcoming **Kalaveras** of restaurant on Grand Avenue and Arrow Highway. All are expected to be completed by the end of 2023!

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Exterior View of the Covina Center for the Performing Arts

Covina acquired the Center for the Performing Arts in December of 2022. Following the purchase, the City entered into a Management Agreement with the Laugh Factory for the operation of Laugh Factory-branded shows, along with other arts performances. This addition to downtown Covina is a huge win for our residents and other downtown merchants.

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Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts, more often called "EIFDs" are



special financing districts with defined boundaries that use future local property taxes to fund infrastructure public projects. When a new buildina project is or constructed within an EIFD, a portion of the property taxes collected from the property are set aside in a special fund, which can be used in the

future to issue bonds for district improvements. The EIFD is not a tax increase and is not a new tax, but a way to fund improvements in the shorter term, allowing the area to increase in value at a heightened pace. EIFDs also stimulate the local economy and help produce jobs and local revenues. The City is currently in the final stages of creating an EIFD with the help of Kosmont Companies. Final district formation is planned to be completed in Fall 2023. To learn more about the proposed EIFD in Covina contact aspector@covinaca.gov.

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