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#### **Ventura County Events**

#### Boots & Brews Country Music Festival

May 7th 1pm to 8pm Surfer's Point Ventura

#### California Strawberry Festival

May 20 - 21 Ventura County Fairgrounds

# Simi Valley Street Fair May 6th, 9am to 4pm

May 6th 9am to 4pm Simi Town Center Way

# Earth Festival & Community Yard Sale May 6th 9am to 1pm Arroyo Vista Com Park

Arroyo Vista Com. Park Moorpark

#### Thousand Oaks Chili Cook Off, Car Show & Brew Fest.

May 7th 12pm to 5pm Conejo Creek North Park

#### Are Your Houseplants Safe?

There are hundreds of gorgeous houseplants you can grow, but a few happen to contain chemicals that can have unpleasant—even deadly—effects. Poisonous houseplants can cause skin irritations, upset stomachs, and burning of the mouth and throat. Some plants are more toxic than others, and the good news is that most would need to be swallowed in large quantities to cause any real damage. But still, if you have curious children and pets that may want to chew or crush plants, either avoid growing these varieties or take special care to put them in a safe place where they can't be reached. Here are a few of the more common houseplants that are considered toxic:

**Philodendron** - Despite their beauty, they are also very poisonous, their sap that can cause skin irritation and burning if touched.



**Pothos** - This houseplant is among the most popular in the world. It is a creeping vine that can grow to cover an entire wall or trellis. This plant is highly toxic to dogs and cats.

**Dieffenbachia** - A common houseplant that is often used as an accent piece for rooms throughout the home. There have been reports of people becoming ill after eating dieffenbachia leaves because they contain toxic elements that cause vomiting and diarrhea when ingested by humans or pets.





English Ivy - These plants are a go-to vine that most use for draping from a bookshelf or indoor container garden. Large quantities of English ivy must be ingested to cause serious problems, but all parts of the plant can cause symptoms that include skin irritation.

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### Welcome to Ventura Management!

Kara Jones Craig & Karen Hardy Andres & Tammy Giron

# Special Welcome! to the newest member of our Ventura Management Team

Cimberli Emanuele Real Estate Agent

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Chris Marsh has been in the real estate business and serving the Ventura County area for over 25 years. He is well versed in all types of real estate matters



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#### Are Your Houseplants Safe (Cont.)



**Easter Lilly -** This flower's scent is unmistakable and the pure white blooms are eye-catching. Although they're beautiful, cats have been known to suffer serious illness after eating Easter Lillies.

**Daffodils** – These springtime bulb flowers, including hyacinths are lovely to have in the home however, the blooms are highly toxic if eaten by humans or pets. Make sure you keep daffodils up on a counter or shelf where they won't be disturbed.



#### **Non-toxic Houseplants**

Don't worry, not all houseplants are bad. Here are a few types of houseplants that are safe for kids, cats, and dogs. They still shouldn't go on a houseplant munching adventure, but if they do ingest a few nibbles of these, they will be ok.

Christmas Cactus Boston Fern
African Violet Baby's Tears
Parlor Palm Spider Plant
Orchids Fittonia
Hen and Chicks Burrow's Tail
Fan Palm Prayer Plant

Ponytail Palm Chinese Money Plant

## May Quote:

DISCIPLINE is choosing between what you want now and what you want most.

... Abraham Lincoln

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