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Embracing Summer in Menifee



Welcome to the July 2026 issue of MenifeeXp Lifestyle Magazine! As the days grow longer and the California sun warms our beautiful city, it is time to embrace the vibrant season ahead. Whether you are a new family settling into one of our cozy neighborhoods or a longtime resident looking for a new adventure, this issue is your essential guide to navigating and enjoying our local summer scene.

Summer in Menifee offers endless opportunities to connect with your loved ones. I know the midday heat can be intense, so I have curated the best local spots to cool off and enjoy the beauty of a Southern California summer. From interactive community splash pads for the kids to shaded park trails perfect for a morning stroll, finding a refreshing retreat is easy.

As evening approaches and the temperature drops, our city truly comes alive during the Summer months. I am especially excited to highlight the upcoming summertime festivals taking place during the golden hour. These events feature fantastic food and live entertainment that perfectly capture the unique, welcoming spirit of our community.

Growth brings both opportunities and new responsibilities to support one another. I encourage you to get involved and explore everything Menifee has to offer this season.

Flip through the pages of this month's magazine to find your next weekend adventure, and be sure to join my email list to get real-time updates. Stay cool, stay informed, and let's enjoy the sunshine together!



Heather Lipson Editor-in-Chief

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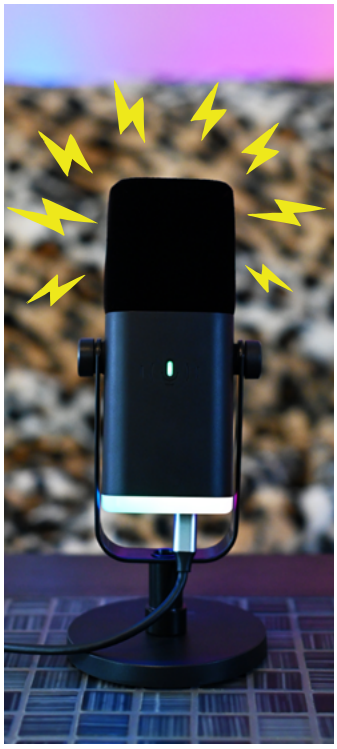

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JULY 2026 EVENTS

Summer in Menifee means something new every weekend. From food truck lineups and night markets to live music, comedy, and movies under the stars, July is packed with reasons to get out and explore your own backyard. Wander Local is your guide to the best community events happening across town this month, easy to plan around and even easier to enjoy.

Most of these events are free and family-friendly, with several happening right in your neighborhood park. Bring a blanket, grab a bite from a local vendor, and make a night of it.

Check each listing below for ticket requirements and start times, then mark your calendar. Menifee's summer lineup is just getting started.

03 FOODIE FRIDAY

3rd, Friday, 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
MSJC Menifee Campus
28237 La Piedra Rd

On the first Friday of every month, Made Local Market hosts an impressive lineup of 100+ food trucks, vendors, kids' activities, and live music.

10 MENIFEE MOONLIGHT MARKET

10th Friday, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Centennial Park
31166 Shire Horse Way

Enjoy live Music with a beach vibe and a golden sunset, browsing pop-up boutiques. This free event is a top thing to do in Menifee during the Summer months.

14 YOU MATTER MEETING

14th, Tuesday, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Menifee Public Library
28798 La Piedra Rd

This FREE outreach program supports mental health awareness and provides resources to residents of Menifee.

17 FAMILY CAMP OUT

17th, Friday, 5:00 PM Check-in
Lazy Creek Rec Center
26480 Lazy Creek Rd

Family Camp Out includes games, crafts, campfires, scavenger hunt, movies, s'mores, breakfast, and more. Space is limited. Tickets required for all participants ages 3 and up.

19 POLAR BEAR STAND UP COMEDY

19th, Sunday, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Grey Iron Brewing Company
29683 New Hub Drive

Grab your crew, grab a drink, and get ready for a night of nonstop laughs from nationally recognized comedians. Ticket Required.

24 SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK

24th, Friday, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Sun City Civic Center
6850 Sun City Blvd

A FREE magical evening under the stars featuring a live performance of Shakespeare's Twelfth Night. Vendor booths, food, and artwork are hosted on-site.

24 MENIFEE TRADING POST

24th, Friday, 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Central Park
30268 Civic Plaza Dr.

FREE monthly event featuring small business pop-up booths, enjoy fresh food, and an evening of boutique browsing.

24 LIVE MUSIC: BUD MARTIN BAND

24th, Friday, 5:45 PM - 8:00 PM
CSMLV Building
26805 Murrieta Rd.

Live music and dinner! For only $10, you can try some of the best food from local Menifee restaurants on the 4th Friday of each month.

31 MOVIE IN THE PARK: THE SANDLOT

31st, Friday, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM
La Ladera Park
29629 La Ladera Rd

Bring a blanket and/or chairs and enjoy a classic family-friendly movie under the stars.

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Warm Summer evenings in Menifee have always been my favorite part of the season. Our community's outdoor dining scene is booming, and I decided to spend this summer exploring our local food trucks. It has been a delicious journey, and I encourage you to give it a try.

I started my adventure down at the MSJC parking lot, where a vibrant line of colorful trucks had gathered for a routine weekend event. Waiting in line for a hot, fresh Pho, I realized these mobile eateries offer a wonderful way to connect with neighbors. The sizzling grills, smells of different cuisines, vibrant music, and friendly conversations transform a quick bite into a shared, memorable experience.

Menifee's expansive parks also provide the perfect backdrop to an evening of exploring during the Summer Moonlight Markets. Grabbing dinner from a neighborhood food truck and settling onto a picnic blanket allows my family to soak in the summer sunsets and live music. This is why I love to explore our public events, especially during the warmer months.

As Menifee grows, so does our vibrant culinary scene. Food trucks bring us together, offering a taste of new cultures right in our own backyards. I highly encourage you to step outside, check the community event calendar, and try a new food truck this weekend. Your next favorite meal might be parked just around the corner.

Check out my favorite food trucks listed here, and follow them on social media to see where they will go next!

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Beat the Summer Heat



When summer temperatures start climbing in Menifee, finding a place to cool off becomes a family priority. Fortunately, residents don't have to travel far to enjoy splash pads, swimming pools, water parks, and lakes that offer relief from the heat. Whether you're bringing the kids, the family dog, or both, these local destinations are perfect for making summer memories.

Banner Village Splash Pad
29469 Falcon Hill Drive, Menifee, CA 92584
This popular splash pad offers interactive water features and a fun way for younger children to cool off on hot afternoons.

Canyon Hills Community Park Splash Pad
34360 Canyon Hills Road, Lake Elsinore, CA 92530
Just minutes from Menifee, this spacious community park features a seasonal splash pad, playgrounds, and shaded picnic areas.

Diamond Valley Lake
2615 Angler Avenue, Hemet, CA 92545
Known for its scenic views and outdoor recreation, this massive reservoir is a great destination for fishing, boating, and lakeside adventures.

Lake Skinner Recreation Area
37701 Warren Road, Winchester, CA 92596
A favorite destination for dog owners, Lake Skinner offers scenic walking trails, picnic areas, fishing, and plenty of open space where families and their four-legged companions can enjoy a summer day outdoors together.

DropZone Waterpark
2165 Trumble Road, Perris, CA 92570
The region's premier water park features thrilling slides, a lazy river, splash zones, and pools for all ages.



Before heading out, remember that many splash pads and aquatic facilities operate on seasonal schedules. If you're bringing your dog along, destinations like Lake Skinner and Lake Elsinore offer excellent opportunities to enjoy the outdoors together while staying active during the summer months. What's your favorite place to cool off around Menifee Valley? Send us an email to menifeexp@gmail.com to let us know.

New in Town



Gracefully Me Boutique brings fashion, faith, and beauty to Sun City.

Sun City has a new boutique destination, and it's already making a positive impression on the community.



Located at 27388 Sun City Blvd., Suite H, Gracefully Me Boutique recently opened its doors, offering a welcoming shopping experience centered around fashion, faith, and personal care. Conveniently located next to Vons Market, the boutique is quickly becoming a favorite stop for residents looking for stylish apparel and uplifting Christian-inspired clothing.

During my visit, one of the first things I noticed was the boutique's collection of apparel featuring encouraging messages of faith, hope, and inspiration. From casual everyday wear to statement pieces, the clothing reflects owner Tanya's commitment to creating a business that aligns with her values while helping customers feel confident and encouraged.

> *"What truly sets Gracefully Me Boutique apart is the experience."*

Tanya's warm personality and genuine kindness are immediately apparent, creating an atmosphere where visitors feel welcomed from the moment they walk through the door. Her passion for serving others extends beyond fashion and into every aspect of the business.

Adding even more value to the location is the full-service braidery located in the back of the boutique. Clients can enjoy professional beauty services while also browsing the latest fashions, making Gracefully Me a unique one-stop destination for style and self-care.

As new businesses continue to open throughout Menifee and Sun City, Gracefully Me Boutique stands out as a refreshing addition that combines fashion, faith, and community under one roof.

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Finding Rest at Orchard Strong Cabin

There are times when you don't realize how much noise surrounds your life until you finally escape it.

Living in Menifee, my days are often filled with busy schedules, traffic, notifications, and the constant pace of a growing city. Recently, my family and I felt the need to step away from it all, so we packed our bags and headed to **Orchard Strong Cabin** in Idyllwild for a peaceful weekend in the San Jacinto Mountains.

The moment we arrived, I felt my shoulders relax.



The mountain air was cool and crisp, carrying the scent of pine trees through the forest. Instead of hearing cars rushing down the freeway, we listened to the wind gently moving through the branches above us and birds calling from the treetops. The silence wasn't empty. It was comforting.



Orchard Strong Cabin feels like the kind of place designed specifically for slowing down. The cabin combines rustic mountain charm with modern comforts, creating a space where it's easy to settle in and simply enjoy the moment. We spent our mornings sipping coffee while watching sunlight filter through the trees and our afternoons relaxing in the hammock as leaves drifted softly to the ground.

I was surprised by how quickly the mountains encouraged us to let go of our routines. There was no pressure to rush anywhere or fill every moment with activity. Instead, we spent quality time together, played board games, and enjoyed the simple pleasure of being surrounded by nature.

By the end of our stay, I felt refreshed in a way that only comes from truly disconnecting. As my family sat gathered around a wood-burning fire, I was reminded that rest should not be a luxury. It's something we all need from time to time.

If you've been feeling overwhelmed by the pace of everyday life, I highly recommend carving out a weekend and escaping to the mountains. Sometimes the best thing you can do is slow down, breathe deeply, and allow nature to do the rest.



Website: **orchardstrongcabin.com**

TOP INFLUENTIAL WOMEN IN THE VALLEY

Meet the Powerhouse:

The Woman Disrupting the Status Quo



"We build the foundation. You practice the law." — Sai Nanthavong, Owner of Blue Ink Marketing.

My Interview with Sai Nanthavong

From 25 years in corporate banking to becoming a strategic marketing leader in the legal industry, Sai Nanthavong has built her career on resilience, vision, and purpose. Now a law student and entrepreneur, she's the founder of Blue Ink Marketing, helping law firms and service-based businesses grow while pursuing her long-term goal of opening her own law practice.

As I sat across from Sai, it became clear within minutes that I wasn't simply interviewing a successful businesswoman. I was listening to the story of a woman who was building a future entirely on her own terms, harnessing her power and using her voice to command a room.

Sai's professional journey is impressive by any standard. She spent 25 years in corporate banking, negotiating multimillion-dollar deals and developing a reputation as a respected leader.

Five years ago, she pivoted to a career in the legal industry, serving as a strategic marketing manager for a local Menifee-based law firm while continuing her commitment to community service and philanthropy. During Sai's time in the professional world, she developed strategic methods for boosting marketing initiatives and strengthening operations.

Rather than settling into a comfortable career path, Sai made another bold decision to continue her education and pursue a law degree. Today, she is actively studying to become an attorney and plans to open her own law practice once she passes the bar exam in a year.

For many people, the pursuit of a law degree alone would be enough to keep them busy. For Sai, it is simply part of moving into the next chapter of her career. While working toward her legal career, Sai also decided to take on the challenge of launching a business that capitalizes on her existing skills by helping law firms and professional service-based businesses improve operations, strengthen client relationships, and execute strategic growth plans.

Q: What inspired you to launch Blue Ink Marketing?

A: Throughout my 25-year career, I have had a front row seat to the inner workings of thousands of businesses, executives, and law firms. I repeatedly watched highly talented professionals hit a ceiling, not because they lacked skill, but because they lacked the systems, marketing strategies, and operational structure needed to scale. I built Blue Ink to provide those foundations so firms can focus on what they do best while creating sustainable growth.

Q: What motivated you to pursue law school?

A: I have always been committed to continuous learning. My fascination with the legal profession led me to pursue a deeper understanding of the law. My long-term goal is to build my own practice after passing the Bar Exam. Until then, I enjoy helping law firms and professionals strengthen their strategic planning and market positioning.

Q: How do you balance law school and entrepreneurship?

A: It starts with clarity of purpose. When your vision is clear, challenges become part of the process rather than reasons to stop. Growth requires stretching beyond what feels comfortable. The more focused you are on your goals, the easier it becomes to manage competing priorities.

Q: Was there a moment that changed your perspective on your future?

A: Absolutely. One day, I realized I had spent decades helping build success for others. While I was proud of that work, I also recognized the opportunity to channel that same energy into building something of my own. That realization changed everything.

Q: What advice would you give to a young woman starting her professional career?

A: Never stop learning. Ask questions, seek mentors, invest in your own growth, and trust your ability to achieve more than you think possible. Surround yourself with people who challenge and inspire you, and remember that meaningful success is built through consistency and perseverance over time.

Q: What has been your biggest professional challenge?

A: Learning to trust my own judgment. Early in my career, I often looked for validation before making decisions. Over time, I learned that confidence comes from preparation, experience, and a willingness to move forward even when every answer is not yet available.

Q: How did you break barriers in two traditionally male-dominated industries?

A: Success comes from preparation and work ethic. I always made it a priority to understand my clients, my industry, and my responsibilities at the highest level possible. More importantly, I believe progress happens when we create opportunities for diverse voices and perspectives to contribute and lead.

Q: What do you think you will enjoy most about being an attorney?

A: The opportunity to advocate for people during some of the most important moments of their lives and businesses. Throughout my career, I have focused on helping people solve problems and create opportunities. Practicing law feels like a natural extension of that purpose.

Q: What legacy do you hope to leave behind?

A: I hope to inspire others to pursue ambitious goals while staying true to who they are. Titles and accomplishments matter, but character matters more. If I can help others believe in their own potential and create opportunities for future generations, that would be a legacy worth leaving.

As our conversation continued, I found myself less focused on Sai's impressive resume and more captivated by the determination behind it. She is charismatic, quick-witted, and deeply passionate about helping others succeed. Whether discussing business, law school, or personal growth, one theme remained constant. When faced with obstacles, Sai keeps moving forward.

Sai is not waiting for the future. She is building it. While simultaneously growing a consulting business, pursuing a law degree, and helping professionals strengthen their organizations, she has embraced the idea that there is never a perfect moment to begin. Her journey is a reminder that success is often built through action, resilience, and an unwavering commitment to growth.

If Sai's story proves anything, it is this. Powerful women do not wait for opportunities to appear. They create them.



Sai Nanthavong
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Top Influential Women in The Valley

This valley runs on the women who lead it.

Along with Sai, the following women are featured for the inspiring work they do every day, in business, service, and leadership.

Meet the women shaping Menifee's future.

Gennifer Bess SLOAT

Author & Entrepreneur

Gennifer Sloat is the owner of Gen B Happy Paws, a best-selling author, Founding Ambassador for Riverside County with Alignable, and a dedicated member of the Menifee Valley Chamber of Commerce. After leaving corporate America to pursue entrepreneurship, she built a thriving pet care business rooted in trust and community. Today, Gennifer helps business owners grow through authentic networking, collaboration, and her philosophy of "friendshipping over pitching," teaching others how meaningful relationships create lasting opportunities and success. Website: genbhappypaws.com Phone: (951) 290-8902





Nancy C. MARTIN

Artist

Nancy Covarrubias Martin, known as Momhawk, is a Menifee-based artist, muralist, and advocate for women, children, and community-based wellness. Through her vibrant artwork and public murals, she creates spaces that inspire connection, empowerment, and belonging. When she is not painting custom pieces or large-scale murals, Nancy works to promote professional and emerging women with her artist network, The Creative Collective 555, helping to promote working artists and creative professionals. Instagram: @momhawk_ Website: momhawk.art

Dr. Robbie MOTTER

Founder of GSFE

Dr. Robbie Motter is the founder of Global Society for Female Entrepreneurs (GSFE), a respected business mentor, author, and lifelong advocate for women in business. At 90 years young, she continues to inspire entrepreneurs through her leadership, wisdom, and unwavering commitment to helping others succeed. For decades, Robbie has empowered women to pursue their goals with confidence, build meaningful connections, and create lasting impact in their communities. She has received over 200 US and international awards, which include awards from 3 US presidents for her work with women. Her legacy is a testament to the power of perseverance, service, and believing in the potential of others. Website: globalsocietyforfemaleentrepreneurs.org





Dr. Susanne Foulk

Founder of FFGOIL

Dr. Susanne Foulk is the founder and executive director of the Foundation for Greater Opportunities in Learning (FFGOIL) and the creator of ARISE™, a mentoring program designed to help women grow in life, leadership, and wellness. An educator, board-certified coach, and leadership development expert, Dr. Foulk is passionate about creating opportunities for women to build confidence, develop professionally, and achieve their goals. Through her research-informed, coaching-based approach, she empowers women to overcome challenges, discover their strengths, and create lasting positive change in their lives and communities. Website: ffgoil.org

Chef Rosie O'CONNOR

Award-Winning Chef

Chef Rosie O'Connor is an award-winning chef, restaurateur, and the owner of Lady R Bistro in Sun City. Known for her creative approach to California cuisine and Mexican-inspired flavors, Rosie has built a reputation for delivering exceptional dining experiences while fostering a strong sense of community. With decades of culinary experience, she has become a beloved local leader who brings people together through food, culture, and hospitality. Through her restaurant and community involvement, Rosie continues to inspire others while celebrating the diverse flavors and connections that make the Menifee Valley special. @ladyrbistro





Keisha Montfleury

Founder HMS

Keisha Montfleury is the founder of HandiWork Mentoring Services and a passionate advocate for empowering young women in the Menifee community. Through her popular Confidence Chill & Chat program hosted in partnership with the City of Menifee, Keisha creates a supportive space where girls can build confidence, develop life skills, explore their creativity, and form meaningful friendships. Her work focuses on mentorship, mental health awareness, and helping young women discover their purpose and potential. With a heart for service and a commitment to positive youth development, Keisha continues to inspire the next generation of confident, capable leaders. Instagram: @keishashandiwork Website: keishashandiwork.com

Andrea Beck

Financial Professional

Andrea Beck is a financial professional, devoted mother, and advocate for helping women build confidence in their financial futures. After 15 years as a dental hygienist, she transitioned into the financial industry to help individuals and families create strategies for wealth building, retirement planning, debt reduction, and legacy protection. Andrea is an active community leader, serving as a partner with Beauty Boost Temecula Valley and a member of the Menifee Valley Chamber of Commerce. As a wife, mother of two sons, and supporter of women's personal and professional growth, she is passionate about empowering others to achieve their goals with confidence and purpose. Email: admin@andrea-beckrfm.com Instagram: @andrea__beck_





Lyndee Tanner

Founder

Lyndee Tanner is a marketing strategist, entrepreneur, and the founder of a successful digital marketing agency specializing in SEO, social media management, and online brand growth. Passionate about helping businesses increase their visibility and attract new customers, Lyndee works closely with entrepreneurs and organizations to develop customized marketing strategies that drive measurable results. Known for her creative approach and commitment to client success, she combines data-driven insights with authentic storytelling to help brands stand out in a competitive marketplace. Through her work, Lyndee continues to empower local businesses to grow, connect with their audiences, and thrive. Instagram: @lyndeelouwho

Kayla Charters

Community & Business Advocate

Kayla Charters is a dynamic business leader, community advocate, and champion for economic growth in Menifee. As the City's Economic Development Director and a board member of the Menifee Valley Chamber of Commerce, she dedicates her career to creating opportunities for local businesses and strengthening the community she serves, which she is proud to call home. Known for her professionalism, leadership, and collaborative spirit, Kayla has earned a reputation as a trusted resource for entrepreneurs and business owners. Her commitment to supporting others, driving innovation, and helping Menifee thrive makes her an influential woman whose impact is felt throughout the region. LinkedIn: Kayla Charters





Kathy Wright

Contract Professional

Kathy Wright is a contracts and procurement professional dedicated to helping small businesses negotiate stronger, fairer agreements. Known for her strategic mindset and ability to simplify complex contract language, she serves as both an advocate and a trusted advisor to her clients. Kathy believes successful contracts are built on collaboration, not confrontation, and works to create agreements that protect business interests while fostering lasting partnerships. Her talent for turning business strengths into negotiating leverage has earned her a reputation for helping organizations build relationships that are both profitable and sustainable.

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A PLACE WHERE SECOND CHANCES THRIVE





I am still thinking about what I experienced during my visit to Pattie's Ranch, home of SAVE The Animals Today (STAT) Sanctuary in Hemet.

What I expected to find was a rescue ranch. What I discovered was something much more meaningful.

The sanctuary is home to horses, donkeys, goats, alpacas, and other farm animals that have spent their lives serving others. Many worked on farms, carried riders, or simply outlived the purpose society assigned them. When they were no longer needed, Pattie stepped in to give them a second chance.

As I walked the property with Pattie, it became clear that every animal has a story, and she knows them all. Their histories, personalities, and challenges are as familiar to her as family members.

What struck me most was Pattie herself.

Lively, passionate, and incredibly strong-minded, she spoke openly about the challenges of running a sanctuary. Feed, veterinary care, maintenance, and emergencies never stop. Yet neither does her commitment to the animals.

Because when an animal depends on you, giving up is not an option.

Beyond animal rescue, the ranch serves as a place of healing. Seniors, veterans, at-risk youth, and children



with autism are welcome to experience the calming connection that exists between people and animals. The sanctuary also hosts weekly volunteer opportunities and community service projects that allow visitors to make a meaningful difference.

> *"This Sanctuary is my ministry, and ministry is sharing your talents and resources to serve others"*
> *— Pattie Roberts*

Although Pattie has received numerous awards for her service, it was obvious that recognition is not what drives her. Her reward is seeing a once-forgotten animal finally living in peace.

As I left the ranch, I couldn't help but think about how rare places like this have become. The animals at STAT Sanctuary cannot ask for help. They rely on people like Pattie and a community willing to support her mission.

If you've ever wondered whether one person can change lives, spend a few hours at Pattie's Ranch.

You'll discover that one person already has.

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On The Air w/Jesse Galvan Episode #10

Few communities in Southern California have experienced the kind of growth Menifee has seen over the last several years. On a recent episode of my podcast, I sat down with local Realtor Jesse Galvan to discuss what is driving that growth and why so many families are choosing to call Menifee home.

During our conversation, Jesse shared his perspective on the city's rapid expansion, pointing to the steady arrival of new businesses, restaurants, parks, and community amenities. While Menifee continues to grow, he believes it has managed to maintain the qualities that attracted residents in the first place, including a strong sense of community, affordable housing opportunities compared to neighboring markets, and a welcoming atmosphere for families.

We also explored one of Menifee's biggest advantages. Jesse noted that many residents are drawn to the city because of its reputation for safety and its ability to offer a comfortable suburban lifestyle while remaining conveniently located between major employment centers in Los Angeles and San Diego.

Of course, the interview was not all serious real estate talk. To put Jesse's local knowledge to the test, we wrapped up the episode with a lively Menifee trivia challenge featuring questions about local landmarks, city history, and community facts. The friendly pop-quiz provided plenty of laughs and demonstrated just how connected Jesse is to the community he serves.

Whether you are a longtime resident, considering a move to Menifee, or simply curious about one of Southern California's fastest-growing cities, this episode offers an insightful and entertaining look at what makes Menifee such a special place to call home.

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Recent News

Dave Gutierrez Appointed Chief of Police for the City of Menifee

On May 28th, 2026, the City of Menifee officially appointed Dave Gutierrez as its new Chief of Police following his service as Acting Chief since February 2026.

Chief Gutierrez has been with the Menifee Police Department since 2019 and was among the department's first hires when it was formed. Before his appointment, he served as Captain, overseeing both the Investigations and Operations Divisions.

With more than 24 years of law enforcement experience, Chief Gutierrez has led a wide range of units throughout his career, including patrol, investigations, traffic enforcement, code enforcement, professional standards, training, and crime scene investigation. He has also served as a Public Information Officer and has remained actively involved in community engagement efforts.

A graduate of the FBI National Academy and the California Police Chiefs' Executive Leadership Institute, Chief Gutierrez holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice and is currently completing a master's degree in Public Administration.

"Chief Gutierrez has been a vital member of the Menifee Police Department and was instrumental in helping build it into one of the region's premier law enforcement agencies," said City Manager Armando G. Villa.

Since its launch in 2020, the Menifee Police Department has grown to more than 120 officers and support personnel. Menifee has also been recognized as one of California's 20 safest cities for the past three years.

"I am honored and humbled to be appointed as the next Chief of Police for this amazing city," said Chief Gutierrez. "I remain committed to building strong community partnerships and ensuring the highest level of public safety."





Menifee Preserves the Hills:

Menifee Hills Poised to Become a Landmark Recreation Destination

One of Menifee's most recognizable landmarks is getting a new future.

Last fall, the City of Menifee purchased the Menifee Hills property and designated it for recreational use, protecting the land from future housing development. The move preserves the hills as open space while creating opportunities for outdoor recreation and tourism.

Visible from miles away, the rolling hills have long been part of Menifee's identity. Now, they have the potential to become a destination where residents and visitors can experience the area's natural beauty through hiking, walking, sightseeing, and other outdoor activities.

As the city continues to grow, preserving unique spaces like Menifee Hills helps maintain the character that makes Menifee special. Rather than adding another neighborhood, the city has invested in a community asset that can be enjoyed by everyone.

For locals, the hills offer a place to connect with nature close to home. For visitors, they provide another reason to stop and explore Southwest Riverside County. With its scenic views and prominent location, Menifee Hills could soon become one of the city's most popular outdoor attractions.



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