

Kevin's Corner



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Kevin's Corner – Holiday Edition

Decision Time! It seems like just yesterday, but in February 2021 your Board of Supervisors unanimously appointed Jeff Van Wagenen to become the new County Chief Executive Officer of one of the fastest growing counties in California (4th largest by population in California and 10th largest in the USA) with over 23,000 employees and 40+ county departments serving nearly 2.5 million residents. Fast forward and his three-year contract is already coming up and the Board will soon begin new contract negotiations. Generally, I'd say good economic fortune has followed Jeff as our CEO (except for that dark period of COVID). Recruiting for highly trained or specialized positions has proven difficult for nearly all organizations, and Riverside County is no different. One of Van Wagenen's "faults" is that he is a true data nerd. He has charts and graphs for every department that tells him hirings, firings, resignations, budgets – everything! With all the growth-related pressures bearing down heavily on county services, tightening budgets and critical labor negotiations around the corner – he will be earning his pay if a deal is reached.

Quick Community Updates.... A number of community improvements are underway or soon will be:

Mead Valley: Sidewalks are being installed to connect our schools, library, and community center and, streetlights are being installed on some of our busiest roads in this growing but rural community to help. We've also funded the paving of a couple dirt connector roads, and you should see some new covered bus shelters installed shortly. A new fire "patrol" vehicle is on order for the local fire station, and a multi-agency task force will soon be assembling to help tackle the homeless camps and needed services. The Mead Valley community center will also be hosting a Breakfast with Santa on Saturday December 9th starting at 9am.

Good Hope / Meadowbrook: Vacant land next to the community center and park has been acquired which will someday allow the park to double in size. Sidewalks between the school and community center are on the way, as well as a 4-way stop at Steele Peak and Palm to improve pedestrian safety, as well paving a few more dirt roads to improve connectivity and reduce road dust. The Good Hope Breakfast with Santa will be Saturday, December 16th from 9am-1pm.

Highgrove: Improvements are in the works for the community center (replacing the very old HVAC system) and on Center Street, where re-paving and pedestrian/bike safety improvements will be installed, and a new sidewalk will soon be constructed on Michigan Ave near the school, library, and community center. A new multi-agency task force is also being mobilized to work on homeless camps and other needed services.

Lakeland Village: The community center will be hosting a "Jingle Bell Rock" event and Christmas tree Lighting ceremony on Friday December 8th from 3-6pm, and the groundbreaking ceremony for the new sports park above the community center will happen on Saturday December 9th at 10am.

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Riverside City: Riverside City has so many community events occurring, may I suggest visiting the “The Raincross Gazette” calendar page at <https://www.raincrossgazette.com/calendar/#/>

Perris City: With Christmas around the corner, the big attraction is of course the Polar Express Train Ride at the Railway Museum. Unlike the other events highlighted above, this one does require tickets to be purchased, but you can get the details here: <https://socialthepolarexpressride.com/>

As always – you are welcome to email (or call) our office with suggestions to improve county services, or if needed, to vent your frustrations with county services (or the lack thereof). I read nearly every reply – and respond to many. Please enjoy your Christmas and New Year holidays.

Respectfully,
Kevin Jeffries

Riverside County Flash Vote!

Do you have one minute a month to help make Riverside County better? The County of Riverside is working with FlashVote to gather valuable input from residents to inform decisions on programs, policies and budget. The sign-up process takes less than one minute and the individual information collected by FlashVote is never shared with the County, nor anyone else. When residents sign up, they can determine if they want to receive the surveys by email, text or phone. Residents will receive a notification whenever there is a new survey, and they will have 48 hours to participate before voting closes. Once a survey is closed, everyone who participated will automatically receive a summary of the overall results and be able to see how their responses compare to the group. Results are anonymous. The county encourages residents to sign up now at <http://flashvote.com/rivconow> or call (775) 235-2240 to participate by phone or text only.

Upcoming Highgrove Clean-Up

Highgrove Community Clean-Up

WHEN: December 9, 2023

TIME: 8am-12pm (or until bins are full)

WHERE: Highgrove Community Center - 459 Center St, Riverside, CA 92507

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

- Washers/Dryers • TVs • Microwaves • Air Conditioners • Computers
- Refrigerators/Freezers • Chairs/Couches/Tables • Box Springs/Mattresses
- Barbecue/Patio Furniture • Bundled Branches • Bagged Green Waste
- Tire collection limited to residents only, no tires will be accepted from business entities

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:

- Latex, Oil or Paint • Fluorescent Light Tubes • Empty Drums • Batteries
- Pool Chemicals • Commercial or Remodeling Waste • Automotive Oils/Cleaners & Fluids
- Poisons/Pesticides/Herbicides • Bleach/Tub & Tile Cleaner • Solvents/Gasoline
- Auto Parts & Engines • Treated Wood Waste (fence posts, railroad ties)

* Participants will be required to unload their vehicle without assistance.

* Proof of residency is required. Please bring a photo ID, along with this postcard or a Waste Management bill to the clean-up. Residents with trailers will be directed to the landfill/transfer station to unload themselves.

* Per State law, you must have a tire manifest to transport over 9 tires and tires must be less than 4 feet in diameter.

Please call Waste Management with any questions you may have at (800) 423-9986





*Interested in serving your local community?
Perhaps you are more of a regional advocate?
If you live in or have a business in District #1, be sure to look
at the list of openings we have below for local commissions.*

CURRENT OPENINGS:

- Solid Waste** - One (1) Alternate Representative
- Assessment Appeals Board No. 3** - One (1) Alternate
- Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council (MAC)** - One (1) Alternate
- First 5 Children & Families Advisory Committee**— One (1) Members
- Good Hope Municipal Advisory Council (MAC)** - Two (2) Alternates
- In Home Support Services (IHSS)** - Recipient or Consumer of IHSS Services - One (1) opening
- Behavioral Health Commission** - Family Member - One (1) opening & Public Interest - One (1) opening

If you are interested in applying for any of these positions
please see a link and instructions to an
application below:

<https://rivcodistrict1.org/sites/g/files/aldnop256/files/2023-08/Boards%20and%20Commissions%20Application%2C%208-22-23.pdf>



Riverside Transit Agency (RTA) is offering free rides on all local CommuterLink and GoMicro buses every Friday and will continue through June 28, 2024.

Let RTA take you to your next destination
for free!

Get your Free Ride Friday Pass on the GoMobile app.
It's Free!

For any questions please reach out to RTA at
(951) 565-5002 or visit their website at

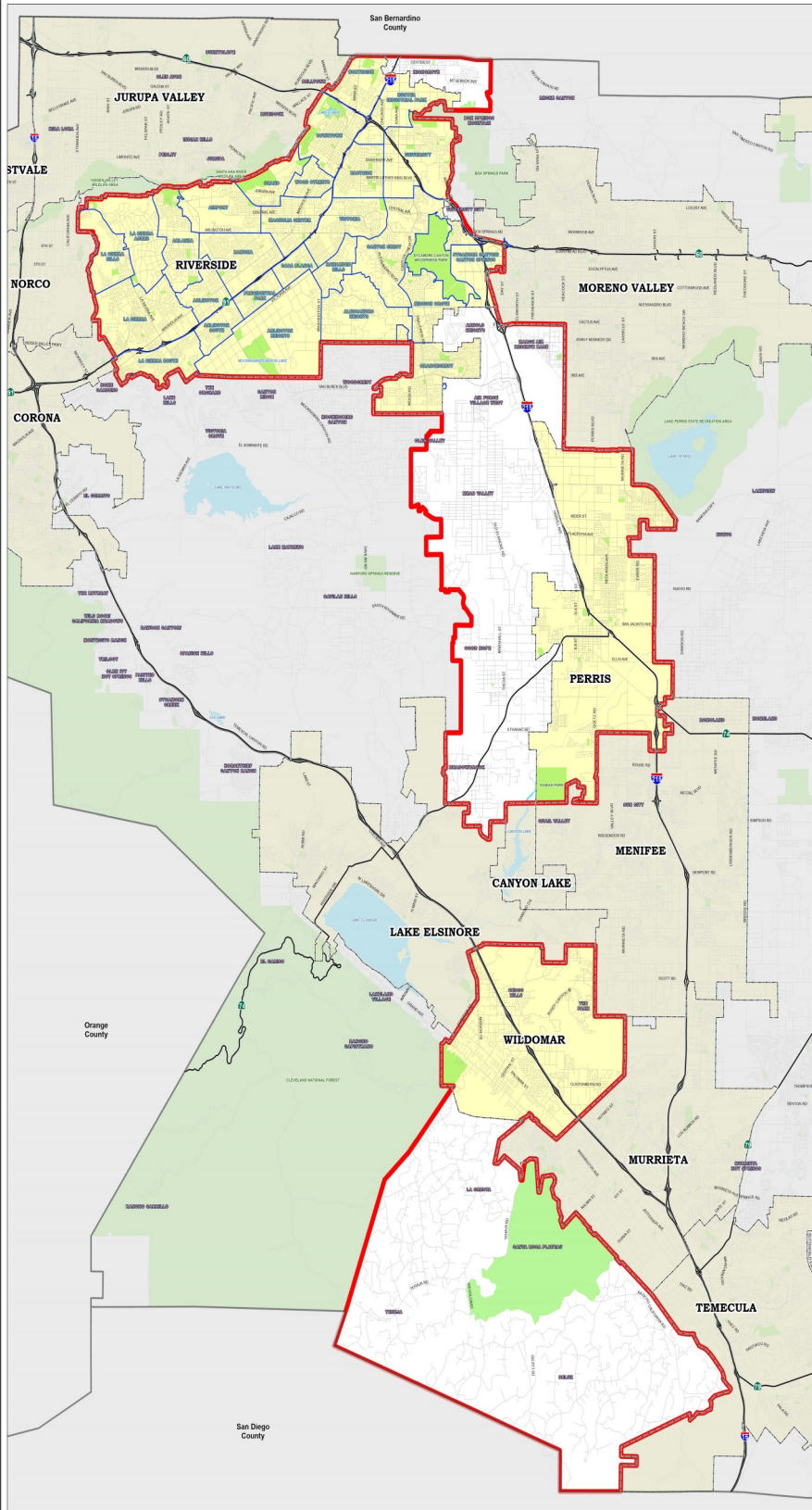
[RiversideTransit.com](https://www.RiversideTransit.com)

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1 County of Riverside

First District Profile



Kevin Jeffries was elected in November 2012 to Represent the residents of the 1st Supervisorial District on the Riverside County Board of Supervisors. This district covers the cities of Riverside, Perris, and Wildomar, and the unincorporated communities including Highgrove, University City, Mead Valley, Good Hope, Meadowbrook, March Joint Powers Authority, La Cresta, Tenaja, and De Luz.



- Roads
- Highways
- City Boundaries
- Neighborhoods
- District 1 Boundary
- Parks
- Waterbodies

Supervisor Kevin Jeffries
 District 1
 (951) 955-1010

Representing the Cities of:
 Riverside
 Jurupa Valley (portion)
 Perris
 Wildomar



NOTE: Wildomar, La Cresta, Tenaja, and De Luz will move to the 3rd District in January of 2025.

Lakeland Village Events



INVITES YOU TO JINGLE BELL ROCK



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8th 3-6pm



GET READY TO ROCK & ROLL!

Lakeland Village Community Center Winter Celebration

Featuring Lindomar Cortez as Santa Elvis and

The School of Rock Temecula

Free Family Fun - Giveaways - Refreshments

Third Annual Christmas Tree Lighting at 5:30pm



For more information, call 951-471-4407 or

Email Dru Bradford, STUDIO 395 Event Coordinator at dru.bradford@studio395.org

Lakeland Village Community Center is located at 16275 Grand Avenue, Lake Elsinore, CA 92530

**LAKELAND VILLAGE
SPORTS PARK**

Groundbreaking Ceremony

**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 9, 2023
10:00 AM**

LAKELAND VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTER
16275 Grand Avenue
Lakeland Village

Light refreshments will be served

Please email FMEvents@rivco.org to RSVP

Mead Valley Thanksgiving Event

Over 350 people from Good Hope and Mead Valley were able to attend the annual Thanksgiving event at the Mead Valley Community Center and enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving meal prepared by Mrs. Kathy and her group of volunteers from The Grove Community Church. With a heart full of compassion and a vision of unity, Pastor Noland Turnage, who started this event seven years ago, has tirelessly dedicated time and effort to ensure that our annual Thanksgiving events are moments of joy and reflection, and have become expressions of compassion and generosity. This year and thanks to the donation from the Hillwood group, each household that attended the event took home a turkey for the Thanksgiving dinner celebration. Many thanks to Pastor Noland, The Grove Church staff, and all the volunteers who made this wonderful event possible!



Christmas Events

Good Hope

Highgrove



Come enjoy a FREE pancake breakfast!

Saturday, December 16
9 AM - 1 PM

Moses Schaffer Community Center

IN GOOD HOPE

21565 Steele Peak Drive, Perris, CA 92570
(951) 943-9126 • Se Habla Español



Operated by:



FREE EVENT

THE 951 MARKET

459 CENTER ST.
RIVERSIDE, CA
92507

DECEMBER
10TH
2PM-7PM

BRUNCH W/SANTA
(W/ PURCHASE FROM VENDOR)

-30+ VENDORS

PERFORMANCE BY
SARAH LUCIA
LORENZANA

-RAFFLES

-LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS
EMAIL
INFO@THE951MARKET.COM

Highgrove Thanksgiving Event

On Saturday, November 18th, hundreds of residents attended the Norton Younglove Highgrove Community Center for a Thanksgiving meal. Feeding America helped pass out 120 turkeys, 150 holiday food boxes and 85 shelf stable food boxes to the community. Highgrove residents enjoyed dozens of vendors, music, and wonderful food!



Mead Valley

Love Your Neighborhood Clean Up

In partnership with the Love Your Neighborhood program, we held the Mead Valley neighborhood cleanup on Saturday, November 18th. Thanks to the participation of Malaika Davis, Yolanda Magana, Sterlon Sims, local volunteers, our Youth Advisory Council group, volunteers from Citrus Hills High School, and Pastor Noland Turnage from The Grove Community Church, we were able to clean a portion of San Jacinto Avenue to help minimize stormwater pollution in our watersheds and make the roadside cleaner. We look forward to continuing the partnership with community leaders and the support of our amazing volunteers in our upcoming cleanups.





SPECIAL NEEDS REUNIFICATION PROGRAM

RIVERSIDE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Enroll today!

Riverside County Sheriff's Office Special Needs Reunification Program helps law enforcement locate missing individuals with disabilities such as autism and dementia, as well as those with behavioral health challenges.



Families can pre-register to provide a detailed physical description of their loved one, photographs, possible destinations, and suggested calming strategies. Deputies and dispatchers can immediately access the information at the time of a missing persons call, expediting a safe return.

The Special Needs Reunification Program is sponsored by the Riverside County Sheriff's Office and is supported by the Riverside University Health System.

THE GOAL OF THIS PROGRAM IS TO REUNIFY INDIVIDUALS WITH THEIR FAMILIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Register online or call any Sheriff's station for an in-person appointment.

For more information or to find a station near you, visit www.riversidesheriff.org.



Scan the QR Code to register or learn more



bit.ly/RIVCOREUN



RIVERSIDE COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION

Requirements to Join

- Attend a high school within Riverside County
- Be able to attend bi-weekly meetings and service events
- Eager to make changes in your community

Open Recruitment!

Join the Riverside County Youth Commission today and learn how you can serve your community, gain leadership skills and make your voice heard. Serve on one of our five Youth Advisory Councils under the Board of Supervisors and become a leader of tomorrow!

@RivCoYAC
www.rivcoyac.org

Interested in joining?
Scan QR code to complete an interest form:



JOIN OUR TEAM



We are looking for professionals who are willing to support and improve the health, safety, well-being and independence of our county's families

OPEN DPSS POSITIONS

- Eligibility Technician I/II
- Social Services Practitioner III and many more!!



BENEFITS INCLUDE

- Medical, Vision, Dental
- Competitive Work Schedules
- 12 Paid Holidays Per Year
- Vacation and Sick Time Accruals
- 457b Deferred Compensation Plan
- CalPERS Pension
- Education Support Program

APPLY TODAY!

Scan the QR code to see more employment opportunities.

For all Riverside County job openings, visit: RC-HR.com



Scan To Apply

For more information please visit us at: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/riverside/dpssjobs>

MOSES SCHAFFER COMMUNITY CENTER

1ST & 3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH:
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

21565 Steele Peak Dr | Perris



MOBILE RESOURCE VAN SERVICES:

Learning Lounge - Just-in-time literacy support services, such as resume and job help

Family Literacy Programs - Programs to develop literacy skills as a family, such as Raising a Reader and STEAM programs

Adult One-on-One Sessions - Get one-on-one support to improve your reading, writing, listening, speaking and digital skills

Adult Small Group Sessions - Get support to improve your reading, writing, listening, speaking, digital and job skills as a group

Library Services - Book checkout/checkin, holds pickup/return, get a library card

Riverside County Library System
5840 Mission Blvd. | Riverside, Ca. 92509
www.rivlib.net | 951.369.3003

