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## Kevin's Corner

**Home Rule?** For over a decade, the impact of decisions made at the State level have made it nearly (if not completely) impossible for new cities to be formed across the State. With nearly 500 cities already in existence within California, an argument can be made that Californians don't need more layers of bureaucracies to prosper, and that perhaps maybe our rapidly growing unincorporated (non-city) communities should instead look to annexation into a nearby city. Warning! Make no mistake that just the mere thought of annexing causes hair to stand straight up on the back of the neck for some residents. The emotions of annexation run so deep that it's like a declaration of war! So why would I even mention this polarizing issue? Well.... we have several unincorporated communities in our County that are continuing to grow very rapidly (and in some cases have already passed up the populations of numerous existing cities), and in my opinion, County government sometimes struggles to provide clear and/or adequate vision, planning, infrastructure, and daily services. Residents within cities have an entire city council, and a City Manager and staff that focus on making sure their city residents and services are being addressed. In the unincorporated county communities, they have one elected County Supervisor who represents about 500,000 total citizens, who is only one of five representatives for the County as a whole, including the 80% of residents who live in a city. If the County Supervisor (and his/her staff) is not deeply engaged in every unincorporated community, "things" can fall through the cracks or are simply forgotten or ignored by the bureaucracy. I don't have any easy answers here. Each of our large unincorporated communities have their own unique needs and economic opportunities (and often STRONG opinions about being absorbed by their neighboring cities!). Honest discussions and evaluations need to come from the communities themselves – not necessarily from the top down.

**Congestion and Taxes.** I have made mention in the recent past of a possible new sales tax being proposed by the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC). RCTC is a separate stand-alone government agency that has a representative (city council member) from every city in the county, plus all five county supervisors. In my humble opinion, the RCTC has been forced to do the former job of Cal-Trans (a State organization), that used to be the national leader in planning, developing, and constructing our highways and freeways. The State has reduced Cal-Trans to a simple maintenance and repair mission and has left the heavy lifting of providing new and expanded transportation infrastructure to local governments to fund and figure out (or not). When former Gov. Jerry Brown was first elected Governor (1975), I recall that he had a philosophy that if we (the State) did NOT build a modern transportation network – they (the population masses) would not come. **(Continued on Page 2)**

The masses clearly missed the memo. Fast forward to today where a similar “do not build it” thought process is now in place with the hopes that those who do move here will instead walk, ride a bike, or take a bus or train to work. While some will, the vast majority don’t, won’t or can’t. Hence our freeway parking lots. Likely in June, the RCTC commission is going to be asked to put on the November ballot a NEW sales tax proposal to help fund and build all the freeway / highway / roadway improvements that are contained in a massive plan for our county. I have my own personal positions about new taxes and long-term debt being handed down to our children and grandchildren, but this future sales tax vote will be very personal for each of you to decide in November—because no one from our State government is coming to help. They just want us to add tens of thousand of new residents and homes to our County without any infrastructure funding to support them or us.

**Help Your Firefighters!** I bring this up regularly, but you can really help your firefighters help you (and your neighbors) by making sure you break out your weed-whacker and trim down those tall grasses/weeds BEFORE they dry out this month and transition from fresh to fuel. It honestly makes a difference as to how fast or how far a fire can spread. Get ‘er done!

**Goodbye Willie.** The vast majority of you will have no idea who Willie was, but Mrs. Willie Moses, age 102, passed away this past April 16. In short, she was a true mover and shaker. In 1946, she and her husband Henry moved to the rural community of Good Hope (between Perris & Lake Elsinore). Over many decades she successfully worked to have a local school, fire station, and community center built. She coordinated a free food program for low-income residents and helped seniors with services and programs. In 2008, the County named the local community center after her (and fellow longtime resident and Volunteer Firefighter John Schaffer). She was also a decades long member of the Municipal Advisory Council. Always polite, but always determined, she was engaged on behalf of her community up until the end – Willie will be missed. RIP.

**As always – feel free to drop me an email.**

Respectfully,  
Kevin Jeffries  
First District Supervisor

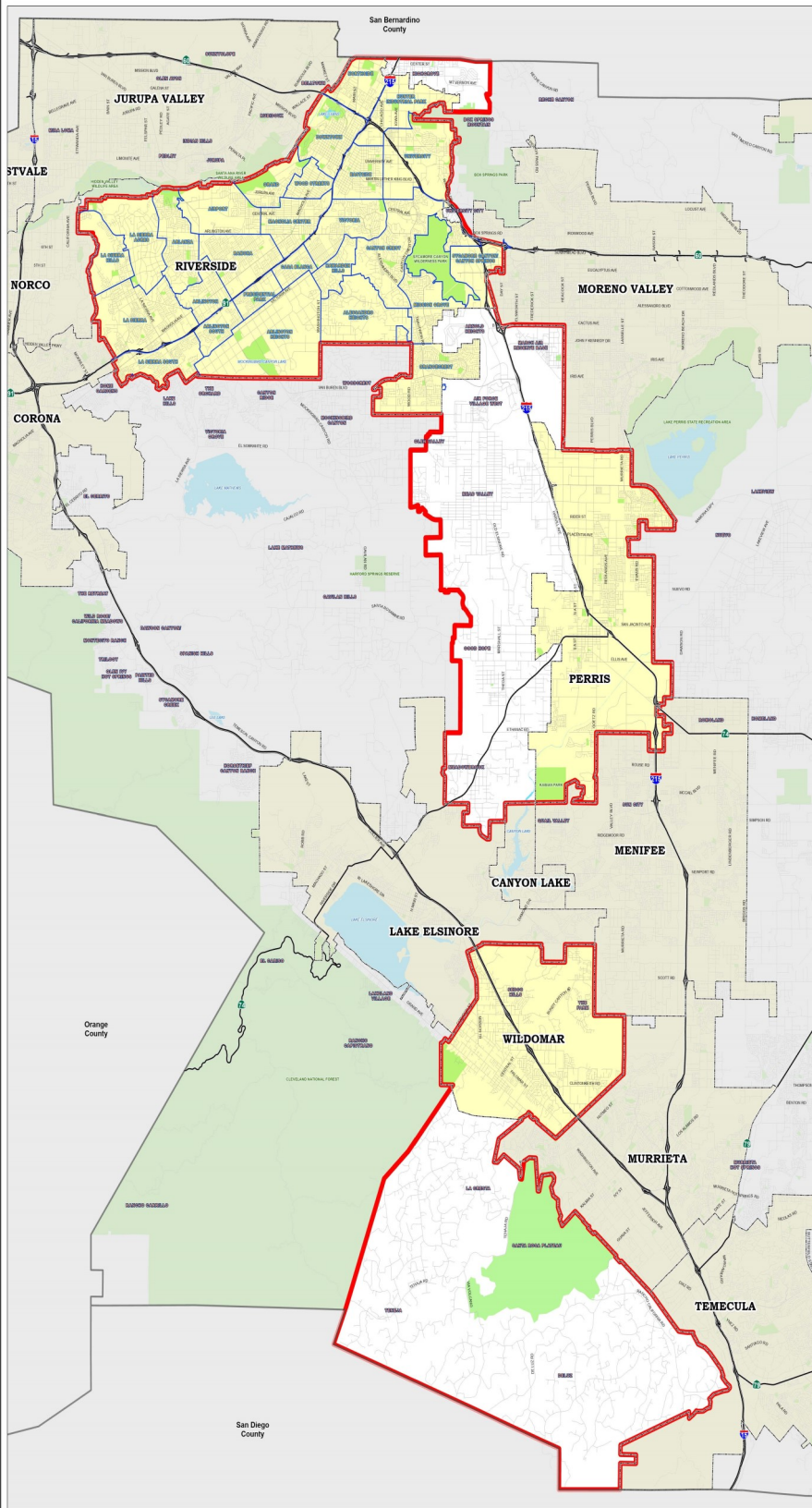
Introducing:



FlashVote

Do you have one minute a month to help make Riverside County better? The County of Riverside is working with Flash Vote to gather valuable input from residents to inform decisions on programs, policies and budgets. The sign-up process takes less than one minute and the individual information collected by Flash Vote 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.

### 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. In 2022 the district was redrawn, and now covers the entirety of the cities of Riverside and Perris, as well as the unincorporated communities of Highgrove, University City, Mead Valley, Good Hope, Meadowbrook, and the March Joint Powers Authority. In January 2025, the 1<sup>st</sup> District will also include portions of the City of Jurupa Valley.

- 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



As of April 2024, the lower area outlined in red, including City of Wildomar, La Cresta, De Luz, and Tenaja, has changed responsibility from our District to District 3, Supervisor Chuck Washington’s office. His office can be reached at 951-955-1030 or [District3@RivCo.org](mailto:District3@RivCo.org)



*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 below*

*at the list of openings we have below for local commissions.*

*If you feel you have the time to dedicate to making the district a better place feel free to apply online at [www.supervisorjeffries.com](http://www.supervisorjeffries.com), under Boards & Commissions*

### **CURRENT OPENINGS:**

**Solid Waste** - One (1) Alternate Representative

**Assessment Appeals Board** - Two (2) Members and One (1) Alternate

**Riverside County Flood Control** - Commissioner - One (1) opening

**Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council (MAC)** - One (1) Alternate

**First 5 Children & Families Advisory Committee**— One (1) Member

**Good Hope Municipal Advisory Council (MAC)** - Two (2) Alternates

**In Home Support Services (IHSS)** - Recipient or Consumer of IHSS Services - One (1) opening

If you are interested in applying for any of these positions please see the link 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](http://RiversideTransit.com)



# Cleaning Up Good Hope/Meadowbrook!



*The Good Hope/Meadowbrook Cleanup on April 6 collected 58 mattresses, 536 tires, and 67 tons of trash! That was followed up with another day devoted entirely to collecting almost 1,000 more tires.*

*Thanks to Waste Management, the Department of Waste Resources, and Housing and Workforce Solutions for the successful community events.*



*Thank you*

# Happy Mother's Day!



Mead Valley Community Center  
 Mother's Day Event  
 Evento del Dia de las Madres  
 Tuesday May 7th  
 Martes 7 de Mayo  
 10am - 12pm  
 Lunch will be served, Music, and Rattles  
 Se Servirá Almuerzo, Musica Y Ritas

Please RSVP to 951-210-1580  
 Por Favor RSVP  
 21091 Rider St Perris CA 92570  
 Space is limited to 50 Mom's Please No Children  
 El Espacio Está Limitado a 50 Mamás Por favor No Niños




GOOD HOPE COMMUNITY CENTER  
 Mothers Day  
 Brunch  
 FRIDAY, MAY 10TH  
 9:30 - 11:30 AM  
 Space is limited. Please sign up with Center staff.

## BIG IMPROVEMENTS AT THE MOSES-SCHAFFER COMMUNITY CENTER IN GOOD HOPE!

*The County recently finished a major renovation to the basketball courts at the Moses-Schaffer Community Center in Good Hope, including new lighting, seating, shade structures, new basketball hoops, and a resurfacing of the court that will also allow for pickleball to be played with a portable net system.*





# UPCOMING DISTRICT ONE BEAUTIFICATION EVENTS IN GOOD HOPE, MEAD VALLEY, AND HIGHGROVE



## Good Hope | Meadowbrook

### Tree Distribution

**Event Details:**

- Only residents of Good Hope and Meadowbrook qualify - Proof of residency is required.
- Maximum of 2 shade trees per residence
- Drive-Thru Only - first come-first serve - While supplies last.

**Location:**  
Moses Schaffer Community Center  
-21565 Steele Peak Dr,  
Perris, CA 92570

**Date & Time:**  
Saturday, May 4, 2024  
9 a.m. to 12 p.m. or while supplies last.



\*Please bring an adequate vehicle to transport 15-gallon trees\*

**TreePeople**  **THE GROVE COMMUNITY CHURCH**

For more information please contact Bryan at [bmolina@treepeople.org](mailto:bmolina@treepeople.org)

## Mead Valley Community Clean-Up

**WHEN:** May 18, 2024      **TIME:** 8am-12pm

**WHERE:** Mead Valley Landfill – 22376 Forrest Rd., Perris, CA 92570

**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 



## HIGHGROVE NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP

**May 25, 2024**  
**8:00 am – 12:00 pm or until dumpsters are full**

**Norton Younglove Community Center**  
459 Center St., Highgrove, CA 92570

Funded by The County of Riverside Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).  
**DROP OFF YOUR UNWANTED ITEMS FOR FREE!**

**ACCEPTABLE ITEMS**



**NO!**

 Household Trash Latex, Oil or Paint Empty Drums Batteries Motor Parts	 Motor Oil Pool Chemicals Transmission/Brake Fluids Pesticides/Herbicides Bleach/Tub & Tile Cleaner	 Fertilizers Rodent Poisons Anti-Freeze Solvents/Gasoline Fluorescent Light Tubes
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For more information, contact  (760) 863-2586 or  [goescobar@rivco.org](mailto:goescobar@rivco.org)



# Fun and Educational Summer Kid Camps!

**CRITTER KIDDZ CAMP**

**Zoo Safari**  
June 17-21, 2024  
Up close and personal!  
Ready to be an animal explorer?  
Take a look at some of the exciting creatures of the animal world.

**Fast & Furious, Slow & Steady**  
June 24-28, 2024  
From the tortoise and the hare to sloths.  
Do your favorite animals zip around quickly or go reaaaally sloooow?  
Meet and learn about animals of all different speeds!

**Western Riverside County/City Shelter**  
6851 Van Buren Blvd.  
Jurupa Valley, CA 92509  
Monday - Friday  
9 a.m. - Noon  
Ages 6 - 12  
\$150 per week

**For more information:**  
Call 951-394-2671  
or visit  
[www.RCDAS.org/critter-camp](http://www.RCDAS.org/critter-camp)

Scan here for more information or to register!

DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SERVICES | ASK | Sponsored by ASK Foundation

**- HIDDEN VALLEY NATURE CENTER -**  
11401 ARLINGTON AVE, RIVERSIDE, CA 92505

**JUNE 24-28**  
8AM-12PM

**Outdoor Adventure SUMMER CAMP**

Join RivCoParks for Outdoor Adventure Summer Camp at Hidden Valley Nature Center!  
Ages 6-11 | Registration Opens May 1st, 2024  
\$50 Registration Fee  
Call 1-800-234-7275 to reserve a spot!

- Hiking
- Bird Watching
- Reptile Education
- Rock Hunting
- Nature Art & Games

Logos: RIVERSIDE COUNTY, HIDDEN VALLEY NATURE CENTER, FUNDED BY RCPA

**Visit all RivCoParks for FREE with the RivCoParks Library Pass!**

Time spent in outdoor spaces improves physical, social, spiritual, and emotional health. The RivCoParks Library Pass program is a collaboration between RivCoParks and local libraries aimed at promoting literacy, outdoor recreation, and community engagement. Through this program, individuals and families gain access to a variety of benefits, including free admission to RivCoParks sites, special events, and educational programs.

For more information, including participating libraries, visit here: <https://rivcoparks.org/library-park-pass>

# CODE ENFORCEMENT UPDATE

*In addition to the statistics and story below, Code Enforcement is also partnering with multiple other agencies, including the Sheriff's Department, Animal Services, and Housing and Workforce Solutions to remove a long-standing homeless encampment in Mead Valley. Thank you to all the staff from each agency that is helping in this massive clean-up!*



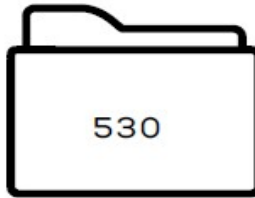
## Code Enforcement Monthly Report

MARCH 2024

DISTRICT 1



CASES OPENED  
COUNTY WIDE



CASES CLOSED  
COUNTY WIDE



CALLS RECEIVED  
COUNTY WIDE

### UNPERMITTED PALLAT YARD VOLUNTARILY REMOVED

Code Enforcement received reports of a pallet yard being operated out of a vacant parcel in Mead Valley. The pallet yard was approximately 1,200 square feet and consisted of wooden pallets, discarded wood pallets, discarded wood, stacks of pallets each measuring approximately 20 feet in height, and several wooden shade covering structures built throughout the property. With the property owner's cooperation and compliance, the property owner cleared the property of all illegal business activity.



BEFORE AND AFTER IN MEAD VALLEY



# COMING SOON TO MEAD VALLEY!

Riverside County Supervisors recently granted final approval for Riverside University Health System’s (RUHS) Wellness Village in Mead Valley, a ground-breaking project that will transform healthcare by seamlessly integrating behavioral health treatment with medical care and social services.

Slated for completion in 2026, the Village will feature a crisis residential behavioral health center for children and a Children’s Mental Health Urgent Care – both a first in Riverside County. The facilities will address a critical gap in local healthcare services.

Construction of the \$580 million, 19.4-acre campus will begin in June at the intersection of Harvill Avenue and Placentia Avenue—an area with few other healthcare options.

In an effort to create a safe, comfortable, and legal alternative to illegal food vendors on dangerous street corners, the BOS also approved funding for a new Mead Valley Food Truck Marketplace, which will create a new outdoor food and vendor market near the corner of Harvill Avenue and Cajalco Road. It is expected to open by July 1st. For more information, visit:

[www.mvoutdoormarketplace.com](http://www.mvoutdoormarketplace.com)



The state-of-the-art Wellness Village will generate millions in annual economic activity and create well-paying professional jobs. The site will include green spaces, meditation gardens, a public market and a café protected under advanced security measures.

**Improving the health and wellness of children, families and veterans.**

The Wellness Village will offer outpatient and residential services for mental health and substance use disorders, primary healthcare, and behavioral health urgent care. The facility will serve children, youth, families, veterans, and others, and will be home to the first behavioral health urgent care center for children in Riverside County. The campus will promote healing, resiliency, and independence, providing the right services at the right time. The Wellness Village will be committed to ensuring safety through advanced security measures, a trained security team, and a contract partnership with local law enforcement.

**WELLNESS VILLAGE COMMUNITY SERVICES AND AMENITIES WILL INCLUDE:**

<p><b>CAMPUS AMENITIES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Green Spaces</li> <li>Rest Areas</li> <li>Gardens</li> <li>Activity Lawn</li> <li>Sports Courts</li> <li>Community Meeting Space</li> <li>Public Market &amp; Café</li> </ul>	<p><b>COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLNESS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Primary (Physical) Health care</li> <li>Dentistry</li> <li>X-rays</li> <li>Pharmacy</li> <li>WIC Office</li> </ul>	<p><b>BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children’s Behavioral Health Urgent Care</li> <li>Adult Behavioral Health Urgent Care</li> <li>Sobering Center</li> <li>Crisis Residential Treatment</li> <li>Outpatient Mental Health Services</li> <li>Substance Use Disorder Services</li> </ul>
<p><b>PATIENT &amp; FAMILY HOUSING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recovery Residence</li> <li>Supportive Housing</li> </ul>	<p><b>CHILDREN &amp; YOUTH SERVICES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Crisis Residential Treatment</li> <li>Outpatient Services</li> <li>Family Short-Term Residence</li> <li>Children’s Behavioral Health Urgent Care</li> </ul>	<p><b>LONG-TERM BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Center</li> <li>Adult Residential Facility</li> </ul>

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS: 951-384-0151 | [WELLNESSVILLAGE@RUHEALTH.ORG](mailto:WELLNESSVILLAGE@RUHEALTH.ORG)

<p><b>ENHANCING RECREATION ACCESS</b></p> <p>The Wellness Village will include lush parks, recreation areas, gardens, rest areas, and trails for community members utilizing our services.</p>	<p><b>EXPANDED ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE</b></p> <p>The Wellness Village will provide primary health care, children and youth services, mental health and substance use disorder services, and pharmacy access.</p>
<p><b>ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOODS</b></p> <p>The Wellness Village will provide a public market and café open to the community.</p>	<p><b>MINDFUL LAND USE</b></p> <p>The Wellness Village will provide functional green zones and enhance community connections.</p>

**THE WELLNESS VILLAGE WILL ALSO:**

- Enhance healthcare and food access options.
- Establish an appealing workplace to attract top talent and support the community.
- Boost the local economy by promoting activity in nearby businesses.
- Partner with colleges and workforce development for career mentorship and growth.
- Maintain a secure campus with advanced security measures and 24/7 law enforcement.
- Foster a desirable environment for employment, healthcare, and building new community connections.

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