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## Kevin's Corner

**Virus 101** – A few weeks ago I emailed First District constituents with an update to the impacts and limited services for Riverside County. Pretty much every day a new press release is being issued by our public health task force. We have a handful of websites that you can go to obtain the most current information.

Riverside County Public Health: <https://www.rivcoph.org/coronavirus>

FEMA: [www.fema.gov/coronavirus-rumor-control](http://www.fema.gov/coronavirus-rumor-control)

Business Assistance: <https://rivcoccsd.org/covidbizhelp>

Employee Assistance: <https://www.rivcoworkforce.com/COVID-19Resources.aspx>

Service Status of Riverside County Agencies, including Treasurer/Tax Collector:  
<http://supervisorjeffries.com/District-News/Coronavirus-Updates-March-2020>

**The Little Garage That Couldn't-** It was just a month ago I was telling you about a senior citizen who just wanted to have built a detached metal garage at his semi-rural home, and the very troubling time he had obtaining his permit. As my previous report indicated, that gentleman gave up in absolute frustration and forfeited his sizable garage deposit to the vendor. On the heels of that bureaucratic mess I'm pleased to report that the Board of Supervisors approved creating an Ad Hoc Board Committee to further dive into the breakdown. I'm pleased to report that reform efforts are already underway and will soon be implemented to make the system easier to navigate.

**Casting A Vote Can Be Bumpy** – Every big election cycle, the Riverside County Registrar of Voters must ramp up a massive county-wide election machine (organization) with staff, trained volunteers, and temporary facilities in every community. The planning, logistics, and training necessary for our big elections is huge! Then comes election day (month?) and the roughly one million eligible voters in Riverside County. What could go wrong!? Then to add to the challenge of the entire process above, you can add intended and unintended voter registration changes done to citizens who did business at the DMV, same day registration and voting, differing rules between political parties who may or may not allow voters registered with other political parties to vote in their primaries, and of course, all the little bumps in the road that one can imagine with an operation this big largely staffed by temporary workers in the field. With all these challenges (and opportunities) built into the process, the Board of Supervisors recently gave direction to the County CEO to return with a proposal to create a "Citizens Commission on Election Integrity" to evaluate improvements, complaints, training, and the overall election process. Under the draft proposal, each County Supervisor would appoint two citizens (one as an alternate) from the Supervisor's District to the commission. Once the final proposal is approved by the Board, our office will begin accepting applications.

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**A Library and a Road Expands** – Several months ago the Woodcrest library was closed for expansion and remodeling. I recently had a sneak preview of the work with some of my MAC members. I'm confident in saying that those of you who reside in Woodcrest are going to love the expanded facilities when we are allowed to open them. We will let everyone know when we can hold the ribbon cutting ceremony. For those of you residing in the Temescal Valley, the public ribbon cutting for the long overdue expansion of Temescal Valley Road is also being postponed for obvious reasons.

Our office remains staffed to answer your emails or phone calls to the best of our ability.

Respectfully, Kevin Jeffries



*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.*

*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*



**In Home Support Services (IHSS) - Recipient of IHSS Services**

**Behavioral Health Commission - Contact our office for details on eligibility**

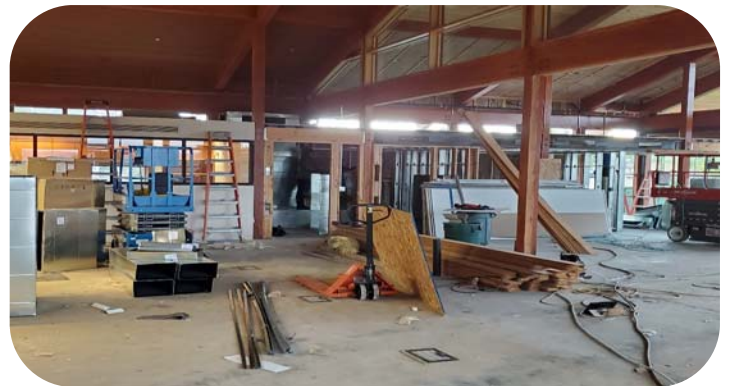
**Advisory Council on Aging—Open (seeking qualified applicants)**

## *Local District #1 Events*

On March 11<sup>th</sup> we hosted the **Temescal Valley Town Hall**. Several County departments and partner agencies were in attendance and provided residents with information and resources. Public safety officials highlighted ongoing efforts to improve the quality of life in the Valley.



After several years of anticipation, the **Woodcrest Library** expansion is almost complete. We toured the construction and were pleased to see the project is on time and on budget. We anticipate the construction will wrap up towards the end of April and are hopeful the community can enjoy the new facility in May.



## *Local District #1 Events*

### **Report Illegal Dumping!!**

A concerned Citizen contacted the Supervisor's Office last week with a report of illegal dumping on the roadway at Knabe Road and Hunt Road. The email we received included a location and photographs of household waste thrown out onto the roadway. The Supervisor's office reported the matter to County Transportation who dispatched a clean up crew to the area and the materials were quickly and safely removed from the public right-of-way.

To report illegal dumping call - 1-800-870-6600 or use our RivCo Mobile App today!



### **DIY!! (Do It Yourself!)**

Recently two of our office staff members (Bob Magee and Liz Limon) on their way back to the district office from a quick lunch happened to see some mattresses dumped on the side of the road. Instead of waiting till the Illegal Dumping Team (IDT) could come out, they jumped into action to save our team an extra trip and clean up the community immediately.

High fives to our team making a difference even on a full stomach!! LOL!



# Non-Profit Spotlight

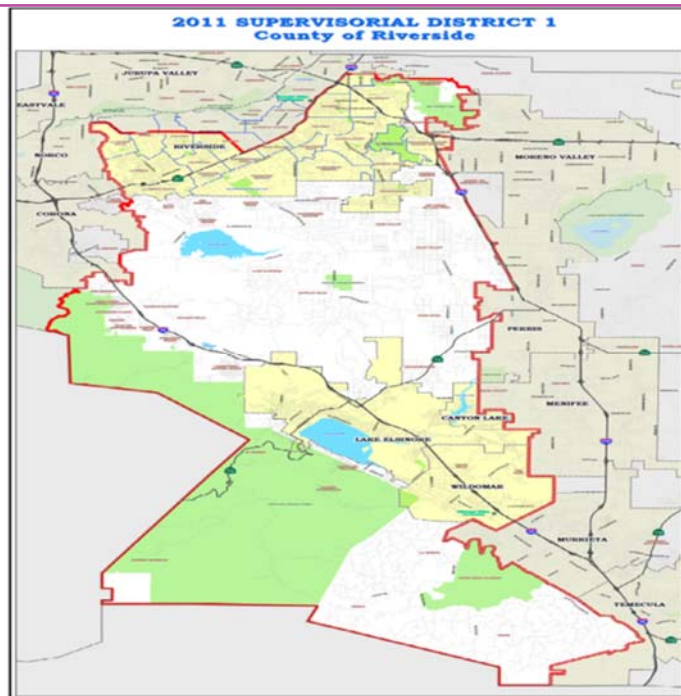
## Fair Housing Council of Riverside County Inc.

### Mission Statement:

To provide comprehensive services which affirmatively address and promote fair housing (anti-discrimination) rights and further other housing opportunities for all persons without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, age, sex, familial status (i.e., presence of children), disability, ancestry, marital status, age, source of income, sexual orientation, genetic information, or other arbitrary factors.



Fair Housing Council of Riverside County, Inc. (FHCRC) is a non-profit organization that fights to protect the housing rights of all individuals. This organization, approved by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), works with government offices to ensure Fair Housing laws are upheld. Since 1986, FHCRC has strived to ensure that all individuals will live free from unlawful housing practices and discrimination. In addition to anti-discrimination services, this organization also provides a number of other services, which are described under the "Services" section. To learn more about FHCRC or take advantage of the services this organization provides, please contact FHCRC at (951) 682-6581.



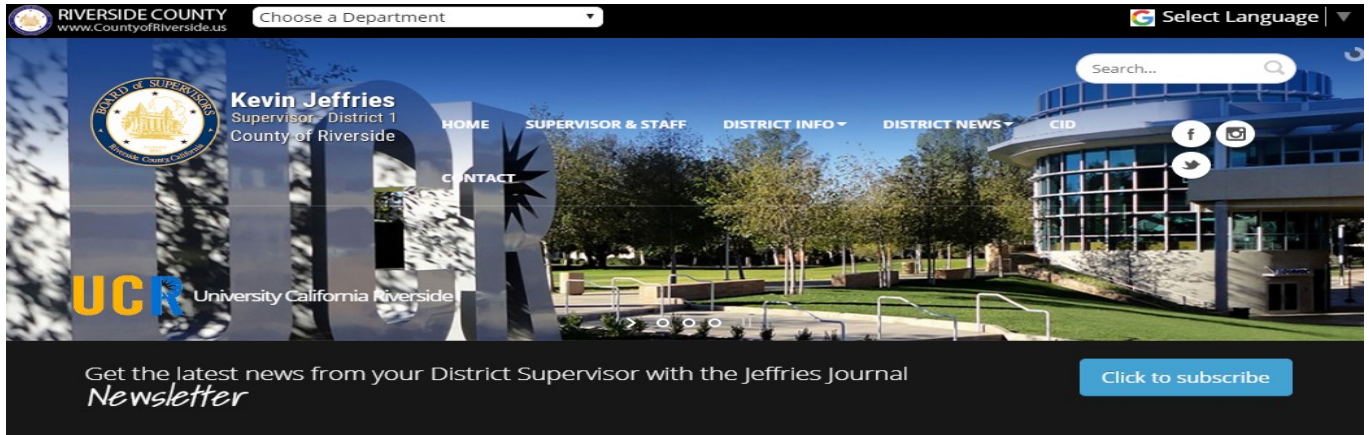
### First District Profile



*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, Lake Elsinore, Canyon Lake, and Wildomar, and unincorporated communities including Woodcrest, Lake Mathews, Mead Valley, Temescal Valley, Good Hope, Lakeland Village, El Cariso, Meadowbrook, La Cresta, Tenaja, DeLuz and Spring Hills.*

Visit our website for the most current information on several of our county departments as well as other resources

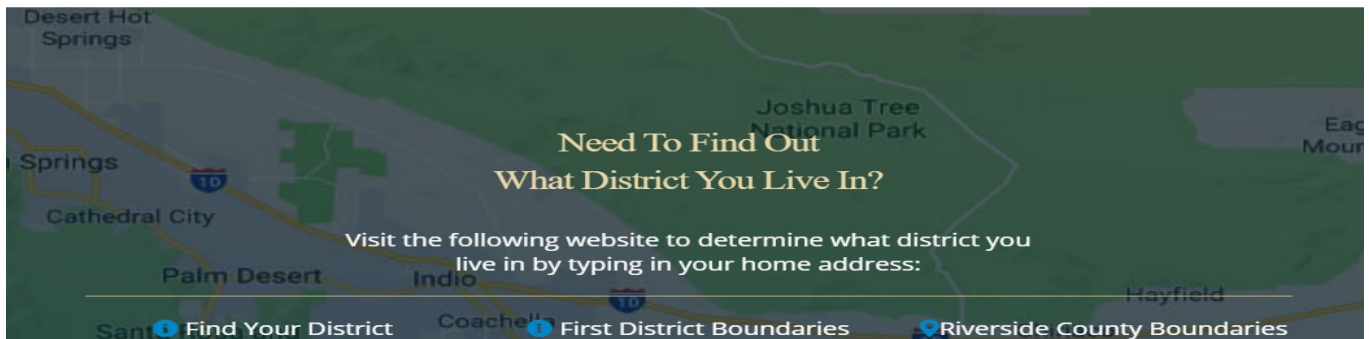
[www.supervisorjeffries.com](http://www.supervisorjeffries.com)



### Welcome to the County of Riverside's First District

Get the latest COVID-19 information from all of our Riverside County Departments by clicking here, or view the page under "District News"

The 1st District includes about 450,000 residents and encompasses the cities of Wildomar, Lake Elsinore, Canyon Lake and most of the City of Riverside. The district also covers the unincorporated communities of DeLuz, Gavilan Hills, Good Hope, Lake Hills, Lake Mathews, LaCresta, Mead Valley, Meadowbrook, Spring Hills, Temescal Valley, Tenaja, Warm Springs, and Woodcrest.





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## Riverside County **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **Medical donations and medical volunteers needed to prepare for COVID-19 surge**

Riverside County is seeking urgent medical supply donations and medical volunteers to continue its fight during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“The incoming surge is not fake nor a hoax. It is real and we have to be as prepared as possible,” said Riverside County Board Chair and Fourth District Supervisor V. Manuel Perez. “The need for medical volunteers and medical donations is critical at this point. I have heard from many hospitals and they are all concerned about resources and staffing. Your donations and volunteerism will be greatly appreciated.”

The Riverside University Health System (RUHS) created a list for urgent supplies. Some of those items include: **ventilators, cardiac monitors/portable tele system, masks (including, surgical, N-95 or handmade), personal protective equipment (which includes hoods and face guards, filters), isolation gowns and gloves.**

RUHS is also in need of **physicians, nurses, pharmacists, assistants and technicians** able to volunteer. Only licensed practitioners or students pursuing degrees in any of these areas may be medical volunteers.

A complete list of items and how to donate or volunteer can be found here: <https://www.rivcoph.org/coronavirus>. Look for the donate and volunteer buttons on the right-hand side of the page.

RUHS-Public Health Director Kim Saruwatari said the medical supply issue hit every county nationwide. As the region’s hospitals brace for an oncoming surge, the need is critical for supplies.

“We want to thank those businesses and individuals willing to donate and volunteer to help us battle this coronavirus,” Saruwatari said. “The generosity is appreciated – and definitely needed. We’re all in this fight together. Together as a community, we’ll get through this.”

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# EMERGENCY MEALS



FREE for  
Seniors  
Veterans  
& Adults with  
Special Needs

# COURTESY PANTRY



**(800)  
510-2020**

Frozen or hot meals and nonperishable pantry items are available for pick-up or delivery depending on provider and location.

# COMIDAS DE EMERGENCIA



GRATIS para los  
Personas de la  
Tercera Edad  
Veteranos  
y Adultos con  
Necesidades  
Especiales

# DESPENSA DE CORTESIA



**(800)  
510-2020**

Comidas congeladas, calientes y otros productos nutritivos están disponibles para recoger o para entrega a domicilio. Servicios dependen en el proveedor y su ubicación.





## COUNTY FACILITIES OPEN TO PUBLIC

### Internal Services:

- RCIT: RCIC, but only for HR TAP live scans and by appointment only

### Other:

- DPSS: Self-Sufficiency Offices (open for unsheltered w/o telephone access and EBT/BIC cards for on-site services only – all public lobbies are closed), Mecca Family Resource Center
- DCSS: Kiosk Payments, Court Services in Riverside/Hemet/Blythe
- Economic Development: CSA 51, CSA 62/122, Perris Valley Cemetery

### Public Works:

- TLMA: Tents outside the CAC and Palm Desert Office for Planning only
- Waste Resources: Landfills

### Public Safety:

- Sheriff: Public can be admitted as necessary
- District Attorney: All offices, but at reduced hours (10am to 2pm)
- Probation: All offices, but encouraging business to be handled electronically
- Animal Services: Until animal numbers decrease

### RUHS

- Medical Center: Remaining open with a shift to telehealth whenever possible
- Community Health Centers – Remaining open with a shift to telehealth whenever possible. Also two sites, Indio and Corona have implemented drive up services to limit in person interactions within the clinic.
- Jails/Inmate Health Care – Services remaining open with a shift to telehealth whenever possible.
- Behavioral Health: Remaining open with a shift to telehealth whenever possible. Will utilize telecommuting and telehealth to limit staff onsite.
- Public Health: Health Admin will remain open with public appointments only for vital records
- California Children's Services – Case Management via Phone only  
Riverwalk – Department Operations Center, Nutrition for WIC call center and sending out of WIC vouchers will remain staffed.

## COUNTY FACILITIES CLOSED TO PUBLIC

### Internal Services:

- Purchasing & Fleet Services
- Facilities Management

### Human Resources

### County Counsel

### Other:

- Office on Aging
- First Five
- Veteran Services
- Registrar of Voters
- Housing & Workforce Development
- Economic Development: all libraries

### Public Works:

- Flood Control
- Environmental Health
- Agricultural Commissioner

### Public Safety:

- Public Defender
- EMD
- Fire

### Government and Finance Operations

- Assessor- Clerk-Recorder
- Auditor-Controller
- Treasurer-Tax Collector

### RUHS

- Community Action Partnership
- All WIC sites



Want to get involved in your community?  
 Looking for information from County Departments?  
 Want to know updates on road improvement projects?

If you answered “yes” to any of the above questions then you should consider joining us at one of our Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) meetings. Meetings are held throughout our unincorporated areas and are all listed below. Come hear updates from the local Fire Station, your local Sheriff patrol and code enforcement officer or maybe your looking for an update from the local library.

Either way it’s all here! Consider stopping by one of our MAC meetings this year if you have not previously and simply say “Hi” to everyone there. Want to be more involved? We are always accepting applications for MAC Boards in your community for future openings.

### **MAC / CAC Meetings**

#### **Temescal Valley**

Trilogy Club House  
 24503 Trilogy Parkway  
 Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, 6pm

#### **Lakeland Village**

Lakeland Village Community Center  
 16275 Grand Ave, Lake Elsinore, CA 92530  
 Meets quarterly, 6pm (2/26, 5/27, 8/26, 11/18)

#### **Woodcrest**

Woodcrest Library Community Room  
 16625 Krameria, Riverside 92504  
 Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of odd months, 6pm  
**\*Townhall—5/14 @ Woodcrest Elementary**

#### **Mead Valley**

Mead Valley Community Center – Banquet Hall  
 21091 Rider Street Mead Valley, CA 92570  
 Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of odd months, 6pm

#### **Good Hope / Meadowbrook**

Good Hope Community Center (next to County Fire Station #9):  
 21565 Steel Peak Drive, Perris, CA 92570  
 Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of odd months, 6pm.

### **Community Group Meetings**

#### **RAGLM – Residents Association of the Greater Lake Mathews**

County Fire Station #4 – Community Center Room (annex)  
 16453 El Sobrante Road, Lake Mathews, CA 92570  
 Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month @ 7pm

#### **University City Improvement Group**

Location is TBD (moves to different resident’s homes)  
 University Heights, Riverside, CA 92502  
 Meets monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday @ 6pm

#### **Community Action Group (CAG) Casablanca**

Villegas Park Community Center  
 3091 Esperanza St, Riverside, CA 92504  
 Meets monthly, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday @ 7pm

**CANCELLED**

**Several of our community meetings have been cancelled due to current events. Please check in with our office for updated information.**