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Kevin's Corner

Some Good News! Well Sort Of. Let me start by saying this one is a little awkward to celebrate because it comes from our pocketbooks, but in a world that seems upside down a little too often lately, at least one segment of our southern California economy is not faltering. Mr. Peter Aldana, your elected Riverside County Assessor/Tax Collector reports the taxable value of all property in Riverside County for the current year grew to \$320 billion, an \$18 billion increase. This year's tax roll—a list of all taxable property, its owner and its value as of Jan. 1—will generate more than \$3.2 billion for local government services, about 20% of which goes to county government. While those figures are based on property values pre-COVID, the other good news is that according to the Realtor's Association, median home prices are up 6% over last year at this time, even with the COVID effects. Good news is, with Prop 13 protections still in place, existing property owners will not be hammered with big increases in taxes as a result.

<https://www.asrclrec.com/>

The New County Fire Chief... is Chief Bill Weiser. Chief Weiser has enjoyed a long CAL FIRE career in our growing County. During his 39-year career he worked his way up through the CAL-FIRE ranks in Moreno Valley, Perris, Temecula, and the Training Bureau to name just a few. Riverside County (and many cities) contract with the State of California/CAL FIRE (formally CDF) to provide our county with a professional all-hazards fire service. The firefighters and chiefs are state employees, while many of the admin, support and dispatch employees are county employees. The entire fire service is feeling the impacts of COVID, budget challenges, social changes and of course our never-ending fire seasons. I've known Chief Weiser starting way back in my volunteer fire service days and I believe he will be a great Chief for our entire county and contract cities. Rest assured, Chief Weiser will be earning his pay! Congratulations Chief. For more information see www.rvcfire.org/

The Glorious Fireworks Fiasco. I've been a resident of Riverside County since 1971 (estimated population at the time 460,000. Today 2.4 million). I've never in my life seen so many airborne fireworks as I did this past July 4th. And they did not come from the professional shows that were mostly cancelled all across the county and state. Our local sheriff and fire department leaders both reported to the Board of Supervisors an unprecedented record-breaking (in a bad way) level of 911 calls, and fire-related emergencies. This was on top of the routine fires and medical emergencies that occur every day. Many residents reported long delays getting through to 911 or the non-emergency lines. The fire departments across our county reported well over 100 fires going, with a few wildland fires near Lake Mathews and not having any available fire engines to respond for a period of time. On July 14th, the Board of Supervisors agreed that it was necessary for our county to reevaluate our countywide practices, prevention programs, and fines in order to discourage future illegal fireworks. This could result in stronger enforcement and confiscation, larger fines, enhanced public awareness education, and maybe, just maybe, designating certain improved community parks and facilities for families to enjoy Safe and Sane fireworks that won't scare the family pets or endanger nearby homeowners.

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COVID Updates. I receive emails and phone calls nearly every day regarding COVID. Many are demanding that the orders imposed by the State need to be strengthened, while others insist they be loosened or eliminated. Sometimes it's that the COVID stats seem askew or are under-reporting or over-reporting key information. Much of the population of the First District seems very engaged in this issue, but also very much on complete polar opposite sides when it comes to what the government should be doing or should not be doing. And just about everyone is mad! There is an incredible amount of raw emotion being shared by all sides. I have a friend of the family who also serves as a County Supervisor in Arizona and she reports that the situation and emotions are nearly identical in her state. People are worried about their health or the health of a loved one, about their jobs, their kids' education, and their rights. If you want to keep an eye on all the County statistics, simply utilize the following Riverside County Public Health link: <https://www.rivcoph.org/coronavirus>. And may I boldly suggest, turn the TV off for a while and get outside and enjoy some walks or hikes, or perhaps even the company of some family or old friends in a safe manner. And yes, I know I will get nastygrams for even suggesting this.

The Monthly Reminder.....

The Annual U.S. Census. Let's say your community needs a flood control channel, perhaps a health care clinic, or some funding from Community Development Block Grant funds to help build a senior center or a child care facility. Perhaps you live fairly close to the boundaries of an elected official (city, county, state or federal) that you would like to have represent you, well completing the census just MIGHT be able to help with some of these examples. The flow of your federal tax dollars, the boundaries of elected officials, and a host of other government related programs and services depend in large part on how many people fill out and return the census questionnaire. Go online to: www.2020census.gov

As always, feel free to write and offer suggestions to improve county services. I read nearly all of them! Please note that the really vulgar emails don't make it to my desk. They enjoy a special filing cabinet next to the printer.

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, under Boards & Commissions



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

Behavioral Health Commission - Contact our office for details on eligibility

Woodcrest Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) - 2 board openings

Local District #1 Events

Cajalco Construction Continues...

The Cajalco widening project continues along Cajalco Road from Day Street to Brown Street. Pictured to the right is the new intersection at Day Street and Cajalco Road which will encompass a new traffic signal. The Cajalco & Clark intersection will be widened as well and will also include new signals and turn lanes. Not pictured is the Brown Street and Cajalco Road intersection, which is also being improved.



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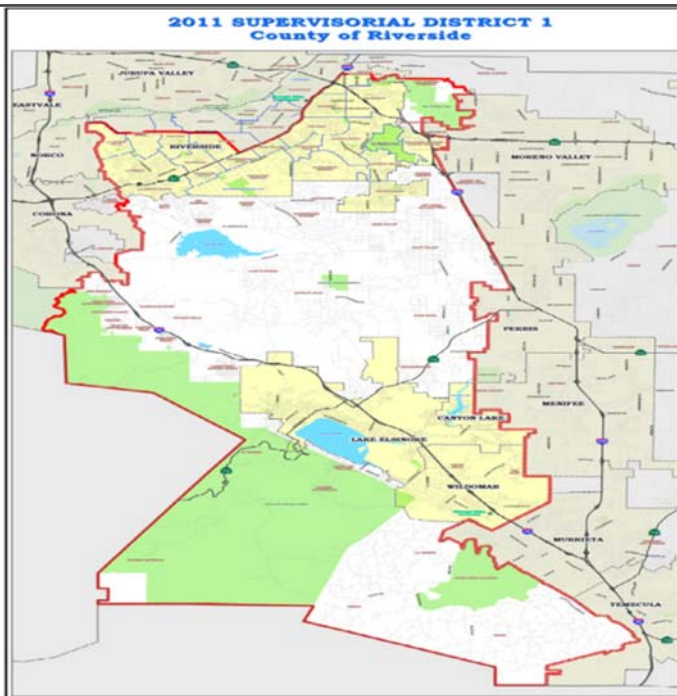
Non-Profit Spotlight

Riverside Area Rape Crisis Center



The Riverside Area Rape Crisis Center (RARCC) is proud to celebrate its 40th Anniversary this year! RARCC Serves the Communities of Banning, Beaumont, Corona, Jurupa, Lake Elsinore, Moreno Valley, Murrieta, Norco, Perris Valley, Riverside and Temecula. Founded in 1973, RARCC provides to victims of sexual assault and their families. These services include a 24-hour Crisis Hotline, Hospital and/or Court Accompaniment, and in-person Crisis Counseling. RARCC also provides Primary Prevention Community Education Outreach programs. The Agency sees approximately 25,000 children and adults annually as part of their Community Education programs presented throughout their service area of Western Riverside County. These presentations run the full spectrum of age groups from pre-schoolers to Senior citizens. They can include Self-Defense classes for children and women, My Strength Clubs for high school boys, Be Strong Clubs for high school girls, In Touch With Teens for both boys and girls, What Constitutes Sexual Harassment, and presentations that promote the development of pro-social skills aimed at preventing violence of all types by all people.

The RARCC also provides a variety of volunteering opportunities that include certification as a Crisis Counselor, becoming a member of the Agency's Speakers' Bureau, serving on internal committees, assisting with fundraising or serving as a member of the Board of Directors. If you are interested in volunteering, obtaining more information or scheduling a presentation, contact the Agency at (951) 686-7273, or visit www.rarcc.org, or, even better, stop by their office at 1845 Chicago Ave., Suite A, Riverside, CA 92507 and meet their incredible staff.



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.



Supportive Services Program for COVID-19 Impacted Workers

Riverside County residents whose employment was affected by the COVID-19 pandemic may receive **up to \$800** in assistance thanks to a state grant received by the Riverside County Workforce Development Division

The funding is available to help provide supportive services for jobseekers enrolled in the agency's various workforce assistance programs.



Type of Assistance Available

- One-time assistance between \$400 and \$800, depending on participant's income
- Funds may be used to pay for
 - Costs to return to work; including telework equipment (e.g., computer), childcare, or transportation
 - Housing expenses
 - Utility expenses

Eligibility

1. Must be a Riverside County resident who, due to COVID-19, has been laid off, is experiencing a significant reduction in hours, or is unable to work due to other COVID-19 related reasons
2. Meets income requirements

Contact us for details about eligibility requirements

Under-served populations and jobseekers who suffered a permanent job loss due to economic impacts of COVID-19 will be prioritized for assistance.

For More Information and to Apply:

Contact Stephanie Macias

Phone: (951) 955-0513

Email: stmacias@rivco.org

Equal Opportunity Employer/Program auxiliary aides and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Requests for services, aids, and/or alternative formats need to be made prior to the event by calling 1-800-669-4000 (Voice). TTY users, please call the California Relay Service at 711.



Community Career Coach Opportunity

Are you interested in learning how to be a Career Coach?

Would you like to earn a stipend while helping others?

If you desire to help community members find jobs, please read on!

**Riverside County Workforce Services
is offering free training to become a Career Coach.
Plus, a stipend to coach in underserved areas.**

Who can participate?

The program is designed for individuals living in underserved areas who are interested in learning to be a career coach while helping community members find employment.

What is a Career Coach?

Career Coaches help people choose a path to employment. This is done by helping others to build a resume, search for jobs, and submit job applications online.

What are the benefits?

This is an opportunity for self and community development. It is a way give back to the community by helping others who may be struggling with the use of technology to search and apply for jobs. Earn a stipend in the amount of \$250.00 by assisting 5 community members build their resume and apply for employment.

Interested in participating?

**Please contact
Stephanie Macias via
email or telephone.
Express interest in
Community Career
Coaching and be sure
to provide contact
information.**

Contact Information:
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COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

COVID-19 BUSINESS ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM



ELIGIBLE USE OF FUNDS

- ✓ Payroll/Employee retention
- ✓ Working capital
- ✓ Purchase of Personal Protective Equipment
- ✓ Rent or mortgage payments
- ✓ Paying vendor invoices



INELIGIBLE BUSINESSES

- ✓ Public entities
- ✓ Passive income real estate investments
- ✓ Businesses that have accessed the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)
- ✓ New/Startup Businesses with less than one year of operating history (as of 3/1/20)
- ✓ Cannabis-related
- ✓ Casinos/gambling establishments
- ✓ Adult entertainment related

\$10,000 GRANTS

Apply at www.RivCoBizHelp.org

Grants are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

Applications will be accepted beginning on June 29th at 5pm until August 31st at 5pm.

ELIGIBLE BUSINESSES

- ✓ **NEW** - Sole Proprietors that do not have employees
- ✓ **NEW** - Businesses that received the SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan or advance
- ✓ Private For-Profit
- ✓ Business must be in Riverside County
- ✓ Must have experienced a financial hardship as a result of COVID-19
- ✓ Small businesses with less than 50 employees
- ✓ Operating for a minimum of one-year as of March 1, 2020

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FOR MORE INFORMATION



YOUTH RIDE RTA BUSES FOR FREE ALL YEAR* LONG

Beginning this summer, anyone 18 and younger can ride RTA buses for free. Just flash your ID for unlimited rides anywhere RTA buses go, anytime they operate. And yes, you can take your bike or skateboard with you on the bus.

Parents, rest assured that we'll get your kids where they need to go safely. With trained drivers, clean vehicles, and a commitment to customer safety, we always put safety first. Plus, there's comfortable seating, free Wi-Fi service and USB charging ports to make the ride even better. Did we mention that it's free?

Anyone under 18 can ride for free from August 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. To ride for free, simply show a valid school ID, an RTA Youth ID card, a California driver's license or any state-issued ID showing the rider is under 18.

* FREE RIDES AUGUST 2020 – JUNE 2021. Dates subject to change.



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STAY SAFE
RTA is asking customers to practice social distancing, wear face masks and travel for essential trips only.

