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Kevin's Corner

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Vaccine Reservations 101. In what could only be described by some as the worst roller coaster ride they've ever taken, the nearly month-long rollout of signing people up to obtain their vaccine shots has shown the public the ugly underbelly of government being ill-prepared for such a massive effort. The Riverside County portion of the online registration system initially crashed and burned before residents could even be handed off to the State-run reservation system. Then when County Public Health and IT leaders responded to the crisis and re-worked its portion of the online system, it worked so well that the State reservation system crashed and burned (but it still made the County look bad). This recap doesn't even cover the more serious problem of a massive shortage of vaccine supplies across the state and nation, as we continue to have only a fraction of the vaccine to meet our demand. For today, we can talk about what we CAN fix across the County and our state. Which leads to the new direction recently announced and being implemented. First, having mostly succeeded in getting front line health care workers vaccinated, the County has now narrowed its focus to getting the vaccine to the population with the highest risk—our growing senior population, starting with 85 and up age group. That roll-out last Thursday was the first time the overall reservation system did NOT crash, and the online and phone reservations went pretty darn well (only a few bumps). The County will soon be looking to expand the next round to a lower age group, likely 80 and up, all while the private vaccination sites continue to fine tune their operations on their own patient bases, along with an effort to ramp up direct contact by those providers who gave the 1st vaccination to those individuals who need their 2nd vaccination. Does this county-wide operation still have bumps? You bet! But overall, we seem to be learning from our mistakes, and its going much better, even though everyone is still worried about the overall vaccine supply.

Plot Twist! Now that we've straightened out many of our early issues, and are evaluating a new registration system to replace the buggy State Cal-Vax system, the State is handing over the management of the statewide vaccination effort to two very large private providers, Blue Shield and Kaiser. At the time of this writing it was very unclear exactly how that was going to play out in our County. Will Blue Shield and Kaiser (and their affiliated networks) handle everyone in the private health care sector? Will all the local private hospitals, pharmacies, and clinics continue going forward? Will the county-run clinics/sites be assigned to simply work with Medi-Cal members, county employees, and/or the indigent? Lots of questions remain, and as per usual in this now year-long effort, answers from above are slow to come. In the meantime, the County will continue to work with all the other private hospitals, clinics and pharmacies to make sure the vaccine roll-out continues.

Trash & Taggers. The efforts by some to bring down our communities with their tagging and trash dumping has always been a problem and it certainly has not stopped because of COVID. For those of you who reside in the non-city (unincorporated) communities in the First District, the County has an aggressive

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clean-up effort available for illegal roadside dumping and/or graffiti abatement. The trick is.... someone must report it to the County first! If you live in an unincorporated community and have a problem area - PLEASE give our office a call and report it at 951-955-1010, or email District1@RivCo.org

Tractor-Trailer Trucks. The professional drivers of those big trucks need to make a living like the rest of us, but as more and more of us are ordering online (which as we all know hurts the brick and mortar stores), some of those truck drivers are "finding" new travel routes to avoid the freeway gridlock, and some of those routes are on streets that were never intended to handle the traffic or weight of those big trucks. I've taken a hard line on the proposed mega-warehouses along the 215 freeway the latest approved over my objection will be 2,022,364 square feet, because we do NOT have the freeway capacity needed. If they did, they wouldn't be cutting through neighborhood streets. We have been successful in limiting truck traffic on a few small residential streets, but state law doesn't easily allow us to keep them off roads like Van Buren Blvd. and Cajalco. We have been working on a better truck enforcement program, and this past week, our local CHP has started rolling out a strong enforcement program to keep the big trucks off our restricted neighborhood streets, and making sure they are safe and legal.

As always - your comments and suggestions are welcome.

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 & Commis-

In Home Support Services (IHSS) - Recipient of IHSS Services—One (1) opening

Woodcrest Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) - Two (2) alternate openings

First 5 Advisory Committee- One (1) opening

Local District #1 Events

Cajalco Road Safety Improvements Completed!!

The long awaited Cajalco Road safety improvements project has finally come to completion.

Residents and business owners alike have expressed their gratitude and happiness for the work which took over a year to complete.

With a new traffic signal at Day Street and Cajalco Road, which will enable school traffic to safely access points south of Cajalco and widening of the Clark Street and Cajalco intersection, “downtown” Mead Valley has truly changed.

Several other items such as new RTA Bus Stops, guardrails, sidewalks and more were included in the project.

Big thank you to our Transportation Team for seeing this one through for our community, it’s been a long time coming!



Non-Profit Spotlight

Riverside Educational Enrichment Foundation

Riverside Educational Enrichment Foundation (REEF) is a 501(c)(3) California nonprofit public benefit corporation formed in 1993 to benefit the over 43,000 students in Riverside Unified School District (RUSD). Uniting the community to raise funds from public and private grants, as well as individual and corporate donors, they are able to fund teacher grants in science, language arts, math, social studies, physical education and the visual and performing arts. Their all-volunteer board is composed of community leaders, parents, business associates, and educators.

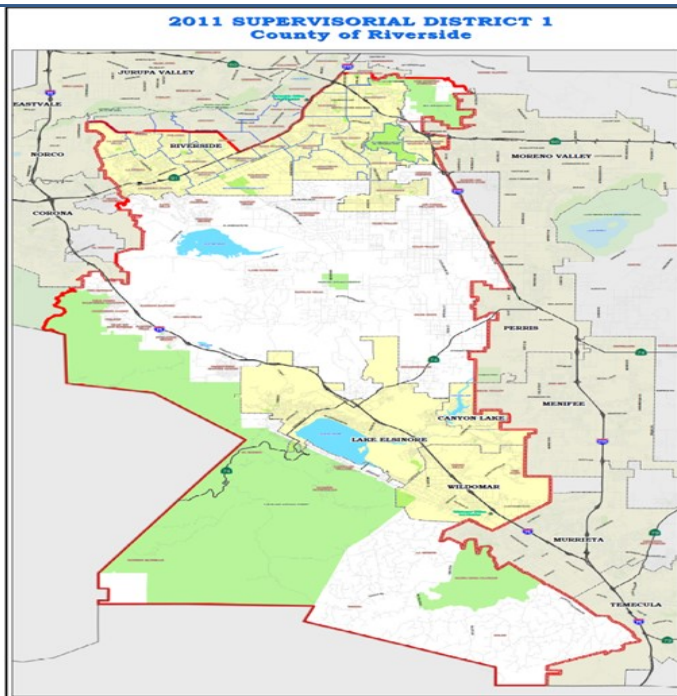
Since REEF's inception, REEF has granted over \$2.1 million dollars to RUSD in teaching grants, enhancing the educational experience of students from elementary school through high school. REEF's role has also expanded to involve other types of grants and scholarships.

Teaching Enrichment Grants: REEF awards Bonnie G. Polis Teaching Enrichment Grants, named in honor of one of the visionary founding members, on an annual basis. REEF's grants to RUSD teachers are selected from among those grant applications that demonstrate an aim to fulfill their mission and enrich the educational experience of RUSD students.

Earthwatch Fellowships: A combination of designated funds from private donors and REEF funds makes it possible for them to send RUSD teachers all over the globe on scientific expeditions, returning to share the experience with their students.

Student Scholarships: REEF reviews applications and selects scholarship winners each year from those RUSD students who meet the requirements for scholarships funded by gifts from private donors.

For more information, please their website: <https://www.reef4rusd.org/>



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.

Court Now Accepting Civil Grand Juror Applications

The Riverside County Superior Court is now accepting applications from qualified citizens interested in being nominated to serve as civil grand jurors for the time period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. A daily stipend, plus mileage is paid.

Duties include, but are not limited to, investigating the operations of county government, re-searching matters of civic concern, and inquiring into public offenses.

For more information about the Grand Jury and to access the application, please visit: <https://www.riverside.courts.ca.gov/Divisions/GrandJury/grand-jury.php>



MAKE A DIFFERENCE!
PROMOTE RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT
Serve on the 2021-2022

Riverside County Civil Grand Jury

- Ensure that county, city and local government agencies operate responsibly, legally, and ethically.
- Improve local government with your recommendations.
- Respond to citizen complaints about local government.
- Assure that our local tax dollars are spent wisely.
- Evaluate conditions at our county's jails and prisons.

Information: www.riverside.courts.ca.gov or 951-777-3644

Application deadline: April 2, 2021



Qualifications:

1 yr. Resident of Riverside County • U. S. Citizen • 18 or older

Knowledge of English • Sound judgment and character

Daily stipend plus mileage and parking

The role of a Grand Jury differs substantially from that of a trial jury. It is a fulltime assignment. Duties of the Civil Grand Jury include: To act as the public's watchdog by investigating and reporting upon the affairs of local government; weigh allegations of misconduct against public officials and determine whether to present formal accusations; review and act upon letters or complaints from citizens of Riverside County. Jury members take the oath of office in June 2021, meet four days per week in downtown Riverside, and serve for one year. Grand Jury proceedings are closed to the public.



Riverside County
NEWS RELEASE

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How Changes to California's Property Tax System Could Affect Reassessments

Changes are coming to Prop. 13, California's paramount property tax limitation measure that caps taxable property value increases, and homeowners who are over the age of 55, disabled, or victims of a natural disaster stand to benefit the most. Transfers between family members will also be affected.

On Nov. 3, 2020, California voters approved Prop. 19, the Home Protection for Seniors, Severely Disabled, Families and Victims of Wildfire or Natural Disasters Act. Prop. 19 is a constitutional amendment to Prop. 13 that expands the portability of a property owner's tax base and limits benefits for individuals who inherit property from their parents or grandparents.

"Prop. 19 introduces some very big changes to the California property tax system, and we are working diligently to implement these changes quickly," said Peter Aldana, Riverside County Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder. "There are still a lot of questions related to the language of this amendment, and my fellow assessors and I expect these to be ironed out by the Board of Equalization and state Legislature in the coming months. For now, we're working to provide the public with the best information we have."

Under current law, children and grandchildren may inherit their parents' or grandparents' property tax assessment. This applies to a primary residence of any value and up to \$1 million in additional property. Beginning Feb. 16, 2021, the individual inheriting a primary residence from their parents or grandparents will have to occupy the property to receive their parents' or grandparents' assessed value, and such transfers will be subject to limitations. The exclusion for additional property will be eliminated.

Beginning April 1, 2021, homeowners who are over the age of 55, disabled, or victims of a wildfire or natural disaster will be able to transfer the assessed value of their primary home to a newly purchased or newly constructed replacement anywhere in the state up to three times. Current law allows only one such transfer and limits it to replacements within the same county or to a participating county.

The hallmark provisions of Prop. 13 that limit rising taxable property values remains unchanged. Property owners that remain in their home and are currently protected by Prop. 13 will remain unaffected.

Changes introduced by Prop. 19 will, however, affect how certain homeowners decide to transfer their Prop. 13 protections, either to a new property or by transferring them to a child or grandchild.

Taxpayers can seek more information related to Prop. 19 on the Riverside County Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder's website: www.asrclrec.com.

"Prop. 19 may affect retirement plans and family estate planning," Aldana said. "Although my staff and I stand ready to provide the best information to the public as possible, we encourage taxpayers to seek advice from legal and financial professionals with questions related to their specific plans."



COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP Lakeland Village

Saturday, February 27, 2021
8:00 am to 12:00 pm or until bins are full.

Lakeland Village Community Advisory Council has planned a clean up along Grand Avenue. To participate or for more information, please contact 951 955-1010.

Drop-off Location:

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



Acceptable Items

- **Tires:** Per state law, please only transport 9 tires per trip. No tractor tires.
- **Bulky Items:** furniture and appliances.
- **Tree Limbs and Branches:** Should not exceed 3 feet in length. Please make sure tree limbs are bundled and tied together.
- **Electronic Waste (E-Waste):** Computers, monitors, printers, old televisions and other electronic devices with a plug or circuit board.

Unacceptable Items

- **Household Hazardous Waste:** paint, oil, solvents, pesticides/fertilizers, antifreeze
- **Universal Waste:** Batteries, fluorescent bulbs, auto parts.
- **Construction/demolition materials:** concrete, dirt and manure.



Be prepared to unload your waste and bulky items from your vehicles.

Due COVID-19 protocols: Mask must be worn when you are within 6ft of others

NOTE: Does not include disposal of industrial, business, or household hazardous waste, building materials, or household trash. If you need additional information please contact Riverside County Department of Waste Resources at (951) 486-3200. Alternate formats available upon request.



Grand Ave Cleanup

Come out and help your neighbors clean up Grand Ave from Corydon to Riverside Dr. We'll need lots of volunteers to make this happen. Bags and vests will be provided.

For more information and to volunteer send email to grandavecleanup@gmail.com



Saturday Feb 27,
2021

8AM - 12PM

2021 FREE COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP EVENTS

**Please Note:
Updated Information**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 951-486-3200 OR VISIT WWW.RCWASTE.ORG



DATE	COMMUNITY	ADDRESS	COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP	TIRE COLLECTION	PARTNER
February 27	Lakeland Village	Lakeland Village Community Center 16275 Grand Avenue Lake Elsinore, CA 92530	X	X	CRSR
March 20	Meadowbrook/ Good Hope	Vacant Lot Hwy 74 and Meadowbrook Ave. Perris, CA 92570	X	X	WM
April 3	Gavilan Hills	Gavilan Hills Ranch Market 22060 Gavilan Road Perris, CA 92570	X	X	WM
May 8	Mead Valley	Mead Valley Landfill 22376 Forrest Road Perris, CA 92570	X	X	WM
May 15	University Heights	Roadside Clean Up CA 92241	X	X	WM
September 25	Woodcrest	16831 Krameria Avenue Riverside, CA 92504	X	X	WM
October 30	Meadowbrook/ Good Hope	Mead Valley Landfill 22376 Forrest Road Perris, CA 92570	X	X	WM
November 20	Mead Valley	Mead Valley Landfill 22376 Forrest Road Perris, CA 92570	X	X	WM

Be prepared to unload your refuse and bulky items from your vehicles

**Due to COVID-19 protocols, a mask must be worn
when you are within 6ft of others.**

For more information please call
951 486-3200 or visit: <http://www.rcwaste.org/where/ccu>





Santa Rosa Plateau
2021 Run - Hike - Ride
SRPNEF

A Virtually Live Event March 18 – April 18, 2021

Participate anywhere, any time or on designated courses at the Sylvan Meadows trail system on the Santa Rosa Plateau, Murrieta, California
Race Details/Register www.srpnef.org





Six Events - 30 days to complete

- 5K Run/Hike
- 10K Run/Hike
- 10K Virtual Mountain Bike
- 10K Virtual Horse Ride
- Half Marathon
- Family Event/Passport to the Plateau

Fee Includes: T-Shirt and Medal

Fundraising event to support youth environmental education programs in our community.
www.srpnef.org

Registration Fee: Register by February 17 for Early Bird Price
5K and 10K Events: \$40/Person General Public – \$30/SRPNEF Member
Half-Marathon and Family Events: \$45/Person General Public – \$35/SRPNEF Member
Children 12 and Under: Free For Family Event with One Adult Registration




COMMUNITY ACTION CARES

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- ✓ Utility Assistance
- ✓ Tax Filing
- ✓ Mediation
- ✓ Asset Building
- ✓ Laptops/Computers
- ✓ Emergency Assistance
- ✓ Weatherization
- ✓ and more..



Contact Information:
Email: capcares@capriverside.org
Phone: 951-955-4900
www.capriverside.org



GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 10
10 AM – 12 PM
REGISTER: bit.ly/2LGStrA
ZOOM LINK WILL BE PROVIDED UPON REGISTRATION

- LEARN FROM EXPERTS:**
- How to obtain federal, state, and private funding for special projects
 - Key aspects of an exceptional grant application
 - Proper post-award follow-up
 - Live Q & A

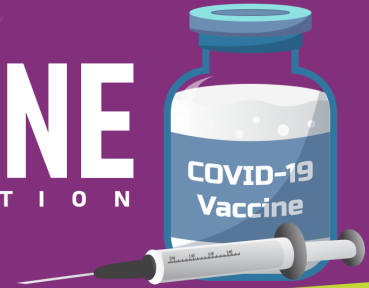


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COVID-19 VACCINE

INFORMATION



COVID-19 VACCINE will be administered through the Riverside University Health System – Public Health, as well as private providers including hospitals, physicians, pharmacies and clinics. The allocation of the vaccine is done through a phase and tier system developed and adopted by the federal and state governments. The phases and tiers are subject to change as the vaccine rollout moves forward.

TIMING & AVAILABILITY OF VACCINES

- The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines for emergency use authorization. These vaccines have gone through large-scale clinical trials and are proven to be highly-effective.
- While there will be a limited supply of vaccinations at least initially, the federal government has heavily invested in the development of vaccines to help manufacturers quickly ramp up production and expand their availability in the weeks and months ahead.
- Riverside County has plans in place to quickly distribute vaccine once it is received, however, we have extremely limited supply of vaccine at this time. As more vaccine is received in Riverside County, it will be distributed to state-approved providers and offered at public health vaccination clinics.

SAFETY & EFFECTIVENESS

- The FDA established rigorous standards for COVID-19 clinical trials and top health experts evaluate the scientific data to determine the safety and effectiveness of all vaccines.
- California's Scientific Safety Review Workgroup, composed of nationally recognized immunization, public health, academic and other subject matter experts, including local health officials, provide a second-level review of all scientific and safety data prior to distribution in California. This second level of review does not significantly affect the timeline for distribution.

VACCINE DISTRIBUTION & PRIORITIZATION

- California distributes and administers vaccines as quickly as possible once a vaccine's safety has been reviewed and approved by top health experts.
- There is currently an extremely limited supply of vaccine. Riverside County is following state requirements, in line with CDC guidance, to ensure that vaccine is distributed and administered equitably.
- Please visit www.ruhealth.org/covid-19-vaccine to find out where Riverside County is currently at in the rollout process and in which phase and tier you will be eligible to receive vaccine.

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