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Kevin's Corner

Are You the One? I need to make a new citizen appointment (from the 1st District) to the Riverside County Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC). The EMCC meets four times per year (3/18, 6/17, 9/16 & 12/16) at 9 a.m. in Riverside. In short, the EMCC serves in an advisory capacity for the Board of Supervisors concerning all aspects of emergency medical care within the county, and reviews the operations of each of the following:

- Ambulance services operating within the county.
- Emergency medical care offered within the county, including programs for training large numbers of people in CPR and First Aid.
- First Aid practices in the county.

If you have the background, time and desire to serve (mostly uncompensated) on the EMCC, and you reside anywhere within the First District, please email us with your information and background/experience.

Is This Really the Cost of Government? It clearly costs money to maintain and operate a civilized society. Somebody has to pay for all the public services, facilities, and safety nets that federal, state and local governments provide to us. We, the taxpaying public, expect that our hard earned tax dollars be used wisely and effectively for the common good. Regardless of political persuasion, we just want to make sure that our tax dollars are put to good use. In 2019, American workers (taxpayers) worked 105 days (until April 16) before they had paid enough federal, state and local taxes to enjoy Tax Freedom Day. In the spirit of asking "how are WE doing locally?", our office took a quick look at a few small instances of spending at a couple of our county community centers.

- \$5,166 to replace four burned-out light bulbs. (Apparently they were very high up).
- \$700 to replace doggie poop bags in a dispenser.
- \$178 to replace two black trash bags missing from the trash cans.
- \$336 to buy and hang 6 ft of plastic chain in a walkway.

Your gut reaction might be to wag your finger at the employees who did this expensive work. That (in my opinion) would be unfair. The employees are generally hard-working, dedicated, and were only doing what they were told to do. Behind each one of those listed expenses (and there are a dozen more examples) is a formal policy, adopted practice, or just simply put - a bureaucratic government maze of spending time to document, record and track the every movement and duties performed by these employees. It's all about "Billable Hours." How much valuable productive time is lost to generally non-productive documentation of an employee's every move, every day, and then submitted up the food chain to be evaluated by another employee, who then submits it up even higher. I know - I can hear the reply emails screaming to me about how we have to make sure our employees are productive and actually performing.

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My question is, when does the scale tip? When does the quest to satisfy a one-size-fits-all bureaucratic tracking mandate turn otherwise hard-working productive employees into near full-time bean counters? The examples listed are indeed outrageous. On Tuesday's Board Agenda is a proposal to start reducing the "centralized" government approach to county government projects and repairs.

Changing of the Guard. On Tuesday, January 7th, the first item of action at the 9:30 a.m. Board of Supervisors meeting will be to elect a new Board Chair and Vice Chair. I enjoyed my time in the barrel (well most of the time), and it seems fairly certain that current Vice Chair Supervisor Manny Perez will bump up to the Chairmanship. I suspect the 2020 Vice Chair position will go to either Supervisor Karen Spiegel or Supervisor Jeff Hewitt. You are always welcome to access the live Board meetings on your computer or on some local cable TV providers. With the exception of the occasional protestors, and some off-the-wall comments you wouldn't want young children to hear, most meetings are pretty tame and informative, if you like that kind of stuff.

As always, please feel free to email your thoughts, suggestions or gripes. My staff makes sure that they all make it to me (except the really vulgar ones).

Respectfully,

Kevin Jeffries
First District

PS. If you want to learn more about your community, a list of our public Municipal Advisory Councils and other local organizations is on the back page of this newsletter.



*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

County Archives Commission - Opening pending (seeking qualified applicants)

Emergency Medical Care Commission—Open (seeking qualified applicants)

Local District #1 Events

Santa Claus stops by Mead Valley for Breakfast!

Our annual Breakfast with Santa was another hit even though the weather did not cooperate as in years past. Over 1500 people showed up to enjoy breakfast, games, face painting, music and more! This event would not be possible without the generous donations from several of our local community businesses and the volunteers who show up to assist with cooking, cleaning etc. Once again thanks go out to the students from Citrus Hill High School for their dedication to our local events.



Local District #1 Events

Over 1000 residents visit with Santa Claus in Good Hope!

Our annual breakfast with Santa was another great hit for the community. Although it was cold, and cloudy, residents still showed up to enjoy breakfast, games, food, music and of course see Santa Claus and receive a toy from his toy shop as well. Big thanks to all of the volunteers who helped make this possible yet again this year. Agape Community Church, Al Abassi Construction, The Grove, Home Depot, Star Milling and of course all of our community members. Looking forward to another great year in 2020!



Local District #1 Events

Lakeland Village Cookies with Santa!

Hundreds of kids came to see Santa at the Lakeland Village Community Center on Dec. 11th. In addition to seeing Santa; Cops For Kids gave out toys, Studio 395 hosted a cookie decorating table, the Boys & Girls Club and EVMWD provided craft tables and Riverside County Sheriff Explorers assisted with the event.



Snow Day at Deleo Park

On Dec. 14th thousands of Temescal Valley residents enjoyed sleigh rides, jump houses, face painting, cookie decorating and photos with Santa!



SATURDAY 11AM-2PM **SLEDDING RAMPS • CRAFTS**
DECEMBER 14TH **SNOW PLAY • TRAIN RIDES**
DELEO REGIONAL PARK **REMEMBER TO BRING GLOVES & WARM CLOTHES** **COOKIE DECORATING • GIVEAWAYS**
SANTA • CARNIVAL GAMES
BOUNCERS • FAMILY FUN




FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT RRHOSS@RIVCO.ORG OR 951.955.4816

Non-Profit Spotlight

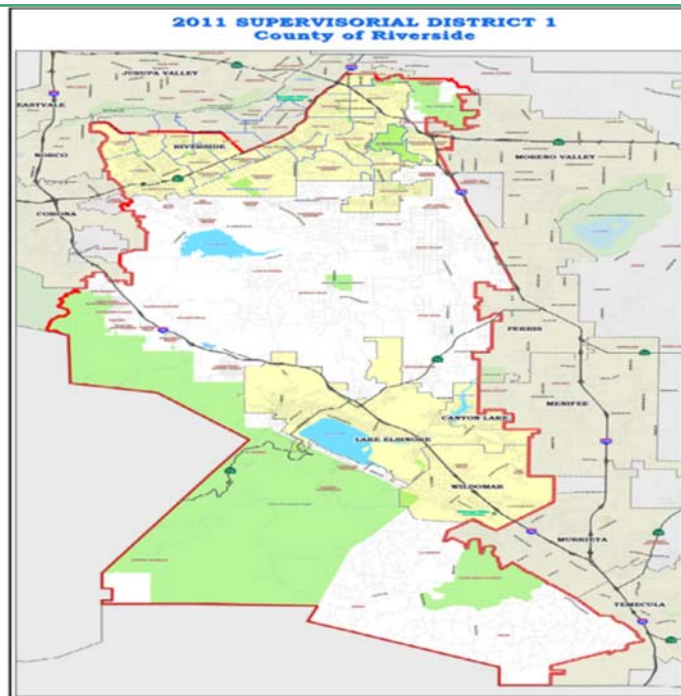
True Innocents Equine Rescue



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Founded in 1999, True Innocents Equine Rescue (TIER) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that rescues abused, neglected, abandoned, and unwanted horses, primarily in Southern California. By networking with local animal control agencies, Humane Societies, and other rescue organizations, they strive to help as many horses as they can. Their adoption program helps horses find safe, responsible, loving, and caring homes while the sanctuary horses remain under the care of TIER for the remainder of their time on earth. Through their Youth Outreach & Volunteer programs, these magnificent horses continue to unconditionally give of themselves as teachers to people of all ages.

Since 1999, TIER has helped over 800 horses who would have otherwise met an uncertain fate. For more information on adoption/sponsorship, please visit their website at <http://www.tierrescue.org/> or call them at (951) 943-0627.



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.



Join
A Point in Time



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A Point in Time



VOLUNTEER to COUNT!

Join the Point in Time Count of unsheltered adults on a single day to determine the extent of homelessness in Riverside County.

5:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
January 29, 2020

Make it Count for Everyone!

Register to volunteer

www.RivCoExchange.com

Point in Time Hotline 951-358-3844



VOLUNTEER to COUNT!

Join the Point in Time Count of unsheltered youth over three days to determine the extent of homelessness in Riverside County.

2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

January 29 – January 31

Register to volunteer at

www.RivCoExchange.com

Point in Time Hotline 951-358-3844



BE A MENTOR
REGISTER NOW

Become a Community Action self-sufficiency mentor
Motivate and mentor Community Action participants

Give back to your community
Make an impact

Minimal time commitment
Free background check

More Information:
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951-955-3220
msberndt@capriverside.org



MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Learn to prepare taxes and make a difference in your community at the same time. Help your community prepare taxes FREE of charge for low to moderate income families by becoming a volunteer with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program.

VOLUNTEER AS A GREETER - TAX PREPARER - SITE COORDINATOR

To apply go to:
<http://bit.ly/CommunityActionVITAApplication>

- Fun, rewarding, and a great way to build new skills!
- FREE Training! Flexible schedule!
- Improve the financial security for yourself and your community!

Contact:
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Website: www.capriverside.org



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**JANUARY IS
NATIONAL BLOOD
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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 at Glen Ivy- The Lodge
 24503 Trilogy Parkway
 Meets 2nd Wednesday of each month, 6pm

Lakeland Village Community Advisory Council

Lakeland Village Community Center
 16275 Grand Ave Lake Elsinore, CA 92530
 Meets quarterly on the 4th Wednesday @ 6pm

Woodcrest

Woodcrest Library Community Room
 16625 Krameria, Riverside 92504
 Meets the 2nd Thursday of odd months, 6pm

Mead Valley

Mead Valley Community Center – Banquet Hall
 21091 Rider Street Mead Valley, CA 92570
 Meets the 1st 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 1st 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 3rd 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 2nd Tuesday @ 6pm

Community Action Group (CAG) Casablanca

Villegas Park Community Center
 3091 Esperanza St, Riverside, CA 92504
 Meets monthly, 2nd Wednesday @ 6pm