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COUNTY
DISTRICT #1**



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Kevin's Corner

A Budget, or A Best Guess? When you have a projected decline of incoming revenues of somewhere between \$50 million and \$100 million, you have an increase in wages, benefits and pension costs for nearly 24,000 employees, you have legal obligations to provide certain levels of services as mandated by the State (county governments are created by authority of the State and must deliver certain services as required by the State), and you top that off with a growing population with growing demands to be met, something has to give.

Add to the mix that most of the public safety departments (Public Defender, District Attorney, Probation, Sheriff, Corrections, etc.) are faced with growing costs and/or growing workloads. And as if that is not enough, our social service and health agencies are also facing those very same growing populations and increased service demands. We then toss in the ongoing financial and personnel costs of the countywide COVID response and its social and economic impacts, you can't help but wonder when we (Riverside County & California) will get to see some light at the end of the tunnel.

So, to make a long story short, a temporary county budget was passed roughly a week ago on a 3-2 vote to keep some public safety departments and some social services at their current staffing levels, while most other departments took some pretty big cuts. On top of that over 2,000 vacant employee positions were eliminated. Depending on what happens next with the state budget, any future federal bailouts, and critical tax revenues from the private sector, the final budget vote (with all its updates) will likely be held in late September. Government is only as financially strong and stable as the private sector, so if we do not rebound soon, we could have many government services boarded just up like the businesses who have closed up shop. We are all in this one together.

Federal COVID Grant Money for Businesses, Non-Profits, and Renters! While the County is required by law to balance its budget, the federal government continues to print more money for aid and assistance, and the County is using this money for a variety of COVID related grants to businesses, non-profits, and those who need rental assistance. The business grants (up to \$10,000) announced earlier, have now expanded to sole proprietors and family businesses without employees operating in Riverside County. For more information visit: <https://rivcoccsd.org/>. Non-profits who assist our communities can also apply for grant funds of up to \$10,000 to help with COVID related costs or losses beginning July 1st at: <https://www.iegives.org/new-aid-available-for-riverside-county-nonprofits/> Those who need rental assistance (up to \$3,500) can apply for aid here: <https://www.unitedlift.org/>

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Don't forget... Census. If you have not yet completed and turned in your 2020 census, please be sure to get this done. Your neighborhood, your community, and your county (and our local cities) all depend on those census forms being completed and turned in. <https://2020census.gov/>

Weed Abatement. Fire Season is here and in many communities some serious weed eating work still needs to be done to help protect our homes, our neighbors and to help our local firefighters help us.

Latest COVID Stats and Guidance. While most businesses have been allowed to reopen in Riverside County, the virus continues to be a danger for all of us. For the latest Riverside County virus stats and guidance on how to conduct business and other activities safely, please visit: <https://www.rivcoph.org/coronavirus>. Note: While COVID testing numbers are increasing, an important stat that I keep an eye on is our available ICU beds at all of our hospitals across the county. ICU beds are commonly utilized for serious traffic accidents, traumatic injuries, heart attacks, etc. As of yesterday 31% of countywide ICU beds were filled by confirmed COVID patients with all other types of patients filling almost all of the remaining ICU beds. Fortunately the hospitals have very significant surge capacity available to handle any additional needs for our county.

As always, feel free to email (or call) our office with your suggestions or questions.

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

More Streets Paved in our Mead Valley Community

Recently our Transportation Department was able to pave Elmwood Ave and a small portion of Day Street. This was done in advance of our Cajalco Safety Project which is currently in progress on Cajalco which will include road widening, new bus stops, larger intersections, and a new traffic signal at Day Street and Cajalco.



Non-Profit Spotlight

Stretched nonprofits to receive financial support during economic uncertainty

Application period runs through the month of July

This week the Riverside County Board of Supervisors moved to provide up to \$5 million in additional financial support to the nonprofit community, which are increasingly being stretched by higher demands for service and a reduction in revenue.

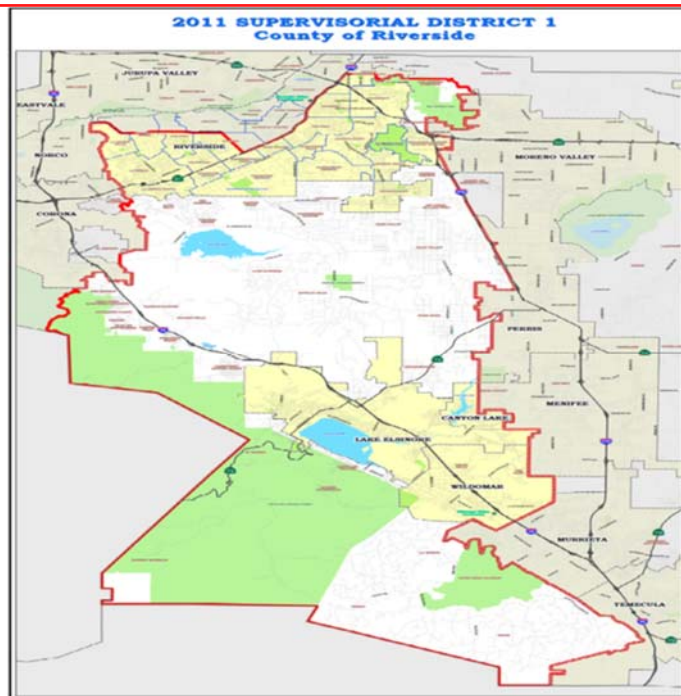
Nonprofits may apply from July 1-July 31 for grants ranging between \$2,500 - \$10,000, depending upon need and overall demand.

“The nonprofit community that provides direct services fills gaps in service and needs that the county and other government agencies cannot meet,” said Vice Chair Karen Spiegel, Second District Supervisor. “These agencies are some of the highest in-demand agencies in the county, and they need financial support to get through this pandemic, just like our businesses.”

There are currently 7,511 nonprofits registered in Riverside County and 5,331 nonprofits who recently filed tax returns. These nonprofits employ more than 69,000 employees in the Inland Empire.

“The Inland Empire Community Foundation (IECF) is pleased to partner with the Riverside County Board of Supervisors to deploy these funds, and we are grateful that our Supervisors recognize the economic contribution of our sector in these times.” said IECF President and CEO Michelle Decker.

To learn more about the program, including how to apply after July 1, visit: <https://www.iegives.org/new-aid-available-for-riverside-county-nonprofits/>.



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.

Support classes offered for families dealing with Alzheimer's and chronic illnesses

New online series will launch in July

The physical and emotional toll on people who take care of their older family members, especially caring for aging seniors living with chronic health conditions like Alzheimer's and Parkinson's, are great. A new series of virtual classes in July will give caregivers information on how chronic conditions can affect personality and decision-making, additional coping skills and community resources.

The Office on Aging's Care Pathways classes are free and designed for family members who care for older adults with Alzheimer's, dementia, stroke, Parkinson's and other chronic conditions. The program will begin virtually the week of July 6.

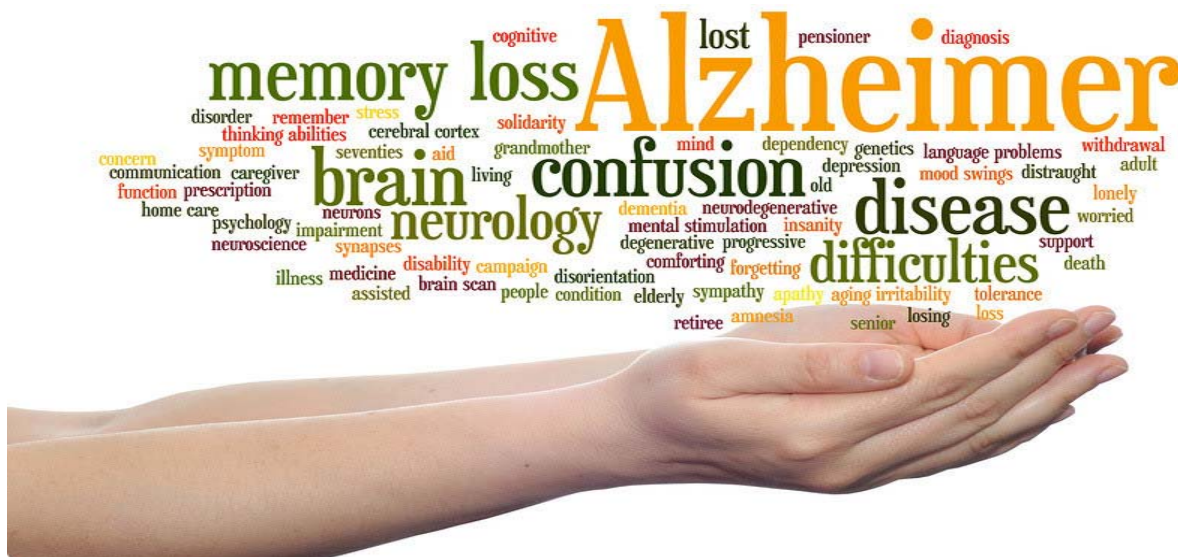
The weekly workshops focus on information and support to family caregivers who face challenges managing caregiving responsibilities for a family member who is 60 years of age or older. This series of weekly workshops will cover topics, including living with dementia, preventing caregiver burnout, talking to the doctor and understanding legal issues.

The workshops are led by experienced facilitators who understand the challenges that family caregivers face, and also provide powerful tools to manage tasks with confidence and increase self-care.

Registration is required and is open to all Riverside County residents. The classes will be held on Zoom, a free online video meeting service. Technical assistance will be provided for those unfamiliar with the online meeting tool.

To register for this series of free workshops, call the Riverside County Office on Aging at (951) 867-3800. Home care assistance can be arranged to attend the class by requesting respite at the time of registration.

The Care Pathways program is funded through Riverside University Health System-Behavioral Health, through the California Mental Health Service Act.



Application period opens for “United Lift” to disburse \$33 million in rental assistance

RIVERSIDE, CA — United Lift, a rental assistance program coordinated between Riverside County, United Way of the Inland Valleys, and Lift To Rise, is launching this week with the goal of keeping 10,000 families and residents housed.

The program for Riverside County residents will provide \$33 million in rental assistance between the months of June and November. Lift to Rise and United Way of Inland Valleys will administer the program, including dispersing the first round of payments in July.

“Riverside County, a place already facing significant economic insecurity and rent burden, is now severely impacted by the near collapse of the region’s tourism and entertainment economy, said Riverside County Supervisor V. Manuel Perez. “The ability of our region to come together like this and keep people in their houses reflects the values and spirit that remain so strong here despite our challenges.”

Residents may apply at UnitedLift.org or by calling 2-1-1. The application portal will be live and available in English and Spanish beginning June 15. The first application window will be open for 10 days and close on June 25. Following the initial window, applications will be open every month for a period of 10 days.

“We are grateful to be trusted as stewards of vital resources and eager to continue our work to ensure that

LIFT TO **RISE**



**United
Way**



**United Way
of the Inland Valleys**

RIVERSIDE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM TO OFFER EXPRESS SERVICE

(Riverside County, CA) - The Riverside County Library System (RCLS) will be opening up many of the County Libraries with express service on June 22, 2020.

The express service will allow patrons to continue to reserve their books and materials online as well as by calling their respective library. Patrons can call their library to schedule a date and time to retrieve their reserved materials, similar to the retail curbside services that we have become accustomed to. Book drops will be open as well for returns.

County Librarian, Barbara Howison, said RCLS Libraries are back in business, although technically never shut down.

"Online resources and services continued and thrived through the pandemic as well as popular programs such as story times," said Howison. "Our priority remains keeping Riverside County Library System patrons, volunteers and employees safe and well-informed while doing what we can to help minimize the potential spread of the coronavirus".

RCLS is asking all patrons, volunteers and employees to wear face coverings and continue to follow health and safety standards when entering the facilities. Once we find reassurance in this phase of re-opening, we will slowly begin to add in-person services and features.

To see if your library is open for express service, please check the website at www.rivlib.net or by calling 951-369-3003.



**Riverside County
Library System**

**JULY IS NATIONAL
PARKS & REC MONTH**

A LIFETIME

OF DISCOVERY

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

COVID-19

Protect yourself and loved ones

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19

+ WASH YOUR HANDS

Wash your hands with soap and warm water regularly.



+ COVER A COUGH OR SNEEZE

Cover your cough or sneeze with your sleeve, or tissue. Dispose of tissue and wash your hands afterward.



+ DON'T TOUCH

Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth, especially with unwashed hands.



+ KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



+ STAY HOME

If you experience respiratory symptoms like a cough or fever, stay home.



+ GET HELP

If you experience symptoms of COVID-19 (cough, fever, shortness of breath), call your health care provider or local health department before seeking care.



MORE INFORMATION

Follow the California Department of Public Health:
@capublichealth and www.cdph.ca.gov/covid19



4th
OF JULY



More pets run away on the Fourth of July than on any other day of the year.

JULY 5TH is the busiest day of the year for animal shelters nationwide.

30% The increase in the number of lost pets between July 4th and 6th.



7.6 million
animals are lost each year



Only 26%
of dogs are returned to their owners



Over 35%
of lost pets are euthanized annually

Tips to Keep Your Pet Safe on the Fourth:

The Fourth of July is a scary time for our furry friends. The high-pitched squeals, thundering booms and bright flashing lights of the fireworks can send even the bravest dog running. On the Fourth, pets need their master's help and reassurance to keep them safe and at ease.



Ensure your dog gets plenty of exercise during the day before the fireworks begin.



Provide a safe place for them to retreat like their crate or bed and check on them every few hours.



Make sure your dog has a collar and ID tag, and make sure their Tagg GPS Pet Tracker is fully charged.



Keep your pets indoors, lower blinds and close the windows so they won't be frightened by the noise and bright lights.



Learn more about pet safety at tagg.com