



Kevin's Corner

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COVID Boomerang - Just when we thought Riverside County had finally reached the goal post to drop down and stay in the Red Tier, the testing and infection numbers went the wrong way, causing the state to put us back into the Purple penalty box. Compared to our neighbors, we are right about in the middle, doing better than San Bernardino and Imperial Counties, a little better than LA County (who never made it into Red Tier), and worse than San Diego and Orange Counties. Since LA has been more aggressive than we have in enforcement, and OC has been more hands-off, it is easy to speculate that like everything else, demographics (poverty, age, ethnic disparities) have a lot to do with who is successful (or not) fighting COVID. Shortly after the State announced our rollback and shutdowns, they also announced that they would be providing counties likes ours with education and enforcement resources from the California Office of Emergency Services, Consumer Services, Labor Agency, Food & Agriculture Department, plus 30 agents from ABC sweeping across the county last week. Based on the future testing and evaluation time frames set by the State, my unscientific guesstimate is that we could remain in Purple roughly up through Thanksgiving. The good news is that overall California is doing much better than most states in keeping the virus and death numbers low. The bad news, our unemployment numbers and economic impacts are off the charts.

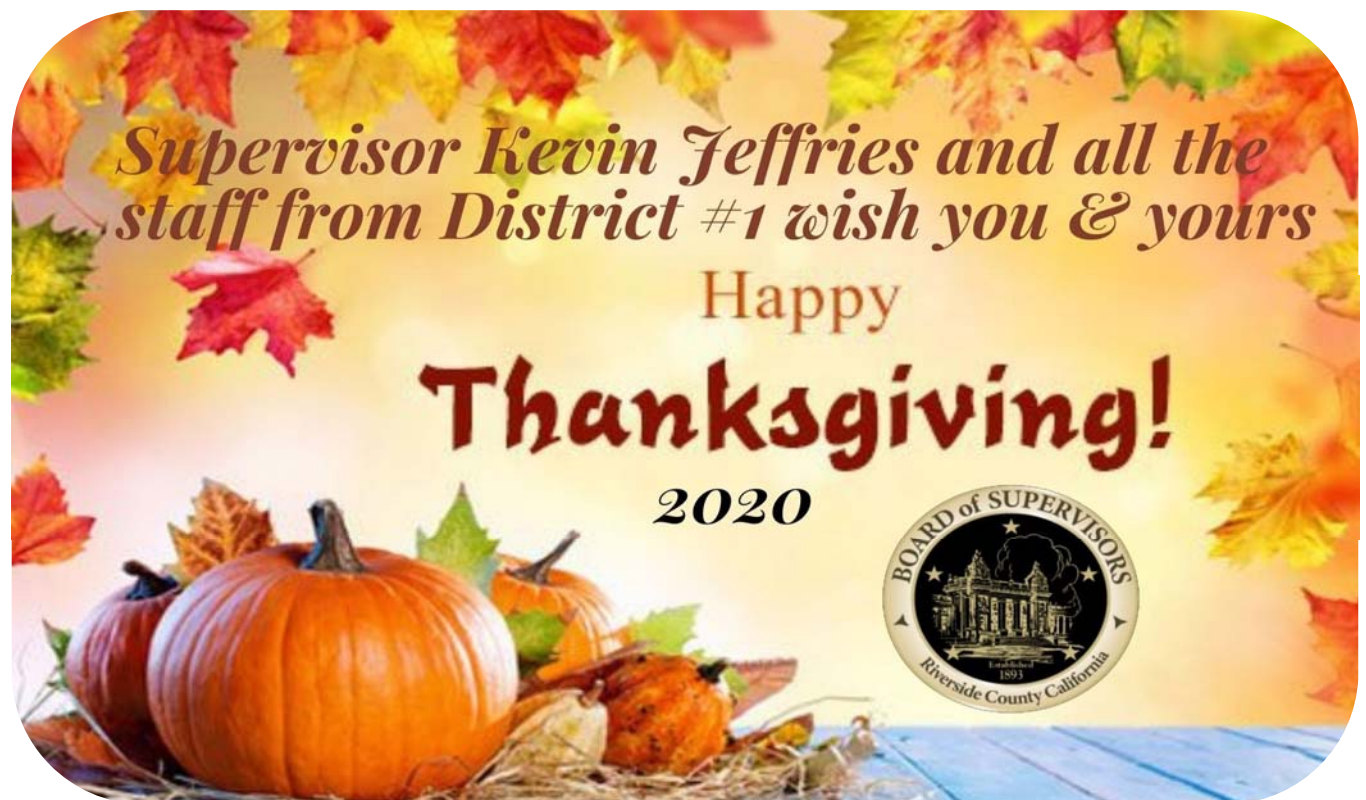
Telecommuting Study - The concept of having some employees work from home is nothing new to the private sector, but not so common in the government sector, at least until COVID arrived from China. Riverside County jumped on the bandwagon with roughly 7,000 of its 20,000 employees utilizing some form of telecommuting this year. Telecommuting can help with reducing the need for office space, desks, phones, computers, and employee parking spaces and it can also help (a little) with traffic congestion. One of the notable downsides can be customer contact or public access. The inability of members of the public to directly speak with a human resulted in our office receiving a barrage of complaints over citizens being unable to talk to someone either at the counter or on the phone when attempting to contact some county departments. In fact, there were times that my staff could not even reach someone to pass along the complaints from the public. For the most part those stumbles (embarrassments) have been cleared up, and several agencies are reporting that their employees are more productive than ever before working remotely, without the distractions of the office environment. Now we are dealing with the ongoing sticky issues of making sure work is actually being performed at home, which employees could or should utilize telecommuting, what if they want to work out-of-state, and how will employee evaluations be done. Answering those questions above will determine whether this newfound support for telecommuting will continue post-COVID.

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The Curse of the False Alarm Ordinance - I know it is a week late for a spooky Halloween story, but listen to this one: A few years ago, we learned about the incredible impact of false alarms on our public safety departments. In 2016, the Sheriff had 15,172 alarm calls in unincorporated areas, of which only 37 were determined to be legitimate and 13,461 were responded to but found to be false. The other 1674 were cancelled before any officers arrived on the scene. That is a lot of wasted time for our first responders, so I brought an ordinance to the Board in 2018 to disincentivize those who were repeat alarm offenders, in an effort to reduce the number of false alarm calls and free up the Sheriff and Fire Department to respond to real emergencies. The Ordinance was supposed to come back in September of 2018, but then we had fires that caused delays. Then we had floods that caused delays. Then there were flowers (the Poppies!). Then we all got COVID delayed. Long story short, two and half years later, we still have no ordinance to vote on! Even stranger, when doing the research for the ordinance, we found that the Board had previously voted in December 2012 to enact a false alarm ordinance---and it was never seen again!!! Was it the international burglar alarm cartel making it disappear? Another series of unfortunate disasters and delays? Hopefully we can overcome this curse and have it before the Board by the end of this year.

As always, feel free to reach out to my office. I do read all the comments (good and bad).

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*

Flood Control Commissioner - Zone #1 One (1) opening

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

Behavioral Health Commission - Contact our office for details on eligibility

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

First 5 Commission - One (1) opening

Advisory Council on Aging - One (1) opening



Open Position: Flood Control Commissioner

The First District has an immediate opening on the Riverside County Flood Control Commission representing Zone 1. Commissioners serve as unpaid volunteers, attend a minimum of one annual meeting, review the District's Annual Budget and Regional Drainage Plans. For more information visit the District's website at www.rcflood.org. To apply please submit the online application available at www.supervisorjeffries.org



District #1 News....

Southern California Edison Starts Construction on the Valley Ivy Glen Sub-transmission Line Project

Earlier this summer, Southern California Edison (SCE) began construction on the much-needed Valley Ivy Glen Subtransmission Line. Upon completion, the project will improve reliability to the electrical grid by adding a second source line into the Temescal Valley area.

The project consists of the construction of approximately 25 miles of new 115 kilovolt subtransmission lines between the SCE Valley Substation in Menifee and Ivy Glen Substation in the Temescal Valley. The project is expected to be online and operational by mid-2022.

SCE is committed to minimizing impacts from construction and providing updates to local officials, residents and businesses in the project area.

During construction, SCE will:

- Comply with applicable local ordinances and regulations, including dust control, noise ordinances, and other best management practices.
- Provide notification to affected property owners prior to construction activities, including information on street closures and other activities that could temporarily limit access for area residents.
- Ensure safety during all construction activities. Construction equipment will be removed or secured during non-working hours; open holes and potential hazards will be covered or marked.

For additional information, please contact SCE at 1.866.785.7057 or visit the project website: www.sce.com/ivyglen.



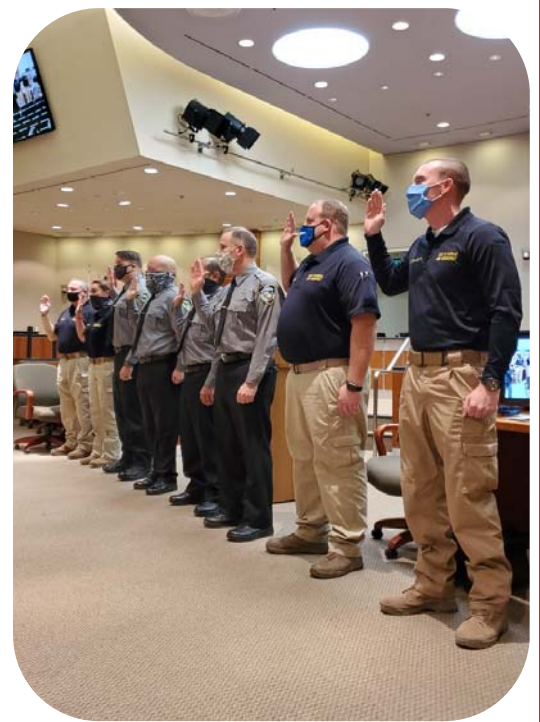
Riverside County Code Enforcement Department Welcomes New Officers....

On Thursday October 29th 2020 Supervisors Kevin Jeffries (District #1), Karen Spiegel (District #2) and Jeff Hewitt (District#5) welcomed eight (8) new code enforcement officers to the department, Interim County CEO Juan Perez and Interim Director of TLMA Charissa Leach were on hand as well to welcome the new hires and pin the badges for each.

District #1 & #2 will be augmented by two of the officers who will work out of the Cajalco office.



(Left) Supervisor Kevin Jeffries with Code Supervisor Jamison Cole, and new officers Michael Romero and Mark Mandel.



(Right) new code officers receive their oath of office.

Non-Profit Spotlight

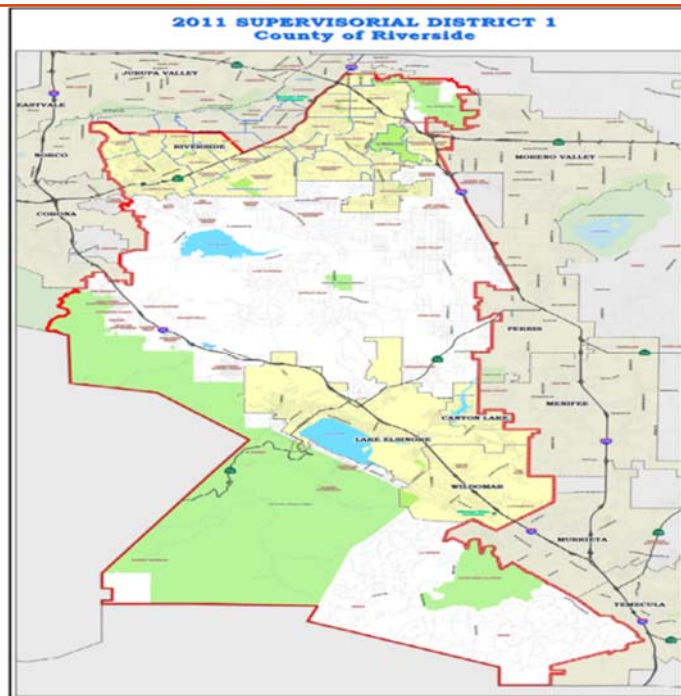
The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)



NAMI, The National Alliance on Mental Illness, is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. NAMI Advocates for access to services, treatment, supports and research and is steadfast in its commitment to raising awareness and building a community of hope for all of those in need.

Thousands of members and supporters are the face and voice of NAMI – families, individuals, friends and businesses – who come together to celebrate mental illness recovery, to honor those who have lost their lives to mental illness and to combat stigma, promote awareness and advocate for others.

For more information, visit their website at to find a local affiliate near you: <https://www.nami.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.

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BUSINESSES NOV 17

- 9:00am - Welcome - Hans Kernkamp
- 9:15am - Food Rescue - Inland Harvest
- 9:45am - Recycling Regulation - Jill Lerner
- 10:15am - Hazardous Waste Resources - James Chen
- 10:45am - Recycling Services - Waste Haulers
- 11:15am - Sustainability Leaders - Ponte Winery
- 11:45am - Sustainability Award Program - Corinne Awad
- 12:15pm - Tips & Tools: Restaurant Food Waste Reduction - Ned Baker
- 12:45pm - Closing

- 9:00am - Welcome - Hans Kernkamp
- 9:15am - Recycle Right - AnaLisa Campos & Tiffany Van Gordon
- 9:45am - Mattress Recycling - Bye-Bye Mattress
- 10:15am - Household Hazardous Waste - James Chen
- 10:45am - Paint Care - Valentina Ferenac
- 11:15am - Monarch Butterfly Sustainable Habitat - Tracy Davis
- 11:45am - Green Cleaning - Janet Moreland
- 12:15pm - Textile Recycling - Tiffany Van Gordon
- 12:45pm - Closing

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RESIDENTS NOV 18

EDUCATORS & STUDENTS NOV 19

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- Educators**
- 9:00am - Welcome - Hans Kernkamp
 - 9:15am - Citizen Scientist - Diana Ruiz
 - 9:45am - Environmental School Presentations - Eco Heros
 - 10:15am - Resources for Schools - James Rowland
 - 10:45am - Starting a School Garden - City of Perris

- Students**
- 11:15am - Climate Change & Public Health - Natasha Wasim
 - 11:45am - UCR's Sustainability Efforts - Fortino Morales
 - 12:15pm - Green Jobs - Fortino Morales & Michael Viramontes
 - 12:45pm - Closing

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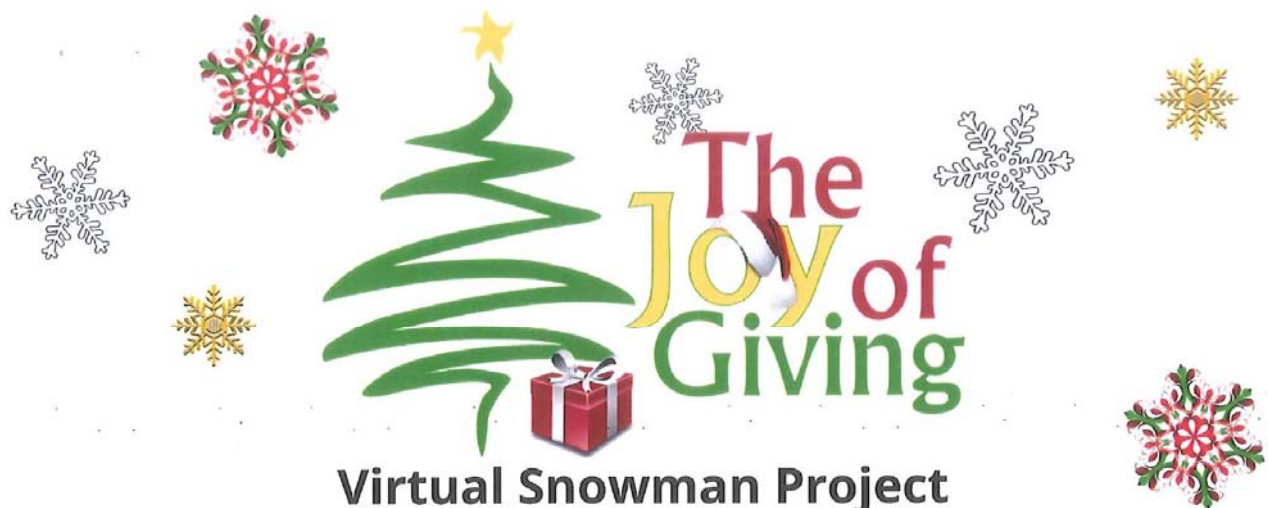
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Virtual Snowman Project

Give the gift of joy to a child or youth this Holiday!

You can brighten the life of a child or youth this Holiday Season, by donating a holiday gift or a gift card.

Parent Support & Training Program continues to provide services & support to families during the COVID-19 pandemic. With so many uncertainties, children, youth & families need a little Joy to brighten the Holiday Season this year. Riverside University Health System – Behavioral Health/ Parent Support & Training Program will once again have the Snowman Banner Project this year. To continue to maintain the safety and health of our staff and families, we will be running our project a little differently this year.

You can...

1. Sign up to receive your "Virtual Snowman", with a "Snowflake Gift" request for your business, club or organization through November and early December. Contributions are tax deductible. Please indicate how many virtual "Snowflakes" you would like to have on your "Virtual Snowman". The "Snowflakes" will consist of the age and gender of the child/youth.
2. Bring the unwrapped gifts to Riverside University Health System-Behavioral Health, Parent Support & Training Program **at 3125 Myers St. Building #3, Riverside, CA 92503** or call Luz Negrón/Rachel Douglas and/or Lorie Lacey-Payne to arrange the pick up on or before Tuesday 12/15/20.

Children receiving these gifts are, or have a family member who is, receiving services through Riverside University Health System-Behavioral Health. For information and/or to obtain a "Virtual Snowman" please contact: Luz, Rachel, or Lorie.

MAIL:
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Riverside, CA 92503

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PH#: (951) 358-5862

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LLaceyPayne@ruhealth.org
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RDouglas@ruhealth.org



FRONT DOOR BOARDINGS TO RESUME ON NOVEMBER 2

Some normalcy is returning to public transit in Riverside County. After nearly seven months of asking customers to use the rear doors of the bus to board and exit, the Riverside Transit Agency on November 2 will open the front doors for a more traditional style of boarding and fare payment. In April, RTA switched to rear-door boarding on its larger buses to maximize the safety of drivers and customers. Fare collection, which is done at the front of the bus, was not enforced during that time. On small buses, customers continued to board through the front doors and although they had access to the farebox, fare collection was similarly not enforced. The return to front-door boarding on all buses will enable customers to pay at the farebox by either dipping their pass or using their phones for contact-free payment. Several safety measures will remain in place such as mandatory facemasks, social distancing and protective barriers between the customers and drivers. The move presents an opportunity to strengthen customers' trust in public transportation, emphasize safety as RTA's number-one core value, and to ask the community to do their part to maintain a safe environment aboard our buses. Fare enforcement ambassadors will be deployed to spread the word to customers at major transfer locations.

BUSES TO OPERATE REGULAR SERVICE ON VETERANS DAY

RTA salutes all veterans who served our country with honor and distinction. On Veterans Day, Wednesday, November 11, buses will operate regular service and the Customer Information Center will be open 6am to 10pm.

JOIN TRANSPORTATION NOW

Members of the public are invited to join Transportation NOW to promote public transportation in their cities and beyond. With growing concern over crowded freeways, rising fuel costs and emphasis on finding cleaner and greener ways to get around, Transportation NOW is focused on the challenges that lie ahead and dedicated to making a real difference.

Members of the grassroots group — ranging from elected officials to community activists to everyday transit users — are committed not only to addressing regional transportation issues but meeting the needs of our individual communities. Six chapters are located throughout the region with meetings held monthly. Find out more by visiting RiversideTransit.com, contact RTA at (951) 565-5170 or email comments@riversidetransit.com.



Board Approves the Vine Street Mobility Hub Conceptual Plan

The RTA Board of Directors has approved a conceptual plan for a mobility hub on five acres across from the Riverside-Downtown Metrolink Station. The Vine Street Mobility Hub Conceptual Plan, done by the San Diego-based engineering firm Psomas, is essentially an early phase of the design process with broad outlines and concept sketches for the project. The plan calls for up to 18 bus bays and a design that incorporates the latest technology in preparation for RTA's zero-emission bus deployment. The hub will also include seating, shelters, security features, a driver's lounge, drought tolerant landscaping and integration with the City of Riverside's bike lanes. The location is expected to be ideal due to its proximity to Metrolink trains, major employment centers, county and city government buildings, entertainment venues, the Convention Center, as well as UC Riverside and Riverside City College. The plan followed two community workshops and an online survey that sought public input on the project. With this conceptual plan approved, RTA will move into the project's architectural and engineering phase.