



Kevin's Corner

To Be Or Not To Be... Homeless. Other than extreme outdoor/back-to-nature enthusiasts, one could ask, who in their right mind would actually WANT to be and remain homeless? The answer may surprise you as to just how many homeless have actually turned down organized assistance and remain on the streets (or in the canyons or the riverbeds). Probably the most common complaint our office receives from neighbors and business owners across the First District, is about homeless trespassers and homeless drug users. Government (state, county & cities) continues to organize and conduct compassionate sweeps and referrals to all who want and are willing to seek help, but the statistics continue to show that a large number of homeless are either outright refusing or dropping out of assistance services. The City of Riverside (largest city in our county) has been one of the more active cities in searching for and implementing solutions. Mayor Bailey and the rest of the City Council have not been afraid to look for solutions that involve government, non-profit, and faith-based organizations. Councilman Soubirous recently penned an article in the Press Enterprise (<https://www.pe.com/2018/12/19/to-deal-with-homelessness-provide-for-mental-health-services/>) that points out the serious difficulties we are all facing given the current laws and limitations in California. A handful of local cities and the County of Riverside have made shelter crisis declarations in order to access state grants to help with the housing challenges. Unfortunately, many local cities did not. The chronic homeless just seem to move from one neighborhood to the next and across city boundaries. It seems obvious to me that we need everyone on the same page so that we can coordinate regional efforts.

The Time Has Come. Dig In! With two new County Supervisors, the Board approved on a 5-0 vote the creation of three budget committees. All of the budget committee meetings will be publicly noticed (open to the public) and have certain departments reporting to each committee. I consider this approval to be a big victory for the taxpayers and residents of Riverside County. All 2.4 million residents of Riverside County depend on county services in one way or another. You need to know that your hard-earned tax dollars are spent efficiently and effectively with the right amount of oversight (aka questioning). I'm just sorry I could not get this (radical?) proposal approved several years ago!

Take a Hike! With roughly 30,000 new residents joining us all each year in Riverside County, it is extremely important that we preserve large chunks of open space and trails so that we do not look like the wall-to-wall rooftops of Los Angeles. The Santa Ana River Trail currently under construction is one example of that. While large sections in Riverside County are already complete, when it is done, users will be able to travel 100 miles, from the San Bernardino Mountains to Huntington Beach!

Still on the drawing board is the Butterfield Overland Historic Trail, which will extend from the City of Corona, through the Temescal Valley, to Lake Elsinore, Wildomar and beyond. The idea for this trail started before I was elected in November 2012, but we have fully embraced it and have been working with the Flood Control District, County Parks, local cities and developers to have future trail easements set aside, or even built, when feasible. We are also working on access and improvements to the 325 acre Harford Springs Reserve, which features miles of horse and hiking trails on an oak-studded plateau. *cont...page 2*

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Chair Duties: As the new Chair of the Board of Supervisors, my meeting schedule will be busier than ever, so please schedule as far ahead as possible if you need to meet with me, and you should always take advantage of meeting with one of my staff members first. I have a great team, and they can usually take care of a problem without having to wait around for an available meeting time with me. And as always, I welcome your emailed thoughts, concerns, or issues, and read them all personally—That will not change.

Sincerely,
Kevin Jeffries



New Board of Supervisors for 2019 (left, standing)
Karen Spiegel, Kevin Jeffries, Chuck Washington, Manny Perez and Jeff Hewitt



Supervisor Manny Perez swearing in for District #4



Supervisor Karen Spiegel swearing in for District #2



Supervisor Jeff Hewitt swearing in for District #5

January

BLOOD
DONOR MONTH

SAVE A LIFE GIVE BLOOD

**It takes!
all types!**

GIVING = LIVING

*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)



Local District #1 Events

Lakeland Village Flooding....

County Transportation and Flood Control Departments continue to work to clean-up from past storms while they prepare for upcoming ones.

Several County agencies are working together to provide timely information to residents in the flood zones. Detailed information can be found here:

<https://www.rivcoready.org/Have-a-Plan/Flooding/Storm-Ready>



Alert RivCo allows Emergency Managers and public safety first responders to rapidly alert and warn the public in the event of emergencies.

Alert RivCo is used to alert Riverside County community members of urgent actions to take during disasters, such as earthquakes, wildfires, and floods. The County of Riverside uses Swift Reach 911 to deliver Alert RivCo messages. Some cities in Riverside County have a city alerting system as well. See below to see if your city has its own alerting system, and make sure you register for that system too.

To register cell phones and Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) use the registration portal below. Traditional landline phone numbers are automatically registered -- even if the number is unlisted. If you have already registered you can update your information by logging in to the Swift911 Portal.



Local District #1 Events



Recently Supervisor Kevin Jeffries presented a County proclamation recognizing outgoing Lake Elsinore City Councilman Daryl Hickman for his many contributions and 17 years of service to the City of Lake Elsinore and County Supervisorial District #1.

His leadership and knowledge of the area will be missed.



Snow Day in Deleo

Santa made one final stop in District #1 which was at our Annual Snow Day at Deleo Regional Park in Temescal Valley.

Kids got to sled in the snow, make snow men and take their pictures with Santa Claus too! A great time was had by all and thanks go out to everyone who helped bring this event together for all the residents from the community who attended.

Looking forward to our Snow Day in 2019!



Local District #1 Events

Casa Blanca - Riverside

Casa Blanca's Breakfast with Santa was a total hit with the local kids, residents and seniors.

Santa left his reindeer at home this time around and instead arrived in a Police Helicopter and had his toys delivered by Fire Truck to the community center.

Great time was had by all who attended. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and to those who donated to the breakfast. Without your donations this event would not have been possible.



Local District #1 Events

Mead Valley Breakfast with Santa Claus

Over 2500 local residents showed up for our Annual Breakfast with Santa Claus in Mead Valley. Santa was hand to take pictures, and even enjoyed some breakfast with the kids too.

Games, music, jumpers, and toys were all on hand for local residents to enjoy the day with their families and friends.

HUGE thank you to all of our volunteers from The Grove, our Youth Advisory Commission, as well as local residents. Also big thanks go out to some of our donors for this event...Star Milling , Midway Market (Shade Awad) and of course our local High School, Citrus Hill HS.



Local District #1 Events

Good Hope Breakfast with Santa Claus

Santa’s tour of District #1 stopped over in Good Hope & Meadowbrook to visit with over 1000 local residents who turned out to see Santa, enjoy some breakfast, play in our new park, build toys and enjoy a beautiful sunny day.

Big thanks go out to the Home Depot, Star Milling, Spark of Love, and local residents who all donated items to make this event possible. Of course I could not leave out our 50+ volunteers who showed up to help from Agape Church in Meadowbrook as well as those from our Youth Advisory Commission too.

Thank you to everyone who showed up, look forward to seeing everyone in 2019!



Local District #1 Events

Lakeland Village Cookies with Santa

Lakeland Village was next on Santa's list to visit with a stop over at the Lakeland Village Community Center. Supervisor Jeffries, as well as Councilmember Ben Benoit from the City of Wildomar and Lt. Dan Anne from the Lake Elsinore Sheriff's station were on hand to greet Santa and help pass out toys to the local kids.

Cookies and milk were on hand for those in attendance to take their picture with Santa, tell him their Christmas wish list or simply just enjoy a great day in the center



Local District #1 Events



Cookies with Santa in Woodcrest

Santa made sure that he was stocked up on cookies for his trip with a stop over at the Woodcrest Library. Kids young and old were able to visit with Santa, take their pictures, and share their Christmas wish list as well.

Cookies, snacks and games were all on hand for those who waited for Santa. King HS choir also made their annual appearance to sing for residents who attended as well.

Great afternoon had by all.



Christmas Dinner in Casa Blanca

Supervisor Kevin Jeffries and staff were able to attend the Annual Christmas dinner with local CAG members and residents recently.

It was a great opportunity to meet with local residents and hear about all the history of Casa Blanca with local residents Morris & Bobby at the Villegas Community center.

Thanks go out to everyone from the community who brought food! Everything from flan to fried chicken and pizza was at the table!



Non-Profit Spotlight

ASSISTANCE LEAGUE TEMECULA VALLEY

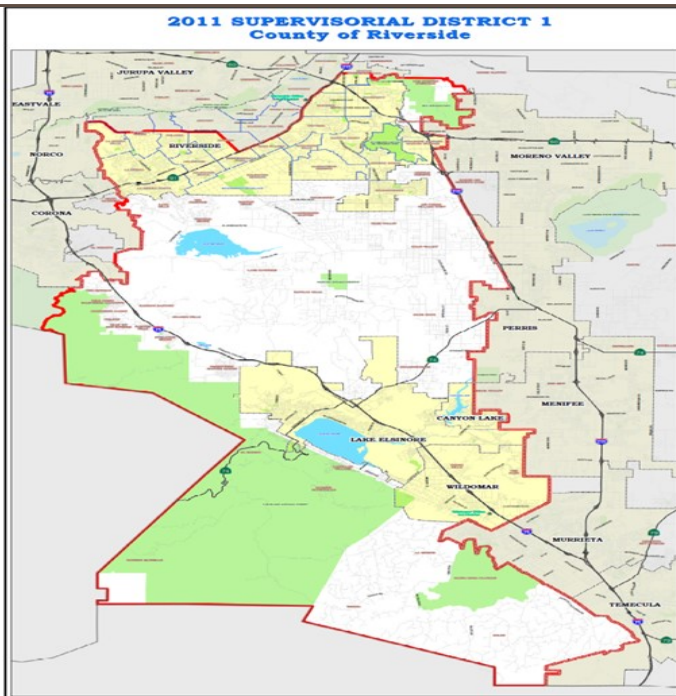


Operation School Bell is the main philanthropic program of the Assistance League. Since the program was adopted in 1989, over 35,000 children have been clothed. The purpose of the program is to enhance self-esteem, promote learning, and encourage regular school attendance.

Assistance League partners with the Temecula, Murrieta, Menifee, Lake Elsinore and Romoland school districts because they can best determine the children most in need. Operation School Bell provides brand new clothing to underserved children referred to them by district health clerks. Each child is allotted \$125 for their shopping trip to Kohl's. Many children have never had new clothing of their very own. The rewards are the smiles on the children's faces when they leave the store with their new clothes.

In addition, Operation School Bell, through its Save Our Schools (SOS) program, provides duffle bags filled with items for immediate hygiene needs and a change of clothing that are distributed to all the preschool programs in Temecula, Murrieta, Menifee & Lake Elsinore school districts. They include Head Start, State Preschool, and Special Education Preschool.

For more information, visit Assistance League Temecula Valley's website: <https://www.assistanceleague.org/temecula-valley>



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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