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## Kevin's Corner

**To Toll or Not to Toll – That is the 91 Question.** A proposal has been working its way through the Riverside County Transportation Commission (a separate standalone agency) which is studying the idea of REPLACING the current free HOV lanes on the 91 through Riverside City, with toll lanes. This gives me some heartburn. I've never liked the concept of toll lanes, but I've always had an understanding that when additional freeway lane capacity was badly needed, and the State and/or Feds would not help pay to expand their highways – the only alternative left was to basically take out a loan to build the expansion, and then use toll revenues to pay back the loan. A necessary evil of sorts.

What is strange to me about the Riverside 91 toll lane proposal is that unlike the 15 Corridor or the new 91 Express Lanes extension in Corona, NO new capacity will be built or added to the 91 under this plan. It's at maximum width. If you are NOT adding or building any lanes, why do we need to pay tolls to use existing lanes that are already in use? Why do we even need to collect the toll revenue? What is the money going to be used for? Although the "concept" of converting to toll lanes was approved for a study at a recent RCTC committee meeting (9 yes, 2 no), I will continue to oppose and raise questions as this concept continues to move forward.

**Grand Jury Raises Questions.** RCA who? The Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority (a little known joint powers agency) has significant responsibility to purchase and protect large swaths of open land that has endangered species, and as such, it has immense influence on large developments and what portions of their private land they can actually disturb and build on. It is a constant tug-of-war between protecting private property rights, setting aside enough land to protect certain species and open space, and a variety of environmental groups and official agencies that want more done. A recent evaluation of the RCA by the Grand Jury found some very significant concerns about its ability to carry out its mission. The newly released report raises concerns about oversight by its commission of elected officials, lack of funding to buy the land it is charged with obtaining, the use of expensive consultants and lobbyists, and its ability to maintain the lands once purchased. To view the report (and other reports from the Grand Jury) go to: <https://countyofriverside.us/Home/GrandJury.aspx>

**Homeless Who Decline Homes?** This quick blurb is to follow up on my previous posts about the challenges we are all facing with our drug dependence and mental health challenges that are deeply embedded in some of our homeless population. And with the State now shipping more tax dollars to counties and cities to house the homeless, is there really such a person who is living on the streets (or riverbeds or canyons) that would prefer not to be reintegrated back into society? Sadly, the resounding answer appears to be YES! In fact, I'm very worried that we may find that a majority of the remaining homeless have no real interest in getting off the streets.

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This may be caused by the mental health concerns or the drug abuse effects, but I worry that we are now or may soon be dealing with the “very hard to serve” homeless population that will not accept help. As evidence, our county was the first in the country to reach a “functional zero” for homeless veterans. We can and do provide services for any homeless veteran willing to accept services, and our outreach teams are constantly reaching out to that population. So if you see someone holding a sign claiming to be a homeless veteran in need of assistance, they have almost certainly either refused assistance, or they are lying about their veteran status. If you are passionate about this issue – please go to YouTube and watch “Seattle Is Dying”. It really lays out the challenges we face.

As always – please feel free to offer your suggestions (and criticisms). I read every email reply that is sent to me (except the occasional vulgar ones that are not suitable for printing).

Respectfully, Kevin Jeffries, First District

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*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](http://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)**

**Lakeland Community Advisory Council - Board Member**



## *Local District #1 Events*

### **Riverside Latino Network Ribbon Cutting**

On May 30, 2019, the Riverside Latino Network (Latino Network) celebrated an Open House & Ribbon Cutting of their new office. Latino Network has been in existence in the City of Riverside for 25 years and this is the first time that they have leased an office space. The office is located at 4076 Brockton Avenue, Riverside CA. Latino Network has also just hired an Executive Director by the name of Eva Amezola, to assist with the operations of the organization.



### **Juneteenth Celebration**

On Saturday, June 1, 2019, at Bordwell Park-Stratton Community Center in Riverside, the Riverside Juneteenth Committee presented a Free Family Festival featuring live entertainment, music, dance, a mini- museum, G.E.M. of the Community Awards, Three Book Scholarships, free health information and screenings, historical presentations, financial workshops, historical films, along with great food and merchandise vendors.

This year marked the 400<sup>th</sup> Year (1619-2019) since the first enslaved Africans were brought to Jamestown, Virginia, on August 20, 1619.



## *Local District #1 Events*



Supervisor Jeffries and the Directors of multiple county agencies recently met with residents from two of the most impacted neighborhoods from the Winter Storm events in the Lake Elsinore area, looking for solutions to prevent future damage.



# Local District #1 Events

## Main Street Progressing Along....

Main Street in our Perris unincorporated community of Good Hope is progressing along. As you can see below, all trees, debris, trash and tires have been removed. Residents along Main Street are beyond happy with the progress and can't wait for it to be completed.



"I wanted to become a chef to give people an experience they would always remember!"

*Chef Jacob Katzin*

"I was inspired to become a chef by my Grandmother, who was a Culinary Arts graduate of the Cobleskill College in NY, and ran the Remington Arms Factory Cafeteria."

*Chef Kathy Phillips*



# National Culinary Arts Month

# Local District #1 Events

## Launch Pointe....LAUNCHED!!

After almost two years, Launch Pointe Recreation Destination & RV Park is finally open! The Park is Southern California’s newest outdoor resort destination. It was designed to provide guests with a truly unique RV resort experience. Launch Pointe was planned to leverage the best technology available in order to provide guests with a memorable resort experience.

The campground is 47-acres with a \$15 million dollars of investments offering 204 RV spaces, six yurts, an air-stream village, splash pad, restaurant (The Bobber) and nearly 50,000 square feet of lawn space.

Reservations are now being accepted and can be made online.



Supervisor Kevin Jeffries speaks at the Launch Pointe opening



Lake Elsinore City Councilmember Bob Magee speaks at the Launch Pointe opening



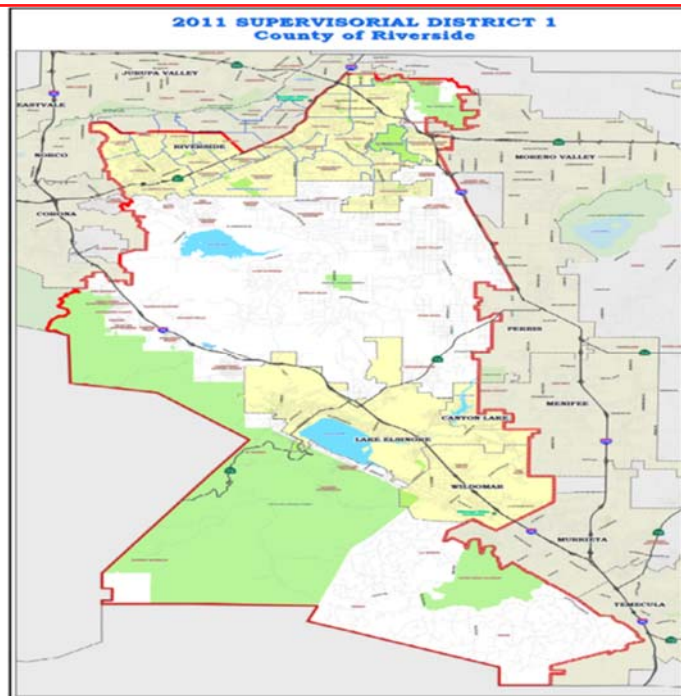
# Non-Profit Spotlight

## My Learning Studio OUTREACH

My Learning Studio OUTREACH (MLSO) is dedicated to serving foster, adopted, at-risk, and court-appointed youth, such as grandparents raising grandchildren. Found in 2008, MLSO is a community resource for free and discounted tutoring for all ages.

My Learning Studio OUTREACH (MLSO) provides private individualized tutoring to under resourced students from Riverside and surrounding areas in all levels of mathematics, sciences, reading comprehension and writing. The private individualized tutoring program gives economically challenged, foster, adopted and court appointed students access to affordable, high quality tutoring tailored to their needs.

For more information, visit their website at: <https://www.mylearningstudio.com/outreach-non-profit.html>.



### 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.*

# TAX PROBLEM SOLVING!

- VITA Tax preparation - current and past years.
- IRS Tax Advocates on hand to assist with MOST IRS related matters.

## SAVE THE DATE!

Date: Friday, August 9, 2019

Time: 9:00am-2:00pm

Location: Community Action Partnership  
2038 Iowa Ave., Suite B-101, Riverside, Ca 92507

Do you have any friends, family, or associates who currently have tax problems?  
Give them the date and the place. They will need to make an appointment online at  
<https://capriverside.itfrontdesk.com/programs/>  
or call (951) 848-7607

If you have any questions please contact Charles Clinton III:  
(951) 955-4900  
Or Email [CClinton@capriverside.org](mailto:CClinton@capriverside.org)





# NEIGHBORHOOD ENGAGEMENT WORKSHOP SERIES

## A Neighborhood "ARTventure"

Join Georgina Flores, Riverside Art Museum Community Arts Engagement, as we explore neighborhood engagement through a hands-on art making experience.

Saturday,  
July 6, 2019

9 -11 am

Arlington Library  
9556 Magnolia Ave.  
Riverside, CA 92503

Join your neighbors for an engaging workshop. For questions, please contact Neighbor@RiversideCA.gov.



Mead Valley Community Center presents

# MOVIE AND CONCERT IN THE PARK

## "INCREDIBLES 2"

### FRIDAY, JULY 19

ACTIVITIES START AT 6:30 PM | MOVIE STARTS AT DUSK  
THE CONCERT STARTS AT 7 PM

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets, and invite anyone who would enjoy movie nights in the park! Carnival Games Bounce House, FREE Popcorn and Snow Cones (while supplies last). Food vendors available.

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# SUMMER CONCERTS IN THE PARK

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT • FOOD VENDORS  
FAMILY ACTIVITIES • SUMMER FUN

**JUNE 12 – JULY 24**  
(excluding July 3)

**WEDNESDAYS • 6 – 9 p.m.**

Fairmount Park • 2601 Fairmount Blvd.  
Due to safety, we ask that dogs not attend the series.

Concerts begin with performances by Riverside Sings Contestants



951.826.2264 • www.RivReg.org

## 2019 LINE UP

- June 12 Stone Soul Motown
- June 19 Chico Latin, Cumbias
- June 26 Woody & the Longboards California Classic
- July 10 Hard Day's Night Beatles Tribute
- July 17 The Answer Classic Rock
- July 24 Hit Me 90s 90s Variety

### YOUTH FUN ZONE

Features bounce houses, face painting, balloon artist and slot car racing. Fun Zone pass can be purchased for \$4 per night or a season pass at \$12 for the entire concert series.

### FOOD VENDORS

Come early and taste the flavor of Riverside with local food vendors.

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WELCOMING ALL FAMILIES WITH A SPECIAL NEEDS CHILD

5th Annual

# Disabilities Awareness Night

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17<sup>TH</sup> @ 6PM

STORM STADIUM

4 free tickets  
per family

MEET  
PLAYERS

GIFT  
BAGS

### HOW TO ENTER

EMAIL THE FOLLOWING INFO TO KASEY AT [KRAWITZER@STORMBASEBALL.COM](mailto:krawitzer@stormbaseball.com):

1. YOUR NAME & CONTACT INFO
2. YOUR CHILD'S NAME & AGE

\* EMAIL MUST BE RECEIVED BY AUGUST 10\*

Pre-game VIP Player Meet & Greet at 4pm in the Diamond Club for all participating families.

Questions? Contact Kasey at 951-245-4487 or [krawitzer@stormbaseball.com](mailto:krawitzer@stormbaseball.com)



# JOB FAIR

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# FIREWORK SAFETY

## THIS INDEPENDENCE DAY, PLEASE BE COURTEOUS WHEN SETTING OFF FIREWORKS, WHICH MAY BE UPSETTING FOR DOGS AND MILITARY VETERANS

### FOR VETERANS:

#### PERCENTAGES OF VETERANS THAT RETURN WITH PTSD

IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN



11-20%

GULF WAR (DESERT STORM)



10%

VIETNAM



30%

#### LENGTH OF DEPLOYMENT

12-15 months\*

210 days\*\*

12 months

\* Includes multiple deployments

\*\* Operation Desert Storm lasted 210 days

**LOUD, UNEXPECTED NOISES**, such as fireworks can remind combat veterans with **PTSD of GUNFIRE OR EXPLOSIONS** they had experienced on the battlefield.

Consider your neighbors by not setting them off late at night or close to their homes, or better yet, go to an organized event!



Source: US Department of Veterans Affairs, Department of Defense

### FOR DOGS:

## 1 IN 5 DOGS GO MISSING AFTER BEING SCARED BY FIREWORKS



More dogs go **MISSING** on the 4th of July than any other day of the year because the loud noises can scare even the **BRAVEST** dog.

### KEEP YOUR BEST FRIEND AT EASE:

- EXERCISE DURING THE DAY.** Ensure your dog gets plenty of exercise during the day to tire them out
- STAY HOME.** Don't bring them to events where fireworks will be set off
- MAKE THEM FEEL SAFE.** Provide a safe place at home with music or the TV playing
- DISTRACTION.** Entertain them with their favorite toys and treats
- ACT NORMAL.** Don't acknowledge the fireworks, as your dog may be looking to you on how to react
- NAME TAGS.** Make sure your dog is wearing their collar with ID tags (better yet, microchipped!)



Source: www.aspc.org

## HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY