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## Kevin's Corner

A regular question my staff and I receive from fellow residents is how is it that the county can build a community center, library, fire station or even pave a road, but can't seem to provide any actual day to day services to maintain, staff or repair the facility? It is very frustrating when taxpayers are told that the county has no or very limited money for day to day services, when they see examples of our government spending money elsewhere on a daily basis! Trust me - I share that frustration.

One thing I had to learn very quickly when I became your County Supervisor, is how all the various funding sources work in the county budget, and which pots of money can be used for which community needs. Just like our state and federal government, we have an exhaustive list of alphabet soup funding sources, old and new, including RDA, CDBG, DIF, CID, CSA's, TUMF, Measure A, and many others. Unlike "General Fund" money, which is the part of the county budget that comes from sales taxes and property taxes, and can be spent almost anywhere, most of the rest of the sources of money have legal restrictions and strings that require the money be spent on specific projects or in specific areas.

The controversial ReDevelopment Area (RDA) project funds used to provide a great deal of money to the county and to many cities, but were abolished by the state legislature a few years ago. This money had been the primary source of tax dollars for new construction - projects like libraries, community centers, fire stations, roads, storm drains, etc.

Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) are restricted federal funds designed exclusively for low income neighborhoods. Most of this money must be spent on "brick and mortar" projects, with only a fraction allowed for actual day to day services. The county has used this money to help with sidewalks and road paving in depressed areas, and we have also been able to allocate some money to local services in the past. In 2008, amidst the declining economy and budget cuts, the county stopped using "general fund" money to pay for day to day community center and neighborhood park operations, and began funding them primarily with these limited CDBG funds. But CDBG funds from the federal government have declined significantly over the past decade, making this a risky source of dependable funding for our local community facilities and services.

County Service Areas (CSAs) are restricted pots of additional property tax dollars paid for directly by some property owners on their property taxes for a specified local service. Some neighborhood CSAs fund local parks, some are for roads, some are for community services, and some are just for street lights! These CSAs have to be approved by a vote of the community, and have a specific tax assessment attached to them, so while they are a great source of ongoing funding for a specific community willing to tax itself for enhanced services, it can be very hard (and expensive) to win an election to pass one—just try asking your neighbor if he or she is willing to pay more taxes!

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The last pot of money I wanted to discuss is “Development Impact Fees,” or “DIF.” These are the fees paid by developers (commercial, industrial, home builders, etc.) to mitigate the impacts of their new construction or development. The fees are split into categories, including roads, libraries, parks, public safety, community centers, and flood control. The county determines the amount of the fee by determining the future needs of a community, and calculating the percentage of that need that is caused by new development. Different types of development (single family housing, multi-family housing, commercial, retail, office, mining, etc.) pay different levels of fees, depending on their impact and the “needs” they create in the community. The county is preparing to revise its DIF fees for the first time in over a decade, and it is recommending to the Board of Supervisors some major changes to the fee calculations. The Board will likely have a hearing in June, and if you are interested in seeing what has been proposed by county staff, you can get information here: <http://www.countyofriverside.us/DIF.aspx>

Unfortunately, DIF funds are another pot of money that can only be used to pay for the construction of public facilities, but by law, cannot pay for day to day services once the facility is built. So you can use DIF money to build a beautiful community center, fire station, sheriff station or park, but you can't use it to keep the lights on or pay staff to operate it. That funding must come from our limited property taxes or some other over stretched tax source.

When it is all said and done, the use and spending of our tax dollars comes down to budget priorities and triage. Restoring public safety services (Fire, Sheriff, District Attorney, Jails, etc.) is designated as a top budget priority for the Board of Supervisors. However, if we direct every new or increased tax dollar just towards building new jails and restoring the previous years' cuts to public safety, then nearly every other county service (animal control, county hospital, community centers, roads, code enforcement - just to name a few) will have to deal with stagnant or declining budgets while our population base continues to increase (we are already the 4th largest county in the State of California).

As a Riverside County resident, voter and taxpayer you have the right to know where and how your hard earned tax dollars are being spent. Are essential public services being funded? Is the county pursuing every available efficiency? Are necessary consolidations being carried out? Have generous benefits been rolled back? These are just a few of the questions that need to be asked as the new county budget is developed over the next several months.

Improving our quality of life in Riverside County requires our communities not only to be safe but to also offer other essential services that allow us the opportunity to enjoy our communities as we live, work, raise a family and/or retire in Riverside County.

Respectfully,  
Kevin Jeffries

P.S. If you would like to serve as a volunteer to help improve your community - please drop us an email. We will help you find a department, program or service where you can help make a difference.

See our website online for current  
events, news, and more!

[www.supervisorjeffries.com](http://www.supervisorjeffries.com)



## County Boards and Commissions Appointee Profile

*Each month, the Jeffries Journal will highlight one of the Supervisor's nearly 100 appointees on Boards and Commissions in the county, to provide an insight into the kind of service opportunities that exist, and the people who have chosen to serve.*

### **Warm Springs Community Council** *Jeannie Corral, President*

#### **What is the Warm Springs Community Council?**

Warm Springs Community Council service advisory board has been around in one form or another for more than 20 years. Located in the unincorporated area also known as "The Grove" it has been a vehicle for getting residents in the area to focus on specific concerns that need county (or governmental) attention or assistance.

In addition to general public safety concerns, our board was created to deal with individual and collective concerns such as trash control, road cleanup, lighting and landscaping issues, off road vehicles, and animals. We are all appointed by First District Supervisor Kevin Jeffries in an advisory capacity to help the Supervisor address and identify the wide range of issues had by his constituents in our community.



#### **What inspired you to serve on the Board?**

Serving on such a board is nothing new for me, since I enjoy being of service to my community and have done so in various ways over the years that my family has lived in Lake Elsinore. I believe good citizens should be involved directly and indirectly with local officials and business leaders, to assist and to be well informed, so they can create a quality of life that benefits all residents.

I have been honored throughout the years to represent our community in various capacities. I believe in being involved because I think all of us as Americans have been exceedingly blessed and our freedoms should not be given away. We are each capable of doing small things in great ways that make a difference for good.

**You Have the Power to Donate Life**

[DonateLifeCalifornia.org/RiversideCounty](http://DonateLifeCalifornia.org/RiversideCounty)

Join the Riverside County Challenge and sign up today to become an organ, eye and tissue donor.

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## Supervisor Success Stories



*Each month this column will highlight recent successes in Supervisor Jeffries' Office, whether it is assistance for a single citizen dealing with the county bureaucracy, a change in county policy to improve our community, or a promise kept by the Supervisor.*

### Rider Street Improvements Protect School Children and Parents



Recently the Riverside County Transportation Department completed a much needed re-stripping project on Rider Street in front of Columbia Elementary School.

At a recent Mead Valley Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) meeting, local parents complained that when they would turn left into Columbia Elementary School from Rider, they were being ticketed by local CHP officers for an illegal left turn. There were also no safe and legal places for children to cross in front of the school on this busy street. At the behest of Supervisor Jeffries, staff was able to work with members from Val Verde USD and Riverside County Transportation Department to create a new left turn lane into Columbia's parking lot.

In addition to the new left turn lane, a new crosswalk was added, along with two new crosswalk signs and other school crossing markings.

These changes should help make a significant difference in school safety in and around Columbia for school children, their parents, and all others who drive past the school.

## Steele Peak Shooting Range Gets Cleaned Up!

On March 29<sup>th</sup> 2014, the Steele Peak gun range received a much needed clean up. As was reported in the March 9<sup>th</sup> 2014, edition of the Press Enterprise, the shooting range which is on BLM land was teetering on being closed due to the excessive amounts of trash being left behind by visitors to the location.

Upon learning about this, Supervisor Jeffries' office worked with CALGUNS, local volunteers and County Waste Management to make sure the range would be cleaned up, therefore allowing local gun enthusiasts an opportunity to continue visiting their local gun range without fear of it being closed.

The Volunteers filled their 40ft trash bin so quickly that they had another entire bin's worth of material they didn't have room for. When they contacted Supervisor Jeffries office for assistance, staff worked with the department to send a crew out to remove the remaining neatly stacked pile of debris, making it truly a team effort.

Below are some images of the debris that filled two entire commercial trash bins!

Thanks to all the volunteers and departments who helped make this a reality.



### A thank you note to my office from siblings in foster care:

Dear Supervisor Jeffries,

I wanted to write to let you know how much assistance Ms. Robin Reid has been in improving our lives. Because of her efforts we were able to get all of the back payments for foster care. All of our lives have improved and we are truly grateful. Thank you for having an aide that is so helpful. We all here appreciate her for what she did as well as Michelle Wohl from DPSS.

Thank you.

# Non Profit Spotlight

## FOUNDATION ON AGING

Founded in 2005, the Riverside County Foundation on Aging has a long and rich history of supporting seniors and seniors with disabilities in Riverside County. The goal of the Foundation is to raise awareness regarding the needs of seniors and to raise funds to help fill in the gaps in public funding.

The mission of the Riverside County Foundation on Aging is to strengthen, expand and support senior programs by providing program funds to enhance the quality of life of older adults, adults with disabilities and the community through the work of the Riverside County Office on Aging and its Advisory Council.

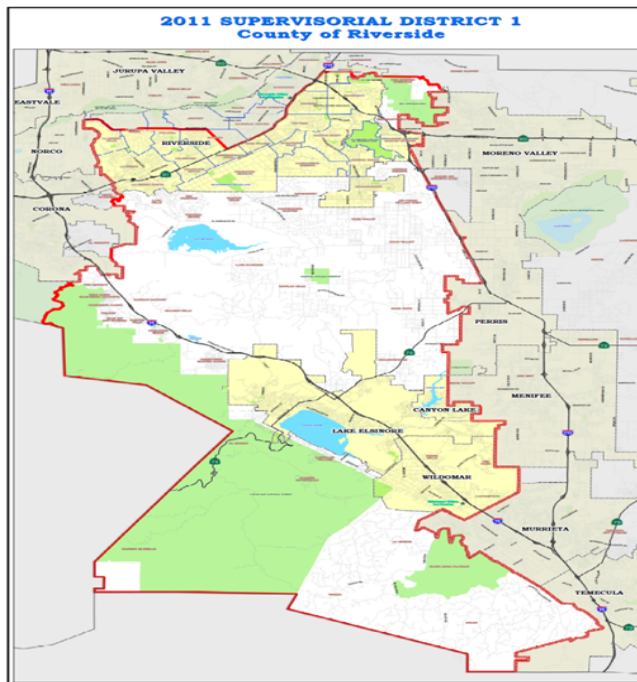
The Following priority areas serve as a filter for the Foundation's Programmatic decision making and the focus of the work:

- Senior nutrition and hunger
- Accessible Transportation
- Affordable housing
- Access to quality healthcare and wellness services
- Support for senior caregivers
- Workforce and employment opportunities
- Expand quality of life choices in response to the county's diverse senior population



Public funding for services to seniors is decreasing due to the State and County's distressed economy. An increasing number of seniors need help with nutrition, transportation and health services. The Foundation is working to strengthen, expand and support senior programs in Riverside County. The Foundation on Aging provides the ideal vehicle for private citizens, businesses and philanthropic organizations to collaborate with the Riverside County Office on Aging to respond to the diverse programmatic needs of older adults.

For more information, please visit their website at: [www.foaging.com](http://www.foaging.com)



## 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, and DeLuz*



**CELEBRATING 30 years!**  
**A Vintage Carnival**

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**SUNDAY**  
**MAY 18<sup>TH</sup>**  
**12PM-5PM**

**Old Fashioned Bingo**  
**Games & Food**  
**Craft Show**  
**Kids 'Korner'**  
**Car Show**  
**Family FUN**

**JANET GOESKE CENTER**  
5257 Sierra St., Riverside  
**(951) 351-8800**

# Gavilan hills Community Clean-Up

**Saturday May 10, 2014**  
**8am - 12pm**

**Drop-Off Location:**  
Gavilan Hills Ranch Market  
22060 Gavilan Rd  
Perris, CA 92570



- ✓ Acceptable Items**
- **Tires:** Per state law, please only transport 9 tires per trip. Please call Riverside County Waste Management Department for a waiver if needed.
  - **Furniture:** Sofa beds, couches, tables, chairs, mattresses, box springs and patio furniture.
  - **Large Appliances:** Washing machines, dryers, stoves, refrigerators, water heaters, air conditioners and dishwashers.
  - **Tree Limbs and Branches:** Should not exceed 18 inches in diameter or 3 feet in length.
  - **Electronic Waste (E-Waste):** Computers, monitors, printers, old televisions and other electronic devices with a plug or circuit board.
  - **Other Items:** Bicycles, barbecues, swing sets, and small appliances.

- ✗ Unacceptable Items**
- Fluorescent light bulbs
  - Pesticides/Fertilizers
  - Weed Killers/Herbicides
  - Rodent Poisons
  - Latex, Oil, or Water based Paint
  - Batteries,
  - Motor Parts
  - Solvents/Gasoline
  - Transmission/brake fluid
  - Bleach/tub & Tile Cleaners
  - Empty Drums
  - Anti-Freeze
  - Pool Chemicals
  - Engines
  - Motor oil and Other Hazardous Waste

Note: Does not include disposal of industrial, business, or household hazardous waste, building materials, or household trash. If you need additional information please contact Riverside County Waste Management Department at (951) 486-3200.



Special thanks to First District  
Supervisor Kevin Jeffries



## DMSI IS Hiring NOW !

We are looking to fill the following positions for Distribution Centers in Perris and Moreno Valley. **Experienced and entry level position are available:**

- \*Marker\*Packer\* Splitter\*Data Entry\*Ticket Room\*Material Handler\*
- \*Forklift Drivers\* Loaders/Un-Loaders\* Unit ID\*Material Handlers\*
- \*Other General Warehouse Positions\*

### LOGISTICS RECRUITMENT FAIR

Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup> 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Mead Valley Community Center  
21091 Rider Street Perris, CA 92570 SUITE 144  
951-210-1590

Be ready to interview!  
Come ready to fill out an application!  
Bring your resume and a professional appearance!



HOURLY PAY RATE FROM \$8.00 to \$13.00--SOME HOURLY POSITIONS QUALIFY FOR AN INCENTIVE BONUS PROGRAM!!!

RIVERSIDE COUNTY OFFICIALS INVITE YOU TO ATTEND THE

**Riverside County**  
**FOOD Truck FESTIVAL III**  
RIVERSIDE, CA  
**NO ENTRY FEE!**  
**MAY 6 8AM - 2PM**



Riverside County Board of Supervisors are proud to host a Food Truck Festival on May 6, 2014. 20 food vendors will bring out a variety of food for everyone's enjoyment.



Riverside County Admin. Building (Parking Lot)  
Free Parking in Structure  
4080 Lemon St.  
Riverside, CA 92501  
(951) 955-2045