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Kevin's Corner

This month's Corner is pretty short. Not because we have a shortage of issues and challenges to share – but mostly because yours truly has found himself behind the eight-ball in getting this article done.

Each month this newsletter contains a section about Supervisor Success Stories. These typically involve breaking through the red tape of a given bureaucracy. It is important that I point out that much of the heavy lifting on these issues is being done by members of my staff (see the note on our newest staff member later in this newsletter). I'm typically called to action by my staff when the bureaucracy can't seem to get out of its own way and figure out how to find a successful path for a homeowner or business owner who is being given the run-around. The good news is that the culture in the county system is actually working hard to become "customer friendly". Unfortunately, not everyone in every county department has gotten the message, but we are pushing. If you need assistance with a county related issue in the First District, please don't hesitate to contact our office— operators are standing by!

There are many ways to contact our office, by the way. You can call, mail, e-mail, fax, or fill out the form on our website (all that contact information is contained elsewhere in the newsletter). If you want to stay in regular contact with me and see what I'm doing or what I'm working on beyond this monthly newsletter, I would encourage you to "friend" me on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/SupervisorJeffries>), where I regularly post news articles of interest to our district and pictures of events I am attending.

Let me close with a warning and encouragement. While I am not up for re-election this year, the campaign political season will start just after Labor Day for many local and state elections. That means that campaign mailers, signs, and phone calls are just around the corner for all of us. Many fellow residents are pretty disgusted with our political environment. However – if a candidate shows up knocking on your door – give them the benefit of a doubt and take the opportunity to ask some questions. So many campaigns are consultant driven with nothing but slick mailers and commercials, that the old fashion way of campaigning – knocking on doors and actually talking to voters, is becoming fairly rare. Some old fashion traditions should be encouraged.

Sincerely,

Kevin

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Supervisor Jeffries takes part in National Outpatient Clinic week at the Lake Elsinore Family Health Center

STAFF CHANGE IN THE FIRST DISTRICT

We are sorry to announce that Elena Bautista, one of our original staff members, who also served in the 1st District Office under former Supervisor Bob Buster, has recently left our office to pursue a career in counseling and teaching at Riverside Community College. She was a valued member of our staff and an all-around great person, and while we wish her the best, she will definitely be missed by all who worked with her.

To plug the gap in our operation formerly filled by Elena, we are happy to announce that we have hired Araceli Ruiz as our new bi-lingual Board Assistant. She will be the lead Secretary in the Riverside office, and is also responsible for assisting on environmental issues, among others. Araceli has worked in various Riverside County departments throughout her career, including five years with Riverside County Flood Control in a support capacity for the Operations and Maintenance Division. Thereafter, she worked at Western Riverside Council of Governments for nearly nine years in several capacities, most recently as a Technician in the Energy and Environmental Department. Araceli is currently attending California Baptist University to complete her BA in Business Administration.

Araceli can be reached at ACRuiz@RCBOS.org, or 951-955-1010

County Boards and Commissions



Lakeland Village

Community Advisory Committee

Jim Snyder—Chairman

What does your Board do?

The Lakeland Village Community Advisory Committee gives the community a direct link to the County Board of Supervisors and serves as an opportunity and organized voice to address the concerns of its citizens.

What encouraged you to get involved with the Board?

I took the opportunity to apply for the Lakeland Village CAC when it arose because I am a firm believer in the adage; 'You can't complain if you don't get involved.' I have lived in Lakeland Village for 15 years and I see the potential for the area to blossom into a safe and welcoming community.

Supervisor Kevin Jeffries and Chief of Staff Jeff Greene celebrate National Night Out recently in the city of Riverside with local residents.



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.

Code Enforcement Assists on Clean Up

Recently a resident of the 1st District who had been in desperate need of assistance in cleaning up their property was able to realize their goals with the assistance of our office and Code Enforcement.

As you can see by the pictures below, the clean up was quite extensive and required several 40 yard bins to haul away the debris which had accumulated over many years at the location.

Many thanks to our Code Enforcement team for their help. Several of the local area residents were very pleased as was the homeowner themselves to finally have the location cleaned.



Supervisor Success Stories cont...

Haunted Moose Lodge Mystery....Finally SOLVED!!

Many of you might remember the story of our “Haunted Moose Lodge Mystery” which ran in October of 2013.

As you can see below the haunted Moose Lodge has now disappeared into a pile of mystery rubble. After several months of “Columbo” style detective work our office was able to finally solve the problem of the haunted lodge and have it fast tracked to its final demise.

Many local residents expressed their gratitude to our office for having solved the mystery and “exorcised” the hauntings which existed in their neighborhood.



Frightening Fact: The county spent \$420,000 to buy this building in 2011





FIRE & BURN FOUNDATION

PREVENTION • EDUCATION • SUPPORT

Non Profit Spotlight FIRE & BURN FOUNDATION

The Fire and Burn Foundation is focused on three distinct but mission-related areas:

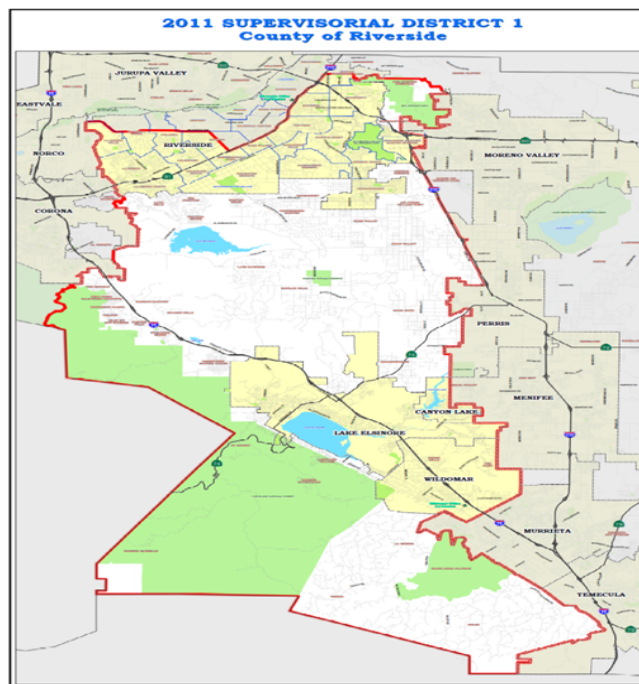
- To provide fire and burn prevention programs and materials independently and in conjunction with other medical, fire service, civic groups and citizens of the communities we serve.
- To provide compassionate support to burn survivors and their families.
- To support burn injury research and treatment at the Edward G. Hirschman Burn Center at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center in Colton, California.

The Foundation provides language and age-appropriate prevention literature to schools, community-based organizations, fire departments, medical facilities, and to individual citizens at community health fairs, Fire Prevention Week activities and fire department open houses.

The agency is a proud co-host of Youth Camp, a specialized camp for children and youth recovering from the often lingering effects of a burn injury, both physical and emotional. Youth Camp is operated in the winter snow areas of the San Bernardino Mountains (the four-day winter camp) and warm and sunny mountains of San Diego County (one-week summer camp). The camps take advantage of the synergy and resources of both the Burn Institute and the Fire & Burn Foundation. This specialized camp is staffed by a small army of dedicated individuals that volunteer their time. Many of the camp counselors and volunteers are burn survivors themselves. Others are off-duty firefighters, medical professionals and other community members. There are many volunteer opportunities for the camps and other agency needs throughout the year.

Agency resources are also used to provide emergency financial and other support to burn patients and family members. This assistance might be used to aid a wife coping with her husband's serious burn injury; perhaps help a mother deal with her burn-injured child as he or she goes through painful rehabilitation, or assisting with the daunting needs of a family just burned out of their home. The Institute also assists the medical and social work staff of the Burn Center in acquiring assistance to help low-income individuals improve their lives. This program provides items such as purchasing pressure garments to reduce scarring.

For further information, visit their website at: <http://www.fireandburn.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, and DeLuz

One World, One Community: Riverside's Evolving Legacy
"Mexican American Culture in Riverside, Then and Now"

Join the Mission Inn Foundation and the Riverside County Mexican American Historical Society as we celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month!



Sunday, September 21
1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

\$20 per person
 (includes admission,
 presentations, and lunch)

Banquet Hall
Zacatecas Restaurant

2472 University Ave.
 Riverside, CA 92507

This event will include a brief historical presentation on Mexican Americans in Riverside, musical and dance performances, food, and fun!
 (Food includes cheese enchilada, rice, beans, a taco, and iced tea or water.)

Reservations and payment must be made by **Monday, September 15**. Please call the Mission Inn Museum at 951-788-9556 to sign up and pay.

Eligible applicants must be **active military service members or honorably discharged Veterans** who will occupy the home as their primary residence

Applications must be received by **October 3rd** to be considered for this home donation

Donation Recipient will be announced on November 8th

To apply, go to www.HomeStrongUSA.org to download the application or call (877) 647-8764 for more information

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Property Information
 2,138 Sq. Ft. Single Family Home in the 92530 Zip Code, City of Lake Elsinore, California with 3 Bedrooms, 2 1/2 Bathrooms, One Car Garage and newly renovated by HomeStrong USA

Donation Recipient will be selected by the HomeStrong Heroes Volunteer Advisory Committee and selection will be based on applicants essay provided at the time of application. The HomeStrong Heroes Committee is comprised of Veteran service members and leaders in the military community.

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For more information about HomeStrong USA, please visit our website at www.HomeStrongUSA.org or call us at (877) 647-8764

HomeStrong USA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit community development organization with a mission to increase vitality and stability of communities across the nation by promoting successful home ownership through education and counseling, the creation of innovative affordable housing opportunities, and providing resources to local nonprofit organizations.

9/11 TRIBUTE CONCERT

Featuring:
The California Baptist University Concert Band
 (Patriotic Selections)
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Recognizing all those who lost their lives on 9/11 and gave their lives in the war on terrorism

Time: 7-8PM Thursday, September 11th, 2014

Location: Board Chambers, County Administration Building, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, CA

Attire: Civilian- Business or Casual/
 Military-Uniform of the Day/
 Public Safety- Uniform of the Day
 Reminder: Seating limited

RSVP: aszydowski@rivcoeda.org



CERT training is a commitment of 20 hours of training (must attend all 20hrs). There is no cost for the training. Only those who successfully complete the practical exercise with hands-on instruction in fire suppression, search and rescue, cribbing and medical will receive a certificate of completion and a free CERT kit. Class size is limited to the first 40 people who register.

CERT is about readiness, people helping people, rescuer safety, and doing the greatest good for the greatest number. CERT is a positive and realistic approach to emergency and disaster situations where residents will be initially on their own and their actions can make a difference. Through training, residents can manage utilities and put out small fires; treat the three killers by opening airways, controlling bleeding, and treating for shock; provide basic medical aid; search for and rescue victims safely; and organize themselves and spontaneous volunteers to be effective.

WHEN: Oct 3, 2014: 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm
 Oct 4, 2014: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
 Oct 5, 2014: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

(Attendance is mandatory to receive certificate of completion)

WHERE: Mead Valley Community Center
 21091 Rider Street
 Perris, CA 92570

WHO: Open to the public

HOW TO REGISTER:

Visit www.rivcocert.org or call 951-955-4700



COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM



This Training is sponsored by: Riverside County Fire Department - Office of Emergency Services



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