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Kevin's Corner

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During my many years as a Riverside County Volunteer Firefighter, the volunteer fire engine I was often responsible for staffing was regularly dispatched to other communities because the local fire engine had been sent to a nearby fire. Our job was to fill in and help protect the community until the local fire engine could return. While we were at whatever community fire station we had been assigned to, we had a motto: "Leave it better than you found it." Basically, clean-it-up and fix-it-up before you leave.

In the political world of elected officials (politicians), you can find some similarities. Wouldn't it be interesting if the oath of office that every elected official took included a requirement to Leave it Better Than You Found It? Pretty much every elected official inherits the decisions and the consequences of the policies and priorities that the previous official set in motion. Those decisions typically started with budget votes. What to fund – what to cut? Police, fire, schools, roads, parks, jails, trails, graffiti removal, animal control, community centers, libraries, health services, recreation – the list goes on. Should taxes be raised? Can consolidations save taxpayer funds? Should a specific service be provided by government employees, or a private business, or perhaps a non-profit?

Our quality of life is also impacted by short and long term planning. Where should new homes be built, where should office and retail stores be located, and what about the large warehouses? Are we going to add parks and community centers? Will the roads and freeways handle the increased traffic? *Leave It Better Than You Found It* isn't easy and it is rarely cheap.

Riverside County, like many other counties and cities, is coping with many of the very budget and planning decisions described above. The decisions made today can have lasting impacts – much like the budget and policy decisions made during the recent "Great Recession" are significantly impacting today's services to our growing communities. For example, supporting the current spending plan for jails in this county could handcuff (pun intended) Supervisors' budget decisions for at least the next five years, with all new revenues in the county going to the Sheriff. But we are being told that we need to do this now because, for a variety of reasons, the county failed to build new sufficient jail space in the last 20 years.

To be clear, this column is in no way intended to be an indictment of my predecessor or of my fellow Board Members today that served before I got here. There are many good things that exist in this county because of the hard work they have done in the past. For instance— the improvements you see being built on the 91 and 215 today were set in motion years ago. And the difficult work my predecessor and the Board did on pension reform saved this county from a near certain budget collapse in the not-too-distant future. But the pay raises given in those same negotiations are starting to kick in now, which directly affects the money we have available today. It is what it is, and all of these actions create the situations and opportunities, that we are faced with today, and it is up to you and me to attempt to set the course for the future.

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Kevin's Corner continued...

My recent vote to oppose the county budget was not about opposing an irresponsible budget that was imbalanced, or relied on new taxes and fees like those I used to fight against in the Legislature—because this budget was neither of those things. My vote was about the need to begin changing our budget direction away from the crisis management model that has dominated the last seven years or so (largely by necessity), and shift towards a budget that puts our communities first. A budget can simply preserve the status-quo and maintain government institutions in the same fashion they have operated for 20 years, or the budget can be a policy vehicle to change priorities, push for reforms, consolidations, accountability, and a renewed focus on serving and/or protecting our neighborhoods.

I recognize that the fiscal realities of today don't allow a massive shift in priorities in a single year, but I believe it is important to start that process, even if it is just the creation of a subsistence level of funding for community services in this county that we can build on in the future. Some will be upset by my dissent on this budget, while others will wonder, "what took you so long?" Regardless of the comments I receive, or concerns that are expressed, I am committed to representing the voters to the bureaucracy – not the other way around. In this way, I hope to some day leave the 1st District and this county better than the way I found it.

Respectfully, Kevin Jeffries



Manuel Real Elementary in Mead Valley

Student of Year Awards

In collaboration with the principals, teachers and counselors, Supervisor Jeffries was excited to honor one student from each grade in participating elementary schools as well as one senior from each participating high school in District 1.

Staff attended and presented each student with a certificate and gift card (\$5 to each elementary student and \$25 Amazon gift card to each senior). Congratulations to all recipients.

Elementary Schools

Columbia Elementary

Kindergarten- Abigail Ordaz-
1st Grade- Jane Epifanio
2nd Grade- Pedro Rodriguez
3rd Grade- Valerie Martinez
4th Grade- Angelee Thavisay

Cornerstone Christian

Kindergarten- Nicole Bocalig
1st Grade- Sienna Linares
2nd Grade- Garrett Phelix
3rd Grade- Selena Richardson
4th Grade- Daniel Rodriguez
5th Grade- Dominic Cortes

Lake Hills Elementary

Transitional Kinder- Genesis Berganza
Kindergarten- Natalie Chhim
First Grade- Macy Lee
Second Grade- Marissa Torres
Third Grade- Royce Felten
Fourth Grade- Sally Huynh
Fifth Grade:- Summer Dill

Lake Mathews Elementary

Kindergarten- Dashiell DeAnda
1st Grade- Juliet Tilden
2nd Grade- Allie Elizarraras
3rd Grade- Andrew Rudd
4th Grade- Julia Thompson
5th Grade- Rachel Meloni
6th Grade- Kirollos Soliman

Lakeland Village Middle

1st Grade- Katelyn Loeung
2nd Grade- Mariyah Macedo
3rd Grade- Parker Ghent & Elizabeth Medina
4th Grade- Karen Dilley & Jon Lower III
5th Grade- Kayla Marie Cook-Steagall & Evan Janse
6th Grade- Danah Davis & Hector Orozco
7th grade- Citlali Romero & Diego Lopez
8th Grade- Brian Lloyd P. Battad & Mikaela Fischer

Woodcrest Elementary

Kindergarten- Crystal Valladares
1st Grade- Ayodele "Dele" Odulate
2nd Grade- Paul Mungia Jr.
3rd Grade- Peyton Dyer
4th Grade- Nickolas Sanchez
5th Grade- Annalise Waggener
6th Grade- Amber Crowder

Manuel Real Elementary

Kindergarten- Natalia R. Garcia
1st Grade- Julian I. Marrujo
2nd Grade- Diego Mercado
3rd Grade- Jocelynn R. Henderson
4th Grade- Cristina Ramos
5th Grade- Kate A. Rojas

Mead Valley Elementary

Kindergarten- Alexandra Perez
1st Grade- Samantha Carrier
2nd Grade- Nataly Gonzalez
3rd Grade- Jacob Herrera
4th Grade- Desmond Leary
5th Grade- Roberto Perez

Temescal Elementary

Kindergarten- Sammie Fikse
1st Grade- Cooper Ruiz
2nd Grade- Julian Rayford
3rd Grade- Aubree Corral
4th Grade- Madysen Legere
5th Grade- Michael Reider
6th Grade- Gracie Lantz



Woodcrest Elementary

High Schools

California Lutheran School

Emma Plocher

Elsinore High School

Nathan Turner

John W. North High School

Liang Zhou

Keith McCarthy Academy

Lauren Peick

La Sierra High School

Simon Kersse

Martin Luther King High School

Jessica Chaoui

Ortega Continuation High School

Rolando Quintanilla De Rosa

Arlington High School

Sidney R. Aguirre

Cornerstone Christian

Megan Pastrallo

Poly High School

Philine Endres

Riverside Christian School

Elise Schaefer

RUSD Educational Options Center, Riverside Virtual School

Janna Corby -Potter

Temescal Canyon High School

Brienne Finch

Woodcrest Christian High School

Elijah Danielsen

County Boards and Commissions



Commission for Women *Cheri Curzon, Commissioner*

What does the Commission for Women do?:

The Commission for Women serves as an advocacy group for the issues surrounding women in our communities. The Commission engages in forums to foster discussion about current and pressing issues faced by women today.

What encouraged you to get involved with the Commission for Women?:

I was involved in two other organizations that advocate for women, the YWCA of Riverside County and the Riverside Area Rape Crisis Center. At that time, I helped each organization with events. The Riverside County Commission for Women wanted to put on a child safety event and I was contacted to see if I wanted to help organize it. Not long after the event, I saw an article in the PE where, then, Supervisor Bob Buster was looking for a Commissioner for the First District. The Commission's goals and activities went hand-in-hand with my interests regarding women, children and families in our communities. The application process went smoothly and I was appointed, one of two new Commissioners for District One in 2004.

The experience of being a Commissioner for the past nine years (two as the chair) has been an honor and privilege that I will cherish always. Though I will miss being on the Commission, amazing women are representing all the other Districts and I know Supervisor Jefferies will replace me with someone just as passionate.

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.

New Signs Welcome Residents, Highlight Community Center.

The communities of Mead Valley and Good Hope were recently the recipients of new signs which welcomed visitors to the community of Mead Valley, displaying the current population as well as the elevation of the valley.

In Good Hope, news signs were installed to show residents and newcomers alike how to locate the Good Hope Community Center on Steele Peak Drive, next to the county fire station.

Many residents have contacted our office to express their thanks for advocating for the new signs. As one resident stated, "It's been a long time coming!"



Mead Valley Community Center Gets Funds to Fix Day Care Center

The Mead Valley Community Center is a beautiful building and the park outside is very popular, but there have been ongoing problems in fully utilizing the facility. One of the last remaining issues is that despite the \$20+ million price tag, the attached child care center was not designed to meet state licensing specifications. With the construction budget exhausted and ongoing disputes with the contractor, a new source of funding was needed to fix the child care center so that this vital service can once again be provided for the community.

Last week, Supervisor Jeffries, working with the EDA Facilities Management team, was able to help obtain a \$300,000 grant from state tobacco tax dollars through the First Five Children and Families Commission to fix and furnish the center and bring it up to state standards, so that child care might finally be available by the end of the summer!

Supervisor Success Stories cont...



Additional Parking Added To Park And Community Center

Transportation & Land Management Agency (TLMA) recently added another first district project to the completion list with paving improvements and the addition of new parking stalls at the Good Hope Community Center and Park. This is the first phase in the much anticipated renovation of the existing park. Plans for the new park design are set to be released soon which have included direct input from several local residents.

Management of the Community Center and Park recently was also transferred over to the Riverside County Parks Department and increased programs are on the horizon.



Non Profit Spotlight

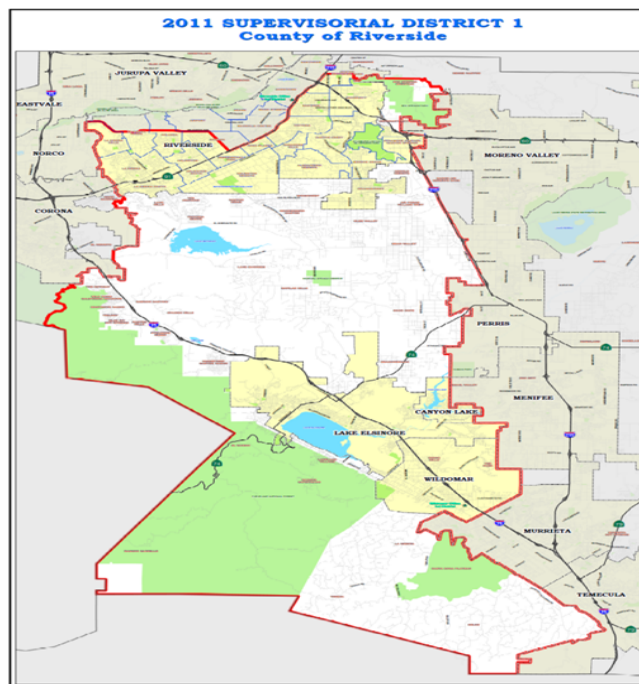
WILDOMAR ROTARY



Founded in 2008, the Rotary Club of Wildomar is a diverse group of community leaders, entrepreneurs and concerned citizens dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in Wildomar and beyond. The Rotary Club of Wildomar has participated in many community projects, including providing dictionaries to 3rd graders in Wildomar schools, sponsoring students for RYLA camp, Dignity Bags for Women Against Child Trafficking, filling backpacks with food for local students, Rotarians at Work Day, Bicycle Safety events, sponsor for Canine Support Teams service dogs and much more.

Rotary Club of Wildomar was awarded Non-Profit of the Year for 2011 and 2013 by the Wildomar Chamber of Commerce. The Club meets on Thursdays at 11:30am at Stadium Pizza, 32278 Clinton Keith Rd, Wildomar. Guests are welcome. You'll have fun meeting and networking with local people who uphold high professional standards and ethics, while knowing you're making good things happen in Wildomar and around the world. On Thursday, June 26, 2014, Canine Support Teams will be visiting the Club with a local veteran and his new service dog that has been sponsored by the Rotary Club of Wildomar. Also, mark your calendars for April 11, 2015 for the Club's signature event, the Ultimate BBQ Showdown East vs. West BBQ competition.

www.clubrunner.com/wildomar



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

We're on the MOVE

MONDAYS

9:30 am - 10:30 am
Good Hope
Community Center
21565 Steele Peak
Perris

11:30 am - 12:30 pm
Rob Reiner Center
2221 S. A Street
Perris

1:30 pm to 3:00 pm
Wildomar Senior Center
32325 S. Pasadena Street
Wildomar

TUESDAYS

9:00 am - 11:00 am
Deleo Park
25655 Santiago Canyon Road
Temescal Valley

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Aguanga Post Office
45140 Highway 79
Aguanga

For more information contact the Perris Library at 951-657-2358

Western County Bookmobile 2014 Schedule

WEDNESDAYS

9:00 am - 11:00 am
Brookfield Park
Winchester & Pourroy
Winchester

2:30 pm - 4:00 pm
Quail Valley
Project Lift Resource Center
29210 Goetz Road
Quail Valley

THURSDAYS

10:00 am - 12 noon
San Jacinto
Community College
Menifee Campus
28237 La Piedra Road
Menifee

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Val Verde Elementary
2656 Indian Avenue
Perris

FRIDAYS

10:00-12:00 p.m.
Country Village
Senior Apartments
10250 Country Club Dr
Mira Loma

1:30-3:30 p.m.
Lake Mathews Fire Station
16453 El Sobrante Road
Lake Mathews



2014 CONCERT FOR HEROES

A Tribute to Veterans

An Annual Event for Southern Californians

Title Sponsors



Performance by:
Riverside County Philharmonic
Thursday, July 3, 2014
7:30 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.
Concert Amphitheater
Riverside National Cemetery

Seating in amphitheater or bring lawn chairs.
Our Cemetery is a National Shrine.
Please respect the grave sites of those who have served.
Please, no alcohol.

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Marion Ashley, Supervisor
County of Riverside
City of Riverside
County of Riverside
Economic Development Agency
Wells Fargo
John Tavaglione, Supervisor
County of Riverside
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County of Riverside
The First Enterprise
Pyrospectacular, Inc.
Rose Medina, 61st District
California State Assembly
Jeff Stone, Supervisor
County of Riverside
- ****
A to Z Printing Co.
Abbott Vascular
American Medical Response
-Glen Browder
-Ken Calypso
Member of Congress
Billy Campbell
Preston & Simon, Mortuary
Dave and Joan Campbell
Bill International of California
Insurance Services, Inc.
Kosmos-Lyonon
Diana Knox
Loma Linda VA Healthcare System
Riverside Medical Clinic
Riverside Physicians Network
Security Bank of California
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Acheson & Graham
Albers Adcock Devlin, LLP
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City of Riverside
Boy Scout Troop 90
California Inland Empire Council, BSA
Mike Davine
Downs Energy
Mike Gardner, Councilman
City of Riverside
Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce
Dick Haley (Councilman) and Christine
City of Corona
Chris MacArthur, Councilman
City of Riverside
March Joint Powers Authority
Military Officers Association of America
March Field Chapter
Riverside National Cemetery
Memorials and Monuments Committee
Riverside National Cemetery
Support Committee
Rounds, Faunt & House, Inc.
Western Municipal Water District
Others
and of course
Riverside National Cemetery

Critter Kiddz Camp!

at the Western Riverside Animal Shelter

Two separate weeks!

Week 1: July 14-18

The Zany Zoo

Week 2: July 21-25

Down on the Farm

Kids ages: 6-12



Place: Western Riverside Animal Shelter
6851 Van Buren Blvd., Jurupa Valley, CA 92509

Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Cost: \$100 per week
(\$75 for second child)

Register online at: www.RCDAS.org

*Please register for each child separately.

For questions contact: Elvira Valenzuela

EValenzu@rcdas.org

951-358-7336



Looking for a rewarding career with the Sheriff's Department?



Riverside County Sheriff's Department RESOURCE AND CAREER FAIR

JULY 12, 2014 ~ 8:00AM - 12:00PM

PALM DESERT STATION

73705 Gerald Ford Dr., Palm Desert CA 92260

PRESENTATIONS WILL BE EVERY 30 MINUTES



Speak with Sheriff's recruiters, along with other current employees to learn more about open opportunities with the Sheriff's Department.

Many positions are available, such as Deputy Sheriff Trainee, Correctional Deputy, Correctional Cook, Accounting Assistant, Office Assistant, and other clerical support positions.

OPENINGS ACROSS THE COUNTY IN PALM DESERT, INDIO, BLYTHE, AND THE RIVERSIDE AREA

Interested applicants must pre-register at:

HRSheriffRecruiter@rc-hr.com
or at 1(888) JoinRSD



www.JoinRSD.org

FOR MORE INFORMATION SCAN QR CODE

