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Kevin's Corner

Even with the Holidays ahead – things continue to move at a rapid pace across the county and in the First District. Below you will find a summary of just some of the items we are working on:

Forced Pay Raise? - When I announced my campaign for election to the Board of Supervisors, I made it clear that I would NOT accept a taxpayer funded pension, nor would I accept stipends to attend other local meetings. I also made it known that I would not support a pay increase. So when a proposal was presented to the Board of Supervisors in July to raise our pay, I voted no, and advised that I would not accept the increase if it passed. I then immediately sent a letter to HR asking that I not receive the increase. I have now been notified that according to California law I MUST accept the pay increase! I'm not kidding. I was provided a rejection letter (available upon request) citing Article 3 Section 4 of the State Constitution whereby it states that salaries cannot be reduced during the term of office for certain elected officials. In what can only be viewed as very twisted government logic – my refusal to accept a pay increase is considered to be a pay "reduction". Only in government! I intend to keep my word so I'm pursuing two efforts: 1) I have asked a State Legislator to introduce legislation to clarify that refusing a pay increase is not the same as accepting a pay reduction, and 2) Until we find a legislative solution or a past court ruling to correct this – I will be donating my pay raise to the Riverside County Regional Parks and Open Space District (less the cut the IRS will want).

Parks & Trails – Our office is working closely with County Parks to continue efforts to enhance access and use of trails around Box Springs Mountain (Riverside/215 area), in a joint effort with the City of Riverside. We are also supporting multi-agency efforts for a future trail system from Corona up through the Temescal Valley (I-15 corridor) into the Lake Elsinore Valley and ultimately to Temecula, for which a National Park Service grant was recently renewed to assist with the planning of this future trail. My personal thanks to all the volunteers and advocates who started this effort many years ago.

Citizen Appointments – The County has a number of commissions and committees that residents can seek appointment to. On page 3, you'll see information about two commissions that are particularly in need of applicants: The Tax Assessment Appeals Board and the First Five Commission. Please visit our website www.SupervisorJeffries.org to contact us if you are interested in these or other positions in the County.

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Property Taxes - Were you shocked when you opened your property tax bill(s) a few weeks ago? With property values going back up, so also are our taxes. If you believe a mistake has been made, the County has a formal appeal process to challenge your assessed valuation. You have to pay a small filing fee and you should plan on doing your homework on comparable values in your neighborhood. If you have questions, be sure to contact the Assessor-Clerk-Recorder office at 951-955-6200. They have a very dedicated and professional staff that will try to answer all your questions. *Disclaimer: The Board of Supervisors does not approve or determine your assessed valuation or the appeal(s).*

November 25th - This is likely to be a very long Board meeting. Just a few of the nearly 100 or so items we anticipate on the agenda include: Accountability & Transparency of Lawsuit Payments, Eradication of Commercial Marijuana Groves, revised Developer Impact Fees, and a farewell to Supervisor (State Senator-Elect) Jeff Stone. According to the State constitution, the vacancy can only be filled by an appointment from the Governor, so we are not sure how long it will be before we have five Board members again.

As always, I am interested in your thoughts about what you would like to see your county government doing---or stop doing! I see all the comments on these newsletters (even the not-so-nice comments), and truly appreciate the many helpful suggestions.

Respectfully,
Kevin Jeffries

P.S. I hope that you will stop by at one of Holiday Open House receptions in December—One in our office in Downtown Riverside with some of our fellow Board Members, and one in Lake Elsinore with Assemblywoman Melissa Melendez. We will also be collecting new toys for the Sparks of Love Christmas Toy Drive. Details on both events can be found on the back page of this newsletter.

Supervisor Tackles Marijuana Grows...

As our ordinance for the regulation of marijuana nears the November 25th Board date, Supervisor Jeffries recently took time to tour several grows with Congressman Calvert and illustrate the immense nature of this problem in District 1 of Riverside County.

Regional news outlets such as KNBC and Telemundo 52 have also requested interviews and further clarification of how these grows are affecting local neighborhoods and how the new ordinance will affect the larger grows.



Supervisor interviewing with KNBC about grows in District 1



Congressman Calvert and Supervisor Jeffries stop by the Maywood Gun Club on a recent tour of Marijuana grows.



COMMISSIONERS & ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

Do you have an interest and expertise in early childhood development?

First 5 Riverside, the Riverside County Children & Families Commission, is seeking applicants to fill upcoming vacancies on the [Commission](#) and [Advisory Committee to the Commission](#). All positions are appointed and volunteer. Deadline to apply is Nov. 21.

See links above for more information or go to www.First5Riverside.org



Assessment Appeals Board Members / Hearing Officers Needed.

Are you a Licensed Real Estate Broker, Certified Public Accountant, Attorney or Certified Real Estate Appraiser?

Well, if you are, and might be interested in serving as an Assessment Appeals Board Member for the County of Riverside please make sure you go online and fill out your application today! Simply go to www.rivcocob.org for more information and to download your application.

Board members serve on five rotating boards for a total of 3 days a month, with compensation of \$300 per day. Most meetings are located at 4080 Lemon Street at the County Administrative Center in downtown Riverside.

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.

Community Sign Gets Facelift

A community sign says a lot about the lifestyle and residents of the community it represents. When brought to the attention of Supervisor Jeffries that the Woodcrest sign on Washington was in need of repair and paint, the Supervisor sought the help of Riverside County Fire/ Cal-Fire. Cal-Fire utilized their inmate work crews and wood shop to provide a face lift to the sign.



Before



After

America's Tire Ribbon Cutting.....

CEO Bruce Halle from America's Tire/Discount Tires was on hand along with Supervisor Kevin Jeffries to officially cut the ribbon on the newest location for tire distribution in Southern California for their many retail outlets. Mead Valley MAC Chairman Tony Davila and Alternate Charles Romero were also on hand for the event as were community members and local business leaders.



More Jobs for District #1

Cal Premium Treats Inc. held its ribbon cutting recently, which was attended by Supervisor Kevin Jeffries, staff, and several Mead Valley MAC members. CEO John Keller was on hand to cut the ribbon and speak to the dedication Cal Premium has to “American Made” treats for pets. As a veteran himself, he is proud to employ several veterans and local residents of the Riverside community which he was raised in. Cal Premium Treats is looking to fill 90 positions at their new location. For information on how to apply go to www.calpreiumtreats.com today.



Supervisor Jeffries and CEO John Keller



Supervisor Jeffries during an interview at the ribbon cutting

Over 4000 attend District #1 Halloween Events!



Good Hope / Meadowbrook Halloween



Haunted Maze, games and candy brought out many to Mead Valley



Deleo Park featured pumpkin patch, train rides, petting zoo and more!

Non Profit Spotlight

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF INLAND EMPIRE



Big Brothers Big Sisters
serving the Inland Empire

For more than 100 years, Big Brothers Big Sisters has operated under the belief that inherent in every child is the ability to succeed and thrive in life. As the nation's largest donor and volunteer supported mentoring network, Big

Brothers Big Sisters makes meaningful, monitored matches between adult volunteers ("Bigs") and children ("Littles"), ages 6 through 18, in communities across the country. We develop positive relationships that have a direct and lasting effect on the lives of young people.

The Big Brothers Big Sisters Mission is to help children reach their potential through one-to-one relationships with mentors that have a measurable impact on youth.

The Big Brothers Big Sisters Vision is successful mentoring relationships for all children who need and want them, contributing to brighter futures, better schools, and stronger communities for all.

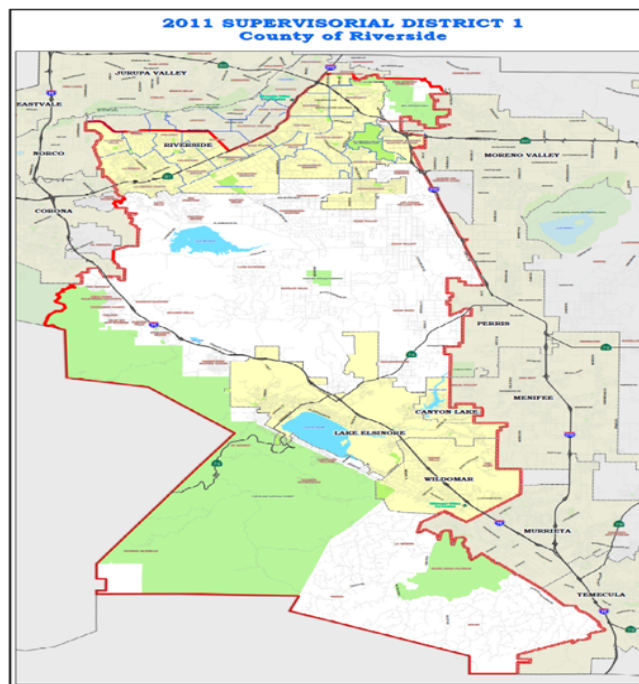
National research has shown that positive relationships between Littles and their Bigs have a direct and measurable impact on children's lives. By participating in our programs, Little Brothers and Sisters are: more confident in their schoolwork performance able to get along better with their families

46% less likely to begin using illegal drugs

27% less likely to begin using alcohol

52% less likely to skip school.

To get involved, please visit: <http://www.bigbroie.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

District 1 Holiday Events

Thur, December 4th 4- 6pm
Cookies with Santa
 Western Municipal Water District (16451 El Sobrante, Lake Mathews)

Sat, December 6th 8am-noon
Breakfast with Santa
 Mead Valley Community Center (21091 Rider Street, Mead Valley)

Tues, December 9th 4- 7pm
Assemblywoman Melendez & District 1 Holiday Reception
 Summary Links (29381 Village Pkwy, Lake Elsinore)

Thur, December 11th 3-5pm
Cookies with Santa
 Woodcrest Library (16625 Krameria, Woodcrest)

Sat, December 13th 10am- 2pm
Winter Festival
 Deleo Sports Park, Temescal Valley (25655 Santiago Canyon Road)

Mon, December 15th 4- 6pm
County Board of Supervisors' Holiday Reception
 County Building, 5th Floor (4080 Lemon, Riverside)

Sat, December 20th 8am- noon
Breakfast with Santa
 Good Hope Community Center (21565 Steel Peak Drive, Perris)

We are joining with Riverside County Fire Department in supporting the Spark of Love Toy Drive at our reception. It is not a requirement for admission, but if you are able, please bring a new unwrapped toy or sports equipment for underprivileged children in our region. If you are unable to attend the reception, donations are accepted at all CDF/Riverside County Fire stations throughout the county.

