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RIVERSIDE
COUNTY
DISTRICT #1**



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Kevin's Corner

In my June article I raised the concern about what it actually costs taxpayers when our county government looks to construct a 1500 square foot community room (nearly \$1,378,000), as well as the total cost to acquire a small \$1,200 piece of land from a local land owner to be used for a public dirt roadway (\$15,475).

Another similar example of exorbitant government costs that I failed to mention resulted in us calling off a planned purchase. A land owner in the community of Good Hope had entertained selling to the county a small parcel of land next to a community park so that the park could be enlarged. The landowner was considering selling his parcel for roughly \$17,000.00. Unfortunately, when the county factored in all its various fees and costs to purchase the lot – the total price tag to taxpayers ballooned to an estimated \$47,000.00.

The above instances are relatively simple transactions or projects that end up costing far more than they should because of the cost for government to conduct its business. Recently I had to simultaneously shake my head and laugh when my county office received two certified letters (to two different staff members) from the Postal Service that had been sent to our Riverside office by another county agency. In this case the county department that went through the cost and process to send the certified letters (containing informational CD's) is actually located in the exact same county building as our office.

The County Administrative Center not only has its own internal mail system to route mail from one floor to another – but it also has both stairs and an elevator! (sorry – just had to mention that). In fairness, we are not talking about a lot of money being questionably spent in this case, but we are going to continue asking if this (and the other noted examples) is the most efficient way to spend taxpayer dollars!

Next month I hope to talk about the incredible cost to build roads. As always – please free to offer your observations or suggestions to help improve our county, communities and our government.

Respectfully,
Kevin Jeffries

District 1 Students of the Year

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. Congratulations to all recipients.

Participating Schools:

Alvord Unified School District

Arizona Middle School
Collette Elementary
Foothill Elementary
La Granada Elementary
Lake Hills Elementary
McAuliffe Elementary
Myra Linn Elementary
Orrenmaa Elementary School
Rosemary Kennedy Elementary School
Wells Middle School

Corona Norco Unified School District

Temescal Elementary

Lake Elsinore Unified School District

Cornerstone Christian School
Cottonwood Canyon Elementary School
Donald Graham Elementary School
Machado Elementary School
Railroad Canyon Elementary School
Ronald Reagan Elementary School
Withrow Elementary School
Lakeland Village School
Luiseno School

Riverside Unified School District

Castle View Elementary School
Jefferson Elementary School
John F. Kennedy Elementary School
Lake Mathews Elementary School
Longfellow Elementary School
Monroe Elementary School
Pachappa Elementary School
Victoria Elementary School
William Howard Taft Elementary School
Woodcrest Elementary School

Val Verde Unified School District

Columbia Elementary
Manuel Real Elementary
Mead Valley Elementary



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.

Assessor's Office Fix – A local resident and business owner from the First District who had shut down his commercial office recently received an invoice for a tax assessment related to his business which had ceased operation at that physical location for a considerable amount of time.

After contacting our office he was able to have the assessments related to his business removed as they were assessed while he was not at the location. The correction left him with a zero balance and removed a lien which had also been generated as result of non-payment.

Good Hope Park Construction Begins– On Monday July 7th 2015, construction commenced on the new full length basketball court adjacent to the community center. Over \$125,000 was allocated from Supervisor Jeffries' CID (Community Improvement Designation) funds to make this project become a reality. Project completion is scheduled for September 1st. Other improvements are coming soon!



Annual Inspection Fees Unnecessary – Recently a resident of the 1st District received a letter from our Building & Safety Department which stated that in order to comply with the State National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) inspection he would need to pay \$1,612.78 to have the inspection scheduled. After contacting our office to help him better understand why he needed to pay this annual fee and staff making a few calls to determine the definition of this “mandated fee” it was determined that the property owner had the option to “self-inspect” and therefore did not need to pay the \$1,612.78 previously required.

It was brought to the attention of the Building and Safety Department that their letter neglected to mention that property owners did retain the option to self-inspect or could pay the fee if they so desired for their inspection, and they have pledged that all future letters sent out by their office will contain language which clearly details both options available to property owners.

County Boards and Commissions Appointee Profile

Good Hope Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) Carlos Lara, Chair



What does your board do?

Our board represents all of the residents of the Good Hope & Meadowbrook areas in front of the Board of Supervisors for Riverside County. We listen to and advocate for better roads, cleaner neighborhoods, community parks (such as the one being currently built) and more services for our residents. Our communities need more services, and therefore we need to bring in more businesses, while assisting those who are currently open along Highway 74.

We encourage local residents to join us at our monthly meetings and help us to spread the word of our community involvement and desire for a better future.

What interested you in serving on the board?

I was interested in helping to serve the community to have a unified voice and representation with the County of Riverside, and with our Supervisor, Kevin Jeffries. For several years many of our residents felt we could benefit from better representation of our community for much needed improvements. I'm hopeful our MAC Team of local residents can now accomplish the goals they desire for our communities. Good things are coming for our areas and I know the future is bright for all of us.



Contact your local water district to see how you can begin to help us Save Our Water!

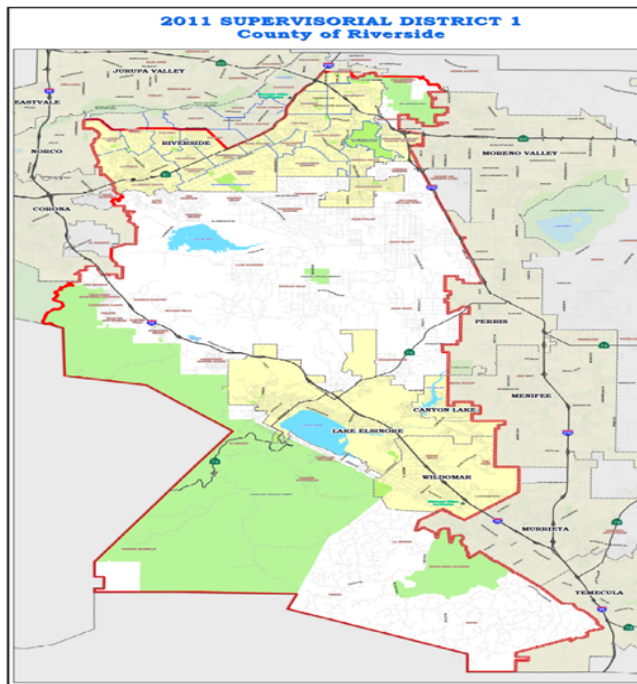
Non-Profit of the Month

Friends Of The Woodcrest Library

Woodcrest Library Summer Reading Program – “Read to the Rhythm”

The Woodcrest Library Summer Reading Program benefits the smallest constituents of the First District by helping them to retain their reading skills over the summer vacation. Not only do they retain their skills, but by their avid reading in order to earn prizes, they actually improve their reading abilities. The Woodcrest Library program gives children in the First District a safe environment in which to spend their days, where they can learn and explore. The Summer Reading Program exposes children to new things, including live entertainment from an assortment of performers, crafts, games, and this year they can read to a therapy dog, Sgt. Pepper. It rewards them for reading, encourages them to try new books, and we are told over and over again by parents that the Summer Reading Program enhances the lives of the children living in Woodcrest. This free program is available to all children regardless of their financial standing, nationality, or religion.

For more information, contact the library at (951) 789-7324.



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, Spring Hills, Mead Valley, Temescal Valley, Good Hope, Lakeland Village, El Cariso, Meadowbrook, La Cresta, Tenaja, Warm Springs and DeLuz



RivCoParks Summer Camp provides a supervised environment that promotes teamwork, character, education and community. Kids ages 5-13 are welcome to join the fun. Registration is available daily at your park location.



June 8 – August 14
9am-12pm
Monday - Thursday

Deleo Regional Sports Park
25655 Santiago Canyon Rd. Temescal Valley, CA 92883

Field Trips:
Scheduled on Fridays

Drop Zone Water Park	June 26	Cost: \$20.00
Payment due by: 06/18		Includes Lunch
Medieval Times	July 10	Cost: \$35.00
Payment due by: 07/02		Bring a Sack Lunch
San Diego Zoo	July 17	Cost: \$35.00
Payment due by: 07/09		Bring a Sack Lunch
Knotts Berry Farm	July 24	Cost: \$35.00
Payment due by: 07/16		Bring a Sack Lunch
Pirate Dinner Adventure	July 31	Cost: \$35.00
Payment due by: 07/23		Bring a Sack Lunch

No Exceptions & No Refunds

Parks Make Life Better!

For more information or to register please send an email to: SummerCamps@RivCoParks, visit RivCoParks.org or call (951) 210-1580

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

SPONSORED BY FIRST DISTRICT SUPERVISOR AND RIVERSIDE COUNTY WASTE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

Location: Good Hope/Meadowbrook Community Center/Fire Station #9
21565 Steele Peak Drive Perris, CA 92570



Directions:
From CA-74, turn east on Mountain Avenue and turn south onto Palm Street and then east onto Steele Peak Drive. Enter event by turning left into the Community Center.
NOTE: Event may be cancelled due to rain, snow or excessive winds or other hazardous conditions as determined by County.

- ✓ Household Hazardous Waste Only-No Business Waste
- ✓ Each load shall not exceed 15 gallons of liquid waste or a total of 125 pounds—Multiple trips are allowed
- ✓ Containers shall be marked and secured to prevent leaks
- ✓ Containers holding gasoline will not be returned

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| <p>Acceptable Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Used Oil and Filters • Latex/Oil-Base Paint • Fluorescent Tubes/Bulbs • Pesticides • Cleaners • BBQ & Camp Size Propane • Aerosol Cans • Antifreeze • Auto Batteries • Garden Chemicals • Pool Chlorine • TVs and Computers • Electronic Waste • Sharps | <p>Unacceptable Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government, Business, Non-Profit, or Out-of-County Hazardous Waste • Explosives or Ammunition • Medical/Infectious Waste (except Sharps) • Asbestos • Radioactive or Remediation Material • Containers larger than five gallons or weighing more than 50 pounds • Appliances, Tires, or Trash |
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Date and Time:
Saturday
August 29, 2015
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Riverside County Waste Management Department
Riverside County
Riverside, CA 92501
Ph 951-486-3200
www.rivco.org

Riverside County Waste Management Department
14310 Frederick Street, Moreno Valley, CA 92553
Ph 951-486-3200 Hotline 800-304-2226
www.rivco.org

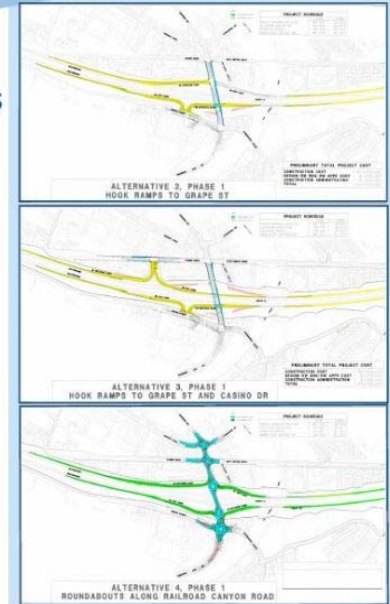
PUBLIC OUTREACH MEETING #2

I-15/RAILROAD CYN & FRANKLIN INTERCHANGE PROJECT

Monday, July 13, 2015
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Cultural Center
183 N. Main Street



Join us to learn more about this critical transportation project. Your input is encouraged.



Find out more at www.RRCanyonInterchange.com



July is National Minority Mental Health Month

Hope Starts With You



FREE - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Date - Thursday July 23 2015
Time - 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Location - 21091 Rider St. | Perris CA 92570
Mead Valley Community Center

FOR MORE INFORMATION: 951-765-1850
namihemet@gmail.com

NAMI Mt San Jacinto

NAMI Temecula Valley

- ⇒ Activities for Children
- ⇒ Free Health Screenings
- ⇒ Community Information
- ⇒ Music and Entertainment
- ⇒ Substance Abuse Information
- ⇒ Information on Mental Health

