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## Kevin's Corner

When our government collects taxes and fees from *We The People* - it has an obligation to make sure that every tax dollar is used for a legal public purpose and is spent in a wise and efficient manner for the benefit of the public. Of course, some of the most hotly debated public policy disputes involve how and why our government spends our hard-earned tax dollars. While this column is not going to attempt to resolve all those debates, I will take this opportunity to point out an obvious concern right here in our own backyard - that being the actual cost of local government to conduct its business.

Recently, county staff determined that it was necessary to acquire a very small Right-Of-Way easement from a private land owner for the purpose of making sure a road was wide enough for local residents to legally and safely utilize it when going to and from their homes. It was a very small piece of land and the land owner agreed to sell the easement for a nominal sum of \$1,200.00. Unfortunately and unbelievably, the cost for our county government to buy the (\$1,200) easement was an additional \$14,275.00 in various fees and charges. So the \$1200.00 purchase turned into a \$15,475.00 purchase.

A second example of the high cost of government happened about this time last year when I was giving a very preliminary look at the possibility of building a 1,500 square foot community room adjacent to the existing Woodcrest Library. Now as a rough comparison, a new 1500 square foot home would likely cost you somewhere between \$250,000 and \$350,000 depending on the community. When I asked for a cost estimate for the county to have the community room constructed, the preliminary cost estimate was One Million, Three Hundred Seventy Eight Thousand (\$1,378,000.) and change.

Now to be fair about this – I can't fault our County staff for the incredibly inflated (or outrageous) cost of government to build or buy property. Certain safeguards have been enacted in public (spending) policy to prevent misuse or even criminal conduct with our tax dollars, and those safeguards require government purchasing to jump through bureaucratic hoops and delays that cost both time and money.

However, at a time when we have far more demands for services than we have resources to provide them, I have to believe that we can and must find more cost effective ways for government to conduct the people's business without compromising reasonable safeguards. Otherwise our government will continue to paralyze or price itself out of being able to accomplish much of anything for the benefit of those who are paying the taxes.

Respectfully,  
Kevin Jeffries

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## 1st District Youth Advisory Council (YAC) Scholarships

This scholarship award is designed to reward First District Youth Advisory Council Members (YAC) hard work, assist in their education and improve our community. All 12th grade YAC members were able to apply for this scholarship. They were eligible for up to \$250 per year served on the council.

Sammy De La Cruz, \$500, University of California, Riverside

Matthew Philip Sanchez, \$250, University of California, Los Angeles

Michael Carrillo, \$500, University of California, Berkeley

Sunny Singh, \$500, University of California, Berkeley

Ha Tran, \$500, University of Pennsylvania

Arnulfo Morga, \$750, University of California, Santa Barbara

Ikeoluwa Adeyemi-Idowu, \$500, Harvard

Caleb Sanchez, \$500, Texas Tech University

Cassandra Sandoval, \$250, University of California, Santa Barbara

Brianna Gonzalez, \$250, Cal State San Marcos

Justin Chan, \$250, University of California, Santa Barbara

Parth Panchal, \$250, University of California, Davis

Angela Nguyen, \$500, University of California, Berkeley



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

The Youth Advisory Council had a wonderful experience during the 2014-2015 council term. YAC members participated in many events this past year, including the Janet Goeske Gala, a Halloween Trunk or Treat at Deleo Regional Sports Park, and a food drive for needy families at the Albertson's in Lake Elsinore. Throughout the year, YAC members also worked with nonprofit organizations such as Operation Safehouse to spend time with runaway teens in crisis. The council wrapped up their year at their end of the year dinner which was held at Sky Zone. YAC members were presented certificates of appreciation and honor cords to thank them for volunteering their hours to help the constituents of District 1. These graduating YAC members were also awarded college scholarships to help them in their educational journey. Overall, the 2014-2015 council term was successful and fulfilling to the YAC members and the District 1 community.



## 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 Marijuana Ordinance Cracks Down on Cartels, Protects Patients**

We've mentioned several times in this newsletter about the problems we have been having with large-scale, organized crime-operated marijuana grows in our residential neighborhoods in Mead Valley, Good Hope, and Meadowbrook, among other locations. After a nearly year-long process collaborating with former Supervisor Stone and representatives from Code Enforcement, the Sheriff's Department, County Counsel, the District Attorney's Office, Department of Public Health, and medical marijuana advocates, Supervisor Jeffries was able to pass a major new marijuana ordinance for Riverside County that not only cracks down on those organized crime operations growing marijuana for profit, but will also for the first time allow legitimate medical marijuana patients and their care givers to grow their own, so long as they comply with county standards. This new ordinance should give Code Enforcement and the Sheriff the tools they need to begin clearing these operations out of our neighborhoods.



### **Making Government More Transparent**

Supervisor Jeffries continues to work towards improving public access and transparency in government operations, and with reforms passed in May, all future "Form 11s" (agenda items requiring action from the Board of Supervisors) will be required to include usable maps and legislative language when relevant, be written more clearly, and will be required to be submitted by 5pm on the Thursday before a Board Meeting, so that constituents and organizations (and Board Members and Staff) will be able to see the complete Board Agenda on Fridays, giving everyone extra time to review items of importance to them.

### **Road Acquisition Project Finally Completed**

After almost two years of negotiations, surveys, talks, and meetings, the Marie / Margarth Street acquisition finally came to completion with the roar of heavy equipment. Work recently began on the Marie Street portion of the road acquisition with grading. Even though both streets will not be paved, they will have grading work completed to a portion of them, making it much safer for residents who drive these streets on a daily basis. Several residents have called to express their sincerest "thank you" for making the road actually passable now.



## County Boards and Commissions Appointee Profile

### Mead Valley Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) Paz Trevino, Chair



#### What does your Council do??

The Council acts as a portal between the County Supervisor and the community of Mead Valley. Through our community meetings, information from the Supervisor and pertinent county agencies gets conveyed to the public and vice versa, information or concerns from the community gets conveyed back to the Supervisor via the minutes through our public comments section.

#### What interested you in serving on the council?

I was inadvertently attracted to the board by the lack of representation to the needs of the working class landowner in Mead Valley. I understand that the working class landowner can sometimes find it difficult to partake in community meetings and therefore their interests can easily be overlooked by those in the county responsible for shaping the future of our community. Most working class residents don't complain when they have a grievance, rather tolerate it or work harder to overcome the obstacle and that virtue, though enviable, leads to inadequate representation. I believe the people who have been living, working, raising families and paying taxes in this community should be the ones who benefit from the growth of this community and I would like to make sure that their interests are being represented and their voices are heard.



## Non-Profit of the Month

# Riverside Meals On Wheels

Riverside Meals on Wheels is a nonprofit volunteer organization, in operation since 1972, providing noon-time delivery of hot nutritious meals Monday through Friday to senior and disabled housebound residents in the City of Riverside.

Seniors and housebound adults who fall under one or more of the following categories are eligible to receive their services:

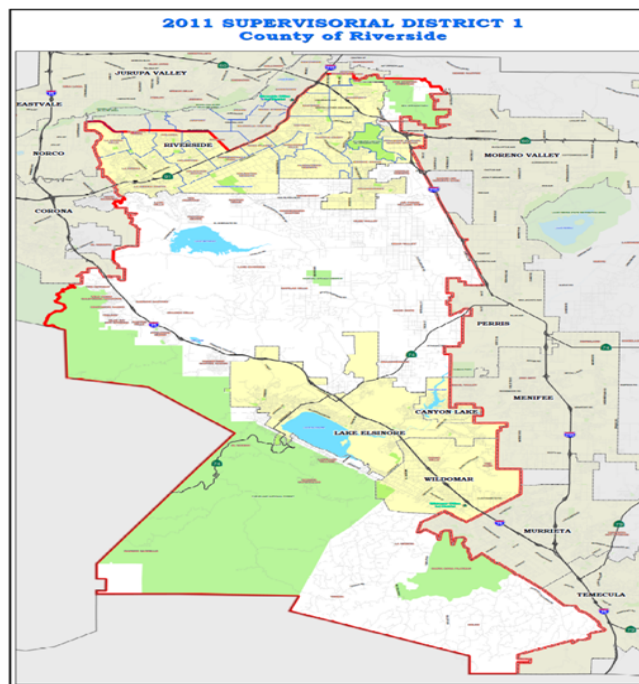
Have difficulty or are unable to safely prepare nutritious meals for themselves; essentially confined to their places of residence; and/or have little or no assistance to obtain adequate nutrition.

Riverside Meals on Wheels delivers one ready-to-eat meal between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Meals are delivered in person to the client's home.

The balanced nutritious meal consists of a protein, starch, vegetable, fruit, and 2% milk or fruit juice. Non-fat milk is available upon request. Menus are formulated for senior nutrition, and the general diet is low salt, low fat, and low cholesterol. Meals can also be prepared to meet many special dietary requirements, including diabetic and vegetarian options.

Hot meals are delivered in a resealable, microwaveable container. Meals can be left in an ice chest with a cold pack, if provided.

For more information, contact Meals on Wheels at (951) 683-7151.



## 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*



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**



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

**No Exceptions & No Refunds**

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

**RivCoParks Summer Concert @ Mead Valley Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015**



Featuring family band SHOUT!!



A Classic Rock cover band with soul, playing your favorite hits from the 60s and 70s, as well as select Rock en Español hits


- Games and activities for kids before the show, starting @ 5 PM
- SHOUT!! Performs from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM
- Food Vendors throughout the event

Charles Meigs, Sr. Community Center  
21091 Rider St., Mead Valley, CA 92570

When: Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
Time: 5:00 PM–8:00 PM, Concert @ 6 PM

For more information, please call:  
RivCoParks @ (951) 210-1580



**RivCoParks Summer Concert @ Perret Park Saturday July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015**



Featuring family band SHOUT!!



A Classic Rock cover band with soul, playing your favorite hits from the 60s and 70s


- Games and activities for kids before the show, starting @ 5 PM
- SHOUT!! Performs from 6:30 PM until 8:30 PM
- Fireworks @ 9PM\*
- Food Vendors throughout the event

Perret Park, 32938 Perret Blvd., Lake Elsinore, CA 92530

When: Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
Time: 5:00 PM–8:30 PM, Concert @ 6:30

For more information, please call:  
RivCoParks @ (951) 210-1580



\* Fireworks display by City of Lake Elsinore



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