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RIVERSIDE  
COUNTY  
DISTRICT #1**



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## Kevin's Corner

While Rome is burning, the most heated debate inside the Board Room a few weeks ago was not about the \$40 million (& growing) hole in our county budget, or the uptick in crimes in many communities, but instead it was an agenda item that proposed to direct a private restaurant operator to change the food menu at the County Administrative Center (CAC) in downtown Riverside.

In fairness to my colleagues, I was the only one that thought it was a questionable topic, and I pulled it from the agenda, so I guess I bear some of the responsibility for that debate. But in an era of creeping government involvement, and nanny-like dictates from "those who know better" about what we should eat, drink, and drive, I'm uncomfortable with anything that brings the finger-wagging hand of government further into our personal lives.

If you've not been in the CAC, there is a somewhat small, privately run restaurant in the main lobby known as The Atrium. They have a decent variety of food, with daily rotating specials, and is staffed by private sector employees who spend the day dealing with hungry county employees and citizens who always seem to be in a hurry.

The main purpose of the agenda item was to extend their contract, change the menu board, add a new point of sale (POS) system that would allow for tracking, and direct the business owner to make some changes to his menu choices. For me the POS "tracking" and the directive to change the menu raised some serious red flags.

Now I'm the first to admit that my idea of a healthy meal (Italian pasta) would not make the politically correct healthy list, however when government directs a private business to change its menu to include certain government approved food groups and ingredients – it really smacks of Big Brother. The other initially harmless sounding item - the "POS system" indicated it would "interact with County employee database for Healthy Dining options and tracking points."

As for the menu change, if customers were actually asking for more healthy items, any smart restaurant owner who thought they could make more money selling healthy items, would already be offering them! Sure, everyone always tells the survey taker (especially a survey being circulated to county employees by the county HR department) that they want to eat healthier, but when presented with the choice between tasteless cardboard or a bacon cheeseburger, many choose the cheeseburger! And that should be our right (even if it's wrong). Forcing a restaurant owner to clear shelf and refrigerator space and feature more government-selected choices will actually result in fewer choices for the customers that actually want food that tastes good, and will also likely result in more unsold government-selected food being thrown out.

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The second item (POS system) is what really got me going. The last thing Riverside County employees need is some Orwellian, Big Brother (or Big Mommy?) boss looking over their shoulder to see whether they are eating healthy enough, by linking (read: use county ID cards to order and track) their cafeteria purchases to their HR profile!

In the discussion, everyone assured me that they never had any intention of actually tracking employee meals, and it was agreed to pull that portion out of the new contract, but the healthy ingredients requirement stayed in place on a 4-1 vote. In closing, as opposed and uncomfortable as I am with government telling a private restaurant what to sell, this business is indeed operating rent free in a county owned building (so that it can afford to stay open). So does that give government officials the right to dictate what will be on the menu?

Respectfully,

Kevin

PS: Here is a link to the Agenda Item:

[http://rivcocob.org/agenda/2016/02\\_09\\_16\\_files/03-05.pdf](http://rivcocob.org/agenda/2016/02_09_16_files/03-05.pdf)

And here is a link to a video of the discussion (click on Item 3-5 or drag time to 42:50 of the video): <http://riversidecountyca.igm2.com/Citizens/SplitView.aspx?Mode=Video&MeetingID=1436&Format=Agenda>

## District #1 Seniors Enjoy Mardi Gras and The Price Is Right!!

Recently several of our District #1 seniors were able to enjoy a trip to "The Price Is Right" in Burbank. It was a great event and everyone is anxious to go back soon. Big thanks to our Parks Department Staff who made the trip possible.

Also, Mardi Gras was celebrated at the Mead Valley Community Center recently. Food, music, dancing and a great time was had by everyone. We even snuck in a little Happy Birthday song for Gloria Hernandez too!



## County Boards and Commissions Appointee Profile

*Each month, the Jeffries Journal will highlight one of the Supervisor’s nearly 100 appointees on Boards and Commissions in the county, to provide an insight into the kind of service opportunities that exist, and the people who have chosen to serve.*

### **Temescal Valley Municipal Advisory Council** *Robert Hafner, Vice-Chair*



#### **What does your Council do?**

Ensures that the residence and businesses of Temescal Valley’s voice is heard when it comes to new development, improvements on existing development, and the needs for infrastructure.

#### **What interested you in serving on the Council?**

Two Things:

1. The people that live and work in the Temescal Valley along with the desire to make sure we have a wonderful quality of life.
2. That when given the appropriate venue (Commission) and location (Temescal Valley) and when following the rules (laws) given by our governing bodies (the county), you truly have a “say so” in our outcomes along with impacting our destiny of where we live and work.

**You Have the Power to Donate Life**

Join the Riverside County Challenge and sign up today to become an organ, eye and tissue donor.

[DonateLifeCalifornia.org/RiversideCounty](http://DonateLifeCalifornia.org/RiversideCounty)



## 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.*

### Lakeland Village Residents turn out for Community Center opening.....

On February 24th, residents joined Supervisor Kevin Jeffries at the "soft opening" of the Lakeland Village Community Center. The local Community Advisory Council also held their meeting there the same night and residents were able to hear updates from county departments as well as the City of Lake Elsinore. For more information on dates and times of future community meetings be sure to visit our website, [www.supervisorjeffries.com](http://www.supervisorjeffries.com).



Supervisor Kevin Jeffries cuts the ribbon with local community leaders and residents as well as Parks Department staff.



### Tax Assessment Corrected for Closed Business....

Recently, a former small business owner received an assessment for his business which had been closed for a few years now. Bewildered by this assessment the former owner contacted our office for assistance on correcting this oversight. Staff was able to make contact with our County Assessor's office, who after some research was able to determine that the business had indeed been closed for some time. They were also able to explain to the owner the process for filing the needed paperwork and that once completed, all assessments would be cleared from the system.

## Non Profit Spotlight

### Spanish Town Heritage Foundation

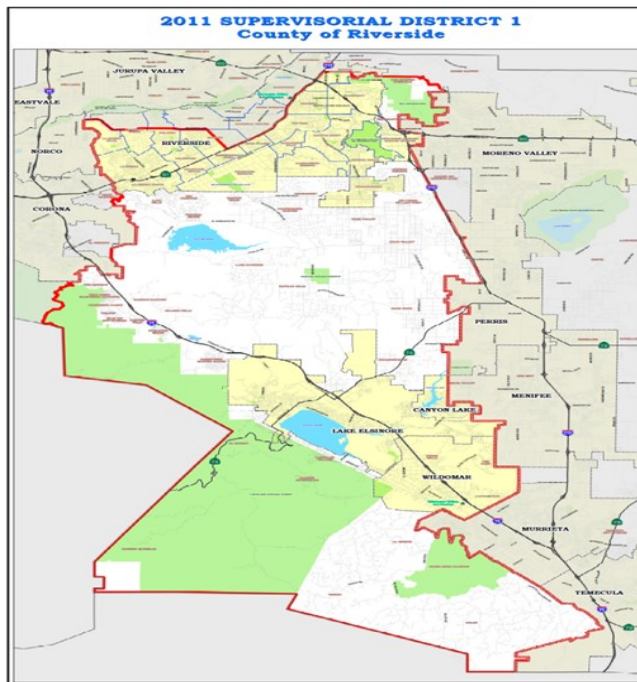


Spanish Town Heritage Foundation champions Hispanic legacy by sharing stories of the Inland Empire's first settlers by creating cultural learning opportunities, leading community efforts to restore and revitalize La Placita de Los Trujillo's, a place of history, learning, entertainment, and the arts.

The ultimate vision of Spanish Town Heritage Foundation is to restore the Spanish Town area and adobe in Riverside, similar to San Diego's Old Town and Los Angeles' Olvera Street. The Tamale Festival is an annual cultural event held by the Spanish Town Heritage Foundation, with the goal of providing education and outreach about the Trujillo adobe and the Spanish Town area.

The Tamale Festival will be held this year on April 16th from 11 a.m.- 6 p.m. at White Park, 3885 Market Street, Riverside.

For more information about the event, go to: <http://riversidetamalefestival.weebly.com>



### 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*



This training is provided by:  
County of Riverside Emergency  
Management Department



**WHERE:**  
Woodcrest Library  
16625 Kramenia Ave  
Riverside, CA 92504

**DATE:**  
March 11-13, 2016

**TIME:**  
Fri. - 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm  
Sat. & Sun - 8:00 am to 5:00 pm  
(1hr break for lunch)

**HOW TO REGISTER:**

[WWW.RivCoCERT.org](http://WWW.RivCoCERT.org)

Call for more information:

County of Riverside Emergency  
Management Department

951-955-4700



## Community Emergency Response Team



### Building resilient communities

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 citizens will be initially on their own and their actions can make a difference. Through training, citizens 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.

CERT training is a commitment of **20 hours of training**. 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.



Cribbing



Fire suppression safety

**WHEN:** March 11-13, 2016  
(Three days Fri., Sat. & Sun.)

REGIONAL PARK AND RIVERSIDE COUNTY OPEN-SPACE DISTRICT

RIVCOPARKS PRESENTS

# MEAD VALLEY EGG TASTIC EVENT

**SAT. MARCH 26**  
11am-1pm

EGG HUNT, ARTS AND CRAFTS, BOUNCE HOUSES  
FACE PAINTINGS, VENDORS, BUNNY PHOTO AREA

**0-3 4-6 7-12**  
HUNT AGE GROUPS

BRING YOUR CAMERA TO TAKE PHOTOS WITH  
THE EGG-TASTIC BUNNY

## MEAD VALLEY

21091 RIDER STREET PERRIS CA  
TO VOLUNTEER OR BECOME A VENDOR CALL: (951) 210-1580

Saturday, March 12 10 AM-1PM

# EMWD'S SPLASH INTO SPRING

FREE FAMILY FUN!

Sewage Treatment Plant Tours,  
Water Wise Landscape Demonstrations,  
Raffles for Water Saving Prizes,  
BIG Construction Vehicles,  
Games and Activities for Kids,  
FREE Water Saving Devices,  
and FREE Refreshments!

Elsinore Valley Municipal  
Water District Headquarters  
31315 Chaney St.,  
Lake Elsinore, CA 92530



HOSTED BY THE TEMESCAL VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

## Temescal Valley Town Hall

INVITED COUNTY DEPARTMENTS  
INCLUDE:

- BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, KEVIN JEFFRIES
- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
- COUNTY FIRE/CALFIRE
- COUNTY SHERIFF
- TRANSPORTATION & LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY
- FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
- CODE ENFORCEMENT
- REGISTRAR OF VOTERS
- VETERANS SERVICES
- OFFICE ON AGING
- DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENTS &  
AGENCIES PRESENT:

- EDA - Workforce Development
- Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC)
- Riverside Transit Agency (RTA)
- Regional Park & Open-Space District
- County Waste Management Dept.
- Environmental Health
- Animal Services
- California Highway Patrol
- Office of State Senator Jeff Stone
- Office of Assemblywoman Melchiss Melendez
- Temescal Valley Water District
- Southern California Edison
- Southern California Gas Company
- Waste Management, Inc.
- Western Municipal Water District



Wednesday - March 9, 2016

6:00 - 8:00pm  
(Doors open at 5:30)

Todd Elementary School  
25105 Mayhew Canyon Road  
Temescal Vallev. CA 92883



# FREE TAX PREPARATION!!!

## WHAT DO YOU NEED TO BRING FOR FREE TAX PREPARATION?

### 1 IDENTIFICATION

- Photo ID
- For Tax Payer and Spouse:**
- Birthdate
- Social Security Card** or **Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)** card or letter

### 3 EDUCATION CREDITS &

#### ADJUSTMENTS

- Receipts for out-of-pocket **educational expenses for K-12 Teachers** (including school supplies)
- Tuition** expenses for university, college, or technical college (Form 1098T)
- Interest statement** for student loans (Form 1098-E)

### 6 ITEMIZED DEDUCTIONS

- Charitable donations
- Medical Expenses
- Mortgage Interest (Form 1098)

### 7 ADDITIONAL

- Previous Year Tax Return
- Direct Deposit Information: voided check or routing and account number

### 2 INCOME

- Income statements or **W-2s** for each job
- All **1099** Forms received
- Year-end Income** for Unemployment, Veteran's benefits, workers compensation, State Disability, SSI

### 4 CHILD CREDITS

- Childcare Expenses:** provider name, address, Tax ID or Social Security Number

### 5 PROPERTY TAXES

- Homeowner statements:** mortgage interest statement (Form 1098), Statement of Property Tax Payable in 2015 Renter Statements (landlord details)

### 8 REQUIRED MEDICAL

- ACA form(s) (1095A, B, or C)
- Premium Tax Credits**

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[www.capriverside.org](http://www.capriverside.org)



VITA/EITC PROGRAM  
FREE TAX PREPARATION SITES

\*\*\*SITES OPEN JANUARY 30, 2016\*\*\*

CITY	SITE NAME	ADDRESS	HOURS	APPOINTMENT REQUIRED?
BEAUMONT	Albert Chatigny Community Center	1310 Oak Valley Parkway Beaumont, CA 92223	Tuesday & Thursday 9:00AM - 1:00PM	YES Call (951) 769-8524
BLYTHE	Blythe Community Center	445 N. Broadway Blythe, CA 92225	Monday - Thursday 9AM - 1PM *** CLOSED 2/15 ***	YES Call (951) 255-5376
COACHELLA	Center for Employment Training (CET)	49-111 Highway 111 Coachella, CA 92236	Friday - 4PM - 8PM Saturday - 9AM - 4PM	NO
DESERT HOT SPRINGS	Desert Hot Springs Family Resource Center	14201 Palm Drive, Suite 108 Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240	Tuesday & Wednesday 9AM - 3PM ***CLOSED 03/23/2016***	No Call (760) 288-3313
JURUPA VALLEY	Louis Robidoux Library	5840 Mission Boulevard Jurupa Valley, CA 92509	Saturday 10AM - 3PM	NO
LAKE ELSINORE	Lake Elsinore Senior Center	420 E. Lakeshore Drive Lake Elsinore, CA 92530	Tuesday & Wednesday 9AM - 3PM ***Open 1/26/2016***	No Call (951) 674-2526
LAKE ELSINORE	Vick Knight Community Library	32593 Riverside Dr Lake Elsinore, CA 92530	Saturday 10AM - 3PM	NO
MORENO VALLEY	Moreno Valley Public Library	25480 Alessandro Blvd Moreno Valley, CA 92553	Tuesday 3PM - 7PM Saturday 10AM - 2PM	NO
NORCO	Norco College	2001 Third Street Norco, CA 92860 ROOM IT 202	Saturday 10AM - 3PM *** CLOSED 2/13 ***	NO
PERRIS	Perris Valley Family Resource Center	2055 N Perris Blvd Ste C-1 Perris, CA 92571	Friday & Saturday 10AM-3PM *** CLOSED 2/12 ***	NO
RIVERSIDE	CAP Riverside Mobile	5473 Mission Blvd Rubidoux, CA 92509	Rubidoux FRC 9AM-3PM 2/8, 2/22, 3/7, & 3/21	NO (951) 955-4900
RIVERSIDE	CAP Riverside Mobile	22500 Town Circle, Suite 2199 Moreno Valley, CA 92553	Molina Healthcare 4PM-8PM 2/11, 2/25, 3/10, 3/24, & 4/7	NO (951) 955-4900
RIVERSIDE	Casa Blanca Library	2985 Madison Street Riverside 92504	Friday & Saturday 10AM - 3PM *** CLOSED 2/12 ***	NO
RIVERSIDE	Riverside City College	4800 Magnolia Avenue Riverside, CA 92506 Room Bus Ed 208	Saturday 9AM - 3PM *** CLOSED 2/13 ***	NO
SAN JACINTO	Mt. San Jacinto College	1499 N. State Street San Jacinto, CA 92583 Building 100, Room 109	Saturday 9AM - 3PM *** CLOSED 2/13 AND 3/26 ***	NO
INDIO	Fred Young Farm Labor Center	47155 Van Buren St Indio, CA 92201	1/19, 1/26, 1/28, 2/2, 2/4, 2/6, 2/9, 2/11, 2/12, 2/16, 2/18, 2/23, 2/25, 2/27, 3/1, 3/3, 3/8/ 3/10, 3/12, 3/15, 3/17, 4/5, 4/7, 4/12, and 4/14. *** hours vary ***	NO