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Kevin's Corner



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The Budget Blues. Well the 2017/2018 County Budget is pretty much done. And the big winner is... the multi-national consulting firm who will reap an additional \$20 million over the next two years! This extension comes on the heels of having already been paid \$20 million for previous work. When you have a total budget that is roughly \$5.5 billion, \$40 million may not seem like such a big amount, until you start to unravel the big financial challenges that our county faces.

If you are a city resident, you might ask, why do I care—aren't county problems the county's problem? For the roughly 2 million residents who live within city boundaries, you may not immediately feel the cuts, but rest assured you will be impacted. The county budget funds the District Attorney's office (criminal prosecutions), the Public Defender (defends the accused), Probation Department (monitors those convicted), Jails (including the new one we need money to open, to expand our ability to keep the bad guys off the streets), County Health (hospital & clinics) services, Child Protective Services, Adult protective Services, Veterans Services, Mental Health, Registrar of Voters, and a host of other services that both city and unincorporated residents rely upon.

For the 375,000 (+/-) unincorporated (non-city) residents, the situation is definitely worse, and the budget struggles can have a significant impact on your day-to-day services, such as Fire, Sheriff, Code Enforcement, Animal Services and Transportation (roads).

I will be the first to admit that bringing in an independent set of eyes to examine how the county (or any government agency) conducts its business can be a benefit to taxpayers who pay for the services, as well as those who rely on those services. When you have 20,000 employees, a \$5.5 Billion budget, and you are a government monopoly, it would not be a stretch to say that you could easily find many areas to improve efficiencies.

Given the nature of Government (and many large corporations) to become huge bureaucracies resistant to change, I think you could say that an occasional shake-up is not such a bad idea. However, I would argue that those independent eyes should come in, investigate, evaluate, and make their recommendations to the governing Board, and then step back. In this case, the (elected) Board of Supervisors should then decide (during public meetings) which recommendations should move forward, and then require the executive management team and department heads to carry out the reforms. If the executive management team and/or department heads refuse to make the changes, then the elected Board has to decide if they have the right management team members on the public payroll.

Cutting services to the taxpaying public so that you can continually employ consultants simply becomes an expensive crutch to lean on for leadership advice.

As always, I look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,
Kevin Jeffries

County Boards and Commissions Appointee Profile

Each month, the Jeffries Journal highlights some 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.

Woodcrest (MAC) Municipal Advisory Council Derrick Anderson, Chairman



What does your commission do?

Let me first emphasize that the Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) is not a board and we do not possess authority to make or change county policies. MACs are designed to serve and advise the elected Supervisors on issues of importance to their constituents. In our case, that is Supervisor Kevin Jeffries.

MACs were created so neighbors, businesses, and other organizations could have an open venue to exchange information, communicate and make recommendations which would help the diverse segments of each district in unincorporated areas. Woodcrest is a unique community in that two different Riverside City wards zigzag across the community. We are also directly affected by decisions made by the March Joint Powers Authority (JPA).

It is the responsibility of the Woodcrest MAC not only to be aware of issues and circumstances within our boundaries, but also those of our surrounding neighbors as well. Therefore, our council must work closely with these groups as well as with county departments and other agencies. To sum up our roles, I would say we provide non-binding but informed guidance to the Supervisor, while simultaneously serving as a constant sounding outlet for our local community. It is our goal for Woodcrest to be a desirable place to reside, work, worship, and relax.

What interested you in serving on the commission?

As a young man, back in the mid-1980's, I was given the opportunity to live and work in the Woodcrest community. I quickly realized that the rural setting, spacious lots, and lifestyle of the residents was something that I wanted for my family and myself. In 2001 that dream came to fruition.

However, several years ago our community began to see some disturbing changes. Crime increased as services began to decrease. Many of the orange groves were replaced by housing and it seemed that life, as many of us once knew it was changing. When these changes began to affect my neighborhood and neighbors began to meet formally to address these issues, it was the catalyst I needed to become more involved in the community at large. I have a strong desire to focus my energy on finding solutions to our community's challenges rather than finding more to complain about. I am blessed to live in this wonderful area and feel it is my responsibility to give back to the community that gives me so much pleasure. To whom much is given, much is required.

Supervisor Success Stories



Each month this column highlights 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.

Portions of Highway 74 Now Under County Control

After several years of efforts, dating back to when Supervisor Jeffries successfully authored legislation during his time in the State Assembly to allow local control of portions of Highway 74, the section between I-15 in Lake Elsinore and the City of Perris are now under local control. Then-Assemblyman Jeffries had carried legislation to allow the transfer of the Highway to the Cities of Lake Elsinore and Perris, and current Assemblywoman Melissa Melendez successfully passed AB 218 in 2015 to allow transfer of the parts of the highway in between the two cities. After passage of the Melendez bill, negotiations began between Caltrans and the County of Riverside and City of Lake Elsinore, in which Caltrans eventually agreed to pay the county \$5.8 million dollars for deferred maintenance and some necessary safety improvements. Efforts to attract economic development, safety enhancements, and aesthetic improvements have been hampered by the need for Department of Caltrans approval for something as simple as adding sidewalks, changing landscaping, or improving a driveway. This transfer will allow these sorts of decisions to be made locally, rather than in Sacramento.



Lazey J's Bar Finally Demolished After Years of Case Work....

After over 5+ years of work to demolish the building once known as Lazey J's Bar in Lakeland Village we can finally draw a conclusion to this code case. After an accident on June 21st 2012 left the building red tagged and unable to operate on a daily basis, the location quickly became an eyesore in the community with over grown weeds and transients frequenting the location at night.

After several attempts by code enforcement to encourage the property owners to come into compliance, the location sold, which transferred the problem to the new owner. After several more attempts by the new owner to rehabilitate the current location to current standards and failing, Code Enforcement was finally able to serve the notice of abatement and complete the demolition.

Big thank you to our Code Enforcement and legal counsel team for all the hard work and seeing this code case closed and getting the property cleaned up.



Local District #1 Events

Good Hope Seniors Ride The Metrolink!!

On July 31st 2017 over 20+ seniors from the community of Good Hope embarked on a field trip to downtown Riverside. Their venture began at the Moses-Schaffer Community Center in Good Hope where they were driven to the Downtown Transit Center in Perris, to board the Metrolink on the Perris Valley Line. Arriving in Riverside, they were whisked away to the Fox Theatre and treated to a private tour of the facility and provided lunch as well.

Big thank you to The Grove for coordinating this great excursion for our senior residents. Fun was had by everyone!



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IMMUNIZATION
awareness month
Adults need
vaccines, too!



VACCINES
are not just for kids.

Non-Profit Spotlight

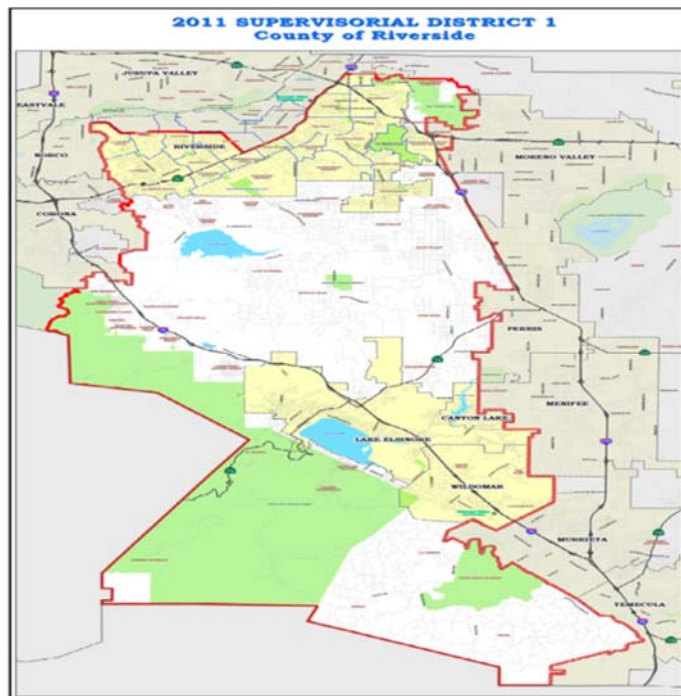
SMILES FOR SENIORS



Smiles for Seniors Foundation is a Non Profit 501 c (3) organization serving low-income seniors in the Inland Empire and surrounding areas. Each year the program provides emergency assistance and safety net services to struggling low-income seniors who would otherwise have nowhere to turn.

Smiles for Seniors provides assistance with food, housing, utility payments, minor home and auto repair and help pay for life saving prescriptions and medical equipment, just to name a few. The program is open to seniors age 65 or older with an income of under \$15,000 year single and \$20,000 per year combined and may be used one time.

If you or anyone you know would benefit from our program or would like more info, or to donate please contact Smiles for Seniors at (909)790-6671 or www.smilesforseniorsfoundation.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, DeLuz and Spring Hills.

Code Enforcement Department Volunteer Program

Volunteer Program



Code Enforcement Volunteer Program

The County of Riverside is proud to announce the addition of a Code Enforcement Volunteer Program. Through this program, volunteers will work together with the County to preserve and improve residential neighborhoods and make the County of Riverside a better place to live and work.

To Apply click on the link below to complete a Volunteer Application:

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All applications must be returned to:

Code Enforcement Administration

4080 Lemon St., P.O. Box 1469 - Riverside, CA 92502-1469

For more information contact Emma Gutierrez at 951-955-2004 or via email at CodeAdmin@rctma.org

FREE

FAMILY FUN DAY

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

THURSDAY AUGUST 10
11:00AM - 3:00PM

CARNIVAL GAMES **PRIZES** **ARTS & CRAFTS** **FOOD BAG GIVEAWAY**

FREE EYE CLINIC
WE WILL BE PERFORMING EYE ASSESSMENT AND GIVING AWAY READING GLASSES



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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Saturday, August 19, 2017
4:00PM - 8:00PM

Skydive Park, 415 Dale St. Perris (From Hwy 215 exit 4th St, go east)



Sheriff's Displays * CAL-FIRE & K9 Demos * Games * Food * Live Band!

PERRIS & MENIFEE

Police Departments

CAL-FIRE



MOVIES In The Park 2017

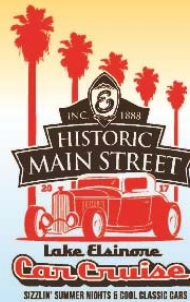
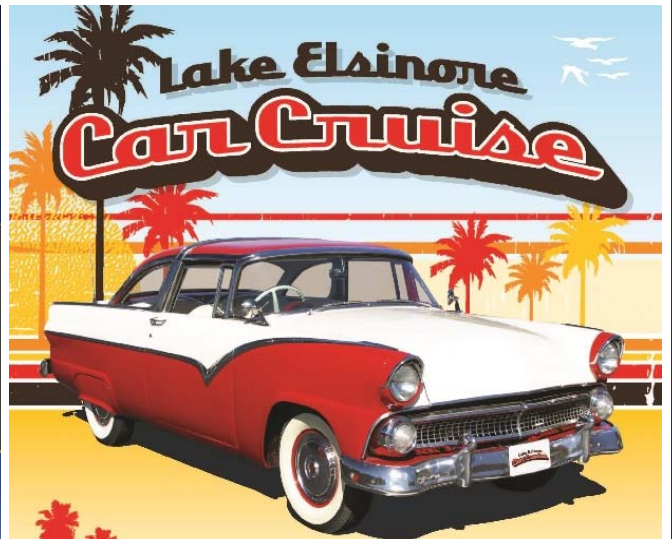
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GRAB YOUR BLANKETS AND LAWN CHAIRS AND JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FILM AND FAMILY FUN UNDER THE STARS! COME ENJOY, BOUNCERS, FACE PAINTING, KONA ICE & LIVE ENTERTAINMENT. BROUGHT TO YOU BY CSA 134.



FOR MORE INFORMATION
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SIZZLIN' SUMMER NIGHTS & COOL CLASSIC CARS

This summer, cool classic cars will return to Historic Main Street. This is a FREE event inviting our community and car enthusiasts to come together to enjoy classic wheels and summer fun.

JUN 24 | JUL 29 | AUG 26 | SEP 30 | 4 PM - 8 PM

HISTORIC MAIN STREET IN LAKE ELSINORE | PRE-1975 CLASSIC CARS

TROPHIES, RAFFLES, MUSIC, ART, SHOPPING, DINING AND MORE!

No pre-registration, no fees, just tons of fun! Limited to 150 reserved spots for classic cars. First come, first served. Visit www.lake-elsinore.org/carcrui for more information.

Sponsored by City of Lake Elsinore, Downtown Merchants Association, Lake Elsinore Sports Car Show, and Trophies and Raffles. Photo by @spence and the model, @alder@lakeelso.com



GET READY TO
Take over the Stadium
Friday August 18th

Bike Ride to the Stadium @ 5pm
Quakes vs Storm Game Starts @ 7pm

***\$10 Tickets**

\$3 Goes Towards Fundraiser

www.ElsinoreGrandPrix.com

Special Edition LEAP Tees
being given away to 500 fans

Giveaways - LEAP Booths -
LEAP Beer Release - Squirrel Race -



JOB FAIR

**WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 30, 2017**

9:00 AM TO NOON

LOCATION:

Charles R. Meigs Community Center
(MEAD Valley Community Center)

SPONSORS

Trammell Crow Company

ADDRESS:

21091 Rider Street, Mead Valley, CA 92570

Numerous employers in Riverside County will be onsite to take applications.



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