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Kevin's Corner



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Concrete Priorities? Recently I attended a workshop on priorities for public infrastructure projects that serve the residents of Riverside County.

In our county we have a couple of JPAs (Joint Power Authorities) that charge fees to every new development (homes, apartments, retail, office, industrial, warehouses, etc) in order to build or expand our local or regional public infrastructure.

During a recent JPA meeting I offered a suggestion that an evaluation be undertaken to determine if the infrastructure construction (and fees collected) by two separate agencies should be consolidated under one roof - thereby possibly avoiding wasteful duplication of overhead, planning and management costs.

The resulting discussion stirred a healthy debate amongst various elected officials as to the value and need to look for new cost saving efficiencies in certain government programs. In the end, the willingness to at least take a look overcame the desire to maintain the status quo without question.

The debate was healthy and revealing about the perceptions and attitudes of various elected officials in the region to engage in what should be a constant effort to look for efficient ways to operate our government.

Budget Priorities? The county's mid-year budget review will take place Tuesday, February 7th, and the news (financial picture) for our growing but struggling county looks a little bleak. The county has been deficit spending at a rate of roughly \$1.1 million per week. As always, county BOS meetings (and most other county commissions) are available to watch live online, or to be viewed later on the county website (<http://riversidecountyca.igam2.com/Citizens/Default.aspx>) Stay tuned!

Growing & Selling? With the voters of California having kicked off legalizing recreational Marijuana (mostly begins January 2018) it's now up to each city and all 58 counties to decide how they want to proceed regarding the growing, processing, and sales of marijuana via land use regulations (possession of limited amounts for personal use is already now legal state-wide). The Board of Supervisors will likely hold a workshop on March 14th to consider the future direction for unincorporated (non-city) communities.

New Taxes & Fees? With the State having previously cut transportation revenues to cities and counties, combined with the continuing deterioration of our local streets and freeways, the State (Governor) is now looking to find new revenues. So far, the early proposal is to raise your vehicle registration fee by \$65 per vehicle (including electric) and to raise the gas tax by 42 percent. Our State Legislature will likely decide these new revenues (taxes and fees) sometime this summer.

As always – I welcome your comments or suggestions to improve our county operations, and yes – I do read just about every email that is sent to me! (But if it's really nasty/vulgar my staff will round file it).

Respectfully,
Kevin Jeffries
First District Supervisor

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.

Local Marijuana Cultivation Greenhouse Removed

Recently a local property owner in the Good Hope area on a routine check of their property discovered that a greenhouse had been erected and that marijuana was being grown on the property without their consent. After reaching out to local authorities, the property owner was able to get the grow removed from their property. Over 500+ plants were removed by the Riverside County Sheriff Department in conjunction with other local county agencies.

A reminder to those who own large parcels of property in the district to be vigilant in monitoring your property and ensuring that it is not being used for alternative uses (marijuana, illegal dumping, homeless etc.)



Local Resident Inadvertently Billed Twice

A local homeowner was recently sent a supplemental tax bill by our county tax collector's office. After attempting to resolve the issue himself, the reached out to our office for assistance. After some research staff was able to determine that the error was an incorrect assessment which needed to be corrected. Our County Assessor's office quickly resolved the issue and rescinded the invoice.

Please note that errors can and will be made, be sure to check your local tax bills to ensure they are correct. If you have any questions please refer to your tax bill for the appropriate department to reach out to for assistance and clarification.



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.

Maha Harb **Good Hope / Meadowbrook** **MAC Board**

What does your board do?

The Good Hope/ Meadowbrook Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) assists the community in various ways. We help the community in facilitating communication between the public and officials who serve the community. In addition, we update the public of events and activities that help serve them. The board meets every other month on the first Thursday at Moses-Schaffer Community Center located at 21565 Steel Peak Drive in Perris.

Riverside County Public Safety officials from the Sheriff's Department, Fire Department, and Code Enforcement always attend to update the community with information and answer any questions or concerns from the public. In addition, activities occurring at Moses-Schaffer Community Center are announced so that the community is informed and encouraged to participate in activities for children, seniors, and the public in general. Furthermore, legislative and Supervisor Kevin Jeffries' representatives are always present to update the community of what laws are discussed, passed and any retail developments in the area. The board's main duty is to serve everyone in the community by addressing their concerns and helping to direct them to the right officials and/or departments. Our board also informs and encourages the community to participate in activities and events that offer health and social services.



Maha Harb with her husband Mohamed

What interested you in serving on the board?

My family has resided and been in business in the Good Hope area since 1984. Over the years our relationship with the community has strengthened, leading to a rich feeling of respect and unity towards each other. Therefore, I have a strong sense of belonging to this community and the people who live in it. I feel it is my obligation to give back to the community which provided me and my family so much throughout the years by serving on the Good Hope/ Meadowbrook Municipal Council. Furthermore, as an educator I believe in playing a significant role in assisting in sharing ideas, communicating and working together to develop our community for the good of everyone. I am deeply appreciative for the many treasures in our community. It is important to respect and encourage every member in our community by cooperating together to help develop future leaders from within our community. In closing, it is my duty as a board member to serve our Good Hope and Meadowbrook residents by leading future progress for our community.

Local Community Events in District #1

County of Riverside Receives Award

Representing the County of Riverside, Supervisor Kevin Jeffries recently attended the State of the City for Riverside and received the “Hero” Award from the City of Riverside and the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce for helping to relocate the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and 400 jobs to Riverside from Los Angeles.



WHAT'S COOLER THAN BEING COOL?
HAVING A LIBRARY CARD. GET YOURS TODAY!

February is National Library Lovers Month
Help Support your local District #1 Library.

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Local Community Events in District #1

Supervisor Kevin Jeffries along with Assemblywoman Melissa Melendez recently attended the City of Canyon Lake's Chamber of Commerce swearing in ceremony for its new 2017 Chamber Board members. A great time was had by all in attendance.



Recently the Press-Enterprise (www.pe.com) ran a full page article on the great things happening at our Moses-Schaffer Community Center in Good Hope (unincorporated section of Perris). As of January 3rd, 2017 the Grove Community Church has taken over day-to-day operations of the center, bringing new medical, physical education and senior classes as well as food commodities to the local community.

To see the story, head over to www.pe.com and search for "Good Hope Community Center"

If you have questions about classes or upcoming events at the center please call (951) 943-9126 to speak with center staff.

Print Photo

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Noland Turnage, of The Grove Community Church in Riverside, is community outreach minister at the Moses-Schaffer Community Center in Good Hope on Wednesday, Jan. 26.

Non Profit Spotlight

RIVERSIDE AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY ELEANOR JEAN GRIER LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

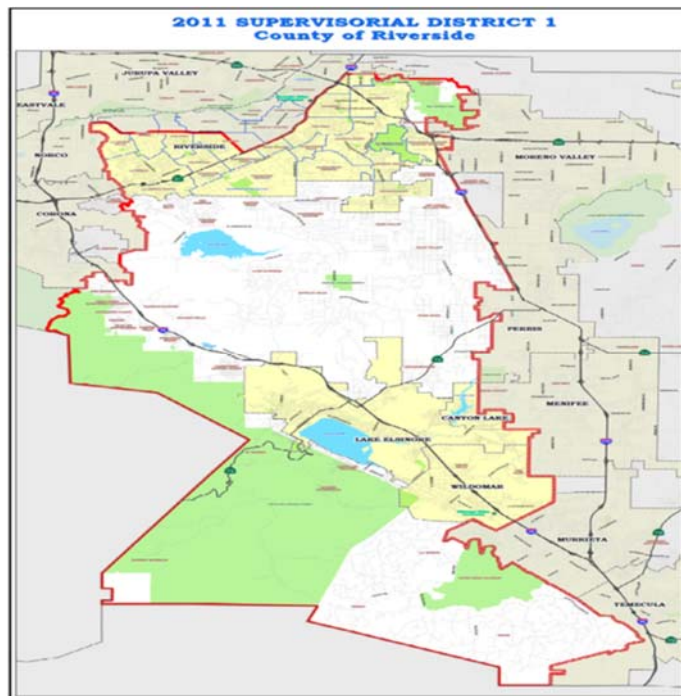
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AFRICAN-AMERICAN
HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.



The Eleanor Jean Grier Leadership Academy (EJGLA) was established in 2005 through a partnership between the Riverside African-American Historical Society and The Group. This partnership was created to address the need for more diverse representation of women, people of color, and low-income individuals who aspired to have positions in leadership.

In 2006, the James Irvine Foundation awarded a 3-year grant of \$90,000.00 to the Riverside African-American Historical Society, the partnership's Fiscal Officer. Since the initial funding, the partnership has received funding from both public and private sources. Approximately 135 adults have graduated from the program and many of these individuals have gone on to serve on city and state boards and commissions. Two graduates have run for public office. Others have benefitted from the experience through promotions at work or starting their own businesses. Graduates have joined the Riverside African-American Historical Society's Board of Directors and serve as officers and committee member for The Group.

For more information, visit their website at <http://raahsinc.org/about-us/leadership-academy/> or call them at (951) 687-4292.



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.



BEST OF LAKE ELSINORE PHOTO CONTEST 2017

The City of Lake Elsinore invites photographers, amateur and professional alike, to enter the 2017 Best of Lake Elsinore Photo Contest. We are looking for striking images that capture the spirit of Lake Elsinore: natural beauty, recreational activities, architectural points of interest, as well as people enjoying the parks, sporting events, special events and more.

SUBMITTALS: Submit your photos by the 15th of each month.

CONTEST PRIZE: Monthly winners will receive a "HEALTHYLE" t-shirt and be featured in the 2018 City of Lake Elsinore Calendar.

CONTEST RULES: Photos must be a .jpeg file and no larger than 300 dpi. Limited to one entry per person, photos must be taken in the City of Lake Elsinore and submitted via email to recreation@lake-elsinore.org along with this completed entry form and signed City of Lake Elsinore liability waiver.



ENTRY FORM

(complete this form, then "save as" and save to desktop. Attach to email and send with photo to recreation@lake-elsinore.org.)

Photographer Name: _____
 Email Address: _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 Phone: _____
 Photo Title: _____
 Photo Location & Description: _____

Liability Waiver

In entering the Best of Lake Elsinore Photo Contest, I warrant and represent that I own all rights of any kind whatsoever associated with the photograph(s) I submit, and give the City of Lake Elsinore the absolute right and permission to use this photograph in their promotional materials and publicity efforts without further authorization and compensation. I understand that the photograph may be used in publications, print ads, direct-mail piece, electronic media (e.g. video, CD, Internet, Web), or any other form of promotion. I release the City of Lake Elsinore officers, employees, agents and designers from liability for any violation of any personal and/or proprietary right I may have in connection with such use. No promise, inducement or agreement has been made in return for the express release of these rights, except as specified in contest prizes.

Signature _____ Date _____

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Announces the 3rd Annual Environmental Education Symposium

- Strengthening Connections in our Environmental Education Web -

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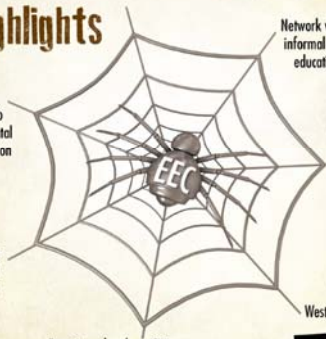
Highlights

Prepare for the next four years to sustain environmental and science education

Network with formal and informal environmental education providers

Support for teacher and EE provider connections

Receive updates on California's EEI and NGSS frameworks



Tour of the Western Science Center

Experience hands-on Citizen Science demonstrations



Date: February 23, 2017
 Site: Western Science Center - 2345 Searl Parkway, Hemet, CA 92543
 Time: 8:00am - 5:00pm
 Cost: EARLY REGISTRATION - \$45/person (by January 31, 2017) (February 1-22, \$55, registration closes February 22)
 - includes continental breakfast, lunch and entrance to WSC Museum Limited Scholarships Available - See Registration Link
 MUST RSVP/ Register in advance at: www.eecsymposium2017.eventbrite.com
 Questions: eecollabrative@gmail.com Website: www.enviroedcollabrative.com

YOU CAN MAKE A **DIFFERENCE**
 IN YOUR **COMMUNITY**
 GET PREPARED **TODAY!**



What is CERT?

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations.

Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help.

CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

"DOING THE GREATEST GOOD, FOR THE GREATEST NUMBER, IN THE SHORTEST AMOUNT OF TIME"

REGISTER TODAY!

To register for County or City sponsored CERT Classes or to get more information about classes in your area call: (951) 955-4700 Mon - Thurs. 8 am - 5:00pm or register on the [REGISTRATION](#) page.

HOSTED BY THE TEMESCAL VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Temescal Valley Town Hall

COUNTY AGENCIES INVITED INCLUDE:

- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
 - BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, KEVIN JEFFRIES
 - 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
 - COUNTY LIBRARIES (EL CERRITO)
 - EDA - Workforce Development
 - Transportation Commission (RCTC)
 - Regional Park & Open-Space District
 - County Waste Management Dept.
 - Environmental Health
 - Animal Services
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- California Highway Patrol
 - Temescal Valley Water District
 - Southern California Edison
 - Southern California Gas Company
 - Waste Management, Inc.
 - Western Municipal Water District



Wednesday - March 8, 2017

6:00 - 7:30pm
(Doors open at 5:30)

Temescal Elementary School
22950 Claystone Avenue
Temescal Valley, CA 92883