

## Kevin's Corner



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Bureaucracy: 1. Homeless solutions: 0.

A few months back, I lost an important vote with a little known but influential government bureaucracy that is swimming in surplus cash. The "cash" surplus that the Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG) is enjoying is not directly collected from fellow taxpayers, it is instead collected indirectly from those who seek loans or financing for energy efficiency improvements (such as solar) to their homes or business. These loans are secured by their home or business properties. And while there is a story to be told someday about this whole government endorsed financing scheme (involving a federal law enforcement agency and the Securities and Exchange Commission), today's update is about our local priorities - or lack thereof.

On Page 695 of the October 2, 2017 WRCOG Executive Committee agenda, there was a staff report outlining how up to \$4 million in unrestricted (surplus) WRCOG funds could be spent by 2019/20.

In the communities and cities I serve, the one pressing social and economic issue that impacts almost every neighborhood, business district and neighborhood park is the homeless population. Some of the homeless find themselves temporarily homeless because of economic circumstances, and some actually simply choose to live "off-the-grid," but I would argue that the vast majority causing the most problems in our communities are suffering from various drug abuse and/or mental health issues. A solution for many would be treatment, training, and temporary or re-entry housing facilities. Until they can access these (expensive) social services - they will likely remain a daily and problematic fixture in our communities.

So when the time came for the full WRCOG commission (one representative from each city council and four members of the Board of Supervisors - all from the western half of Riverside County) to decide how to utilize these funds, I felt (and advocated) that we should look to utilize those funds for permanent homeless solutions that could help virtually every community in Western Riverside County.

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Unfortunately, I lost that vote. And I lost big. All but one other (City of Calimesa) voted instead to start the process towards spending the entire \$4 million on what I called a "Monument To WRCOG". Now to be fair, it's not a chiseled face that will be carved into the side of a mountain, it will be a government facility that will provide, and I quote: "...a potential sustainability demonstration center, EXPERIENCE, to promote sustainable practices and showcase the assets and capabilities of the subregion..." I couldn't believe that finding and funding solutions to help all of our communities with a substantive problem actually lost to a \$4 million "high tech play center" for government bureaucrats and utilities.

At a subsequent WRCOG workshop, when some of the voting members reportedly talked about the need to create local jobs by bringing businesses to Riverside County, one mayor was heard reminding the group that those prospective business owners will have to step over the homeless to get their front doors.

I rest my case.

Respectfully,  
Kevin Jeffries



The image shows a screenshot of a website banner for the Riverside County Department of Animal Services. At the top left is the logo for the Department of Animal Services, featuring a paw print and the text "DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SERVICES". To the right is a navigation menu with the following items: Home (highlighted in green), Shelters, Adopt, Lost Pets, Services, About Us, and Volunteer. The main content of the banner features a close-up photograph of a dog's face with its mouth open, showing its tongue. Overlaid on the left side of the image is the text "Free Online Dog Training to All Adopters" in large white font. Below this is a sub-headline: "We want you to get started off on the right paw with your new family member." At the bottom left of the banner is a green button labeled "Read More".

**Visit our Riverside County Department of Animal Services online today!**  
**[www.rcdas.org](http://www.rcdas.org)**

## 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.*

**District #1**  
**Riverside County Flood Control**  
**Flood Control Commissioner, Zone 3**  
**Chris Hyland**



A note from Supervisor Jeffries:

I would like to recognize Chris Hyland for her years of community service and dedication. Ms. Hyland has served as Zone Three Commissioner to the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District from 2007 through 2017. As Commissioner, she would regularly meet with residents to discuss flood control issues and inspect District facilities to ensure that the community and District were ready for the winter rainy season. Ms. Hyland's advocacy and leadership was instrumental in the realization of the \$5 million Arroyo del Toro project in 2015, a facility that provides critical flood protection for the Elsinore Valley Cemetery as well as State Route 74. Ms. Hyland guided the District's efforts to develop the Lakeland Village Master Drainage Plan and the design and construction of many additional facilities in the Zone, including the pending Adelfa Channel Project. Commissioner Hyland always held the District to the highest standards, and in so doing, made it a better, stronger organization. Lastly, I would like to thank Ms. Hyland for her commitment to the residents of Zone Three, and express my sincere gratitude and appreciation for the leadership she has displayed and the true feeling of partnership she has developed with the District.

Ms. Hyland stepped down from her District position near the end of 2017. Our office is currently accepting applications for Zone Three residents wishing to be considered for Commissioner. Zone three includes the communities of: Lake Elsinore, Canyon Lake, Wildomar, Warm Springs, Lakeland Village, and portions of Meadowbrook.

[http://supervisorjeffries.com/opencms/Boards\\_Commissions/Application.html](http://supervisorjeffries.com/opencms/Boards_Commissions/Application.html)

*Interested in serving your local community?  
Perhaps you are more of a regional advocate?  
If you live in or have a business in District #1 be sure to look at the list  
of openings we have below for local commissions.  
If you feel you have the time to dedicate to making the district a better place feel free  
to apply online at [www.supervisorjeffries.com](http://www.supervisorjeffries.com), under Boards & Commissions*

**Riverside County Flood Control - Zone 3 Commissioner**

**Good Hope / Meadowbrook Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) - Alternate opening**

**Mead Valley Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) - Alternate opening**

**El Sobrante Citizens Oversight Committee - Commissioner**  
*(must live within 3 miles of the landfill)*

**In Home Support Services (IHSS) - Recipient of IHSS Services**

**Behavioral Health Commission - Contact our office for details on eligibility**

**County Archives Commission - Opening pending (seeking qualified applicants)**



# Local District #1 Events

## CHRISTMAS IN MEAD VALLEY

Breakfast with Santa in Mead Valley was a great success! Over 3000 local residents showed up to enjoy a pancake breakfast with Santa Claus, play games, enjoy Christmas music and of course take pictures with Santa. Two brand new bikes were raffled off by Dr. Javier Rios (Clinica Medica Familiar) to two local families as well.

Huge thanks go out to Star Milling, The Grove, Shopoff, WMI, and all of our local volunteers who helped make our event possible with their donations.



# Local District #1 Events

## CHRISTMAS AT DELEO PARK

Hundreds of local residents showed up to our “Snow Day” at Deleo Park in Temescal Valley. Kids were able to sled on real snow, take pictures with Santa Claus, play games and even try their hand at snowboarding.

Thank you to our EDA Team for making this event possible as well as everyone who helped volunteer from our District #1 Youth Advisory Council.



# Local District #1 Events

## CHRISTMAS IN GOOD HOPE

Breakfast with Santa in Good Hope had over 1200 local residents show up to enjoy pancakes and eggs. Santa decided to arrive on the local fire engine instead of his sleigh, as it was loaded down with toys for all of the local kids.

Big thanks go out to our volunteers from Agape Restoration Church, Home Depot, Spark of Love and Star Milling who made this event possible for our residents.



# Local District #1 Events

## CHRISTMAS IN LAKELAND VILLAGE

Over 250 local residents showed up to our Cookies with Santa and District #1 open house. COPS-4-Kids were on hand to provide toys for the kids, Studio 395 provided decorations and a back drop for residents to take some family pictures as well.

Carolers were on hand to join Santa Claus up on the stage to help celebrate the event as well. Thank you to all our local volunteers who assisted us with the event and helped donate their time.





# Non-Profit Spotlight

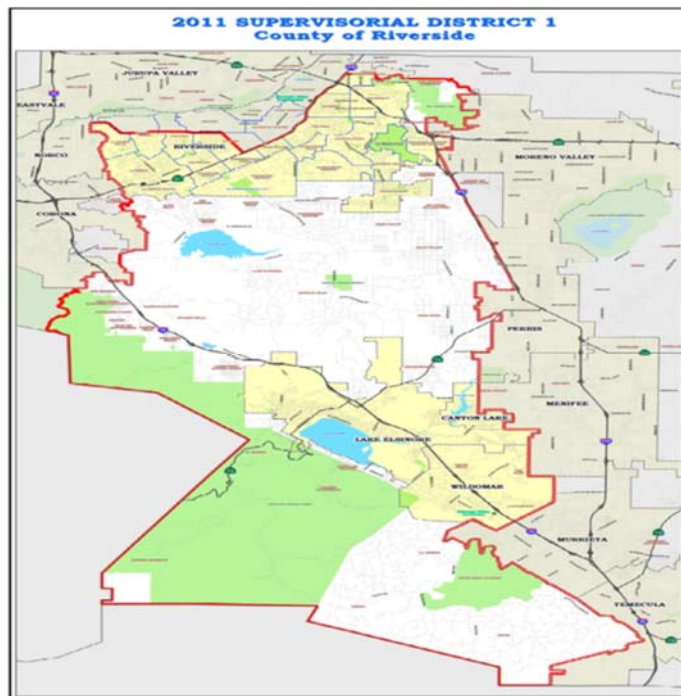
## RIVERSIDE FREE CLINIC



The Riverside Free Clinic (formerly Student Run Health Center) offers free medical, dental and mental health services in the Greater Riverside area. These services are available to the underserved, lower-income and homeless population through biweekly clinics held at the First Congregational Church of Riverside located at 3504 Mission Inn Avenue, Riverside.

In collaboration with UCR School of Medicine, Western University of Health Sciences, Riverside City College, University of Redlands and Loma Linda University, the Riverside Free Clinic will be expanding their Diabetes Screening Program. They will offer lab services, medications, glucometers and test strips, lancets, sharps containers, and training on the proper use of these tools to monitor and control their blood sugar at home.

For more information, visit their website at: <http://riversidefreeclinic.com/> or by phone at (951) 867-7742.



### 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.*



## Riverside County & CR&R Environmental Services Organics Recycling Program

The waste collection services for Riverside County residents will become more environmentally friendly and help improve our air quality for generations to come.

### How the carts will work:

- Standard service: One grey (or) blue 90-gallon recycling cart, one green 90-gallon organics cart, and one black 90-gallon waste cart.
- All organics, yard waste and food scraps, can now be discarded in your green cart!



### On Collection Day

- Your current service day or service methodology will not change.
- Carts should be placed at curbside no later than 6:00 a.m. with the handles and wheels facing towards your home.
- Please place carts side-by-side approximately 2-feet apart and at least 3-feet from any obstruction (i.e. parked cars, trees, etc.)



The recyclables will be processed at CR&R's Material Recovery Facility (MRF). The recyclables are separated utilizing a process of manual and mechanical sorting. These combined processes ensure that the maximum amount of recyclables are recovered from the waste stream and kept out of the landfill.

The materials from your green organics container will be transported to CR&R's new Anaerobic Digestion (AD) Facility in Paris, Co. The facility will convert all of your organic waste (yard and food scraps) into renewable natural gas to fuel our collection fleet and a high quality fertilizer. This program will keep all of your organic waste out of the landfill.



### Organics Cart

#### Yard

- Grass clippings
- Leaves
- Weeds
- Prunings
- Flowers



#### Kitchen

- Fruit
- Bread
- Fish
- Meat
- Vegetables
- Dairy
- FOG (Fats, Oil, Grease)
- NO PLASTIC BAGS PLEASE



### Recyclables Cart

- Glass (beverage, liquor, soda, juice, wine and jars)
- Metal (aluminum and tin)
- Plastics #1-#7
- Paper & Cardboard Products
- Ceramic
- Food Trays
- Junk Mail
- Tupperware Containers
- Mirrors
- Plastic Plates



### Kitchen Food Scrap Pail

Residents will be able to pick up their food scrap pail at selected locations. The first pail will be free of charge and there will be a nominal charge for additional pails. Please collect food scraps in your CR&R provided pail and then empty the contents into your Green Organics Cart for curbside collection. We also recommend lining your kitchen pail with newspaper and/or brown paper bags. Please do not use plastic bags. Sprinkling baking soda in your food scrap pail will help with odor control. Your pail is aerated in order to minimize odors. If you have additional questions or you would like more information on pail availability in your area please call CR&R at 1-800-755-8112.



## BUSWATCH

REAL-TIME BUS ARRIVAL INFORMATION

RTA's BusWatch is a free service on your smartphone, tablet or computer that pinpoints the location and arrival time of your bus. Using Global Positioning System technology, BusWatch shows you in real-time where your bus is on a map and when it will arrive.



### GET THE APP

Download the RTA app available for iOS and Android devices. The app provides real-time arrival information, schedules, fares, rider alerts and contact information.



### VIEW ON YOUR DESKTOP, LAPTOP OR MOBILE DEVICE

Go to [www.rtabus.com](http://www.rtabus.com) on your desktop or tablet to receive real-time bus arrival information with BusWatch. Get information by route or bus stop and view buses live on an interactive map. You can also subscribe to receive alerts and other information on the routes you use.



### TRACK BY TEXT

Text us at 41411. In the message area, type "rtabus" (space) and then the four-digit stop number, for example "rtabus 1234," and you will receive a text response from RTA about arrival times for that stop. Bus stop numbers are available at some stops and [www.rtabus.com](http://www.rtabus.com). Don't know your bus stop number? Call us at (951) 565-5002 to get bus stop numbers.



### GIVE US A CALL

You can always call us at (951) 565-5002 for real-time bus information. We're open until 10 p.m. every day.

(951) 565-5002  
[RiversideTransit.com](http://RiversideTransit.com)



## 2018 Schedule of Events

All listings FREE to City Residents

### The Incredible BULK! Bulky Item Drop-off Event

April 21 & October 20, 2018 • 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bordwell Park • Bryant Park • Riverside Municipal Airport

Collett Ave. (between Golden Ave. & Stonewall Dr.)

Grove Community Church Parking Lot

Items accepted: Tires • E-waste (Computers, Televisions)  
Large Appliances (Refrigerators, A/C units) • Yard Waste  
Bulky Items • Broken Tiles/Ceramics (Must be in boxes for removal)  
No commercial waste. No trailers longer than 10 feet.



### Household Hazardous Waste

Drop-off every non-holiday Saturday at the County HHW facility  
1780 Agua Mansa Rd.  
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
1-800-304-2226



Up to 15 gallons or 125 lbs of chemical waste per trip



### FREE Drop-off Days

1830 Agua Mansa Road • 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Jan. 20 • Feb. 17 • Mar. 17 • Apr. 21

May 19 • Jun. 16 • July 21 • Aug. 18

Sept. 15 • Oct. 20 • Nov. 17 • Dec. 15

Dispose of up to 1 ton of:  
Residential Trash • Bulky Items  
Tires • Recyclable Materials  
Refrigerators • Yard Waste  
Proof of Riverside residency is required -  
Bring your utility bill  
All loads must be covered per California Vehicle Code



### Bulky Item Drop-off

February 17, & August 18, 2018

8095 Lincoln Ave. (at St. Lawrence St.)

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bulky Item collection days will only be accepting the following items:

Household Bulky Items  
Tires • Greenwaste  
Appliances • Metal  
Concrete (small 1/2 ton truck loads)

No commercial waste.  
No trailers longer than 10 feet.



### E-Waste, Shredding & Bulb/Battery Collection Days

March 17 & September 15, 2018

8095 Lincoln Ave. (at St. Lawrence St.)

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

In order to ease congestion at CURE events, we are adding a separate day to collect E-waste, Bulbs/Batteries, and Paper Shredding.

Please only bring those items to this event. No household hazardous waste. No commercial business paper shredding. No pallets of paper shredding. No bags, all paper shredding items are to be boxed.



Event locations and times are subject to change. Proof of residency is required. Participants must obey all traffic signals and signage, no cutting in line. Participants enter sites at their own risk. To verify or for more information please check the City's website at [RiversideCa.gov/CURE](http://RiversideCa.gov/CURE) or call 826-5311 (3-1-1 from a local phone)

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