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COUNTY  
DISTRICT #1**



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## Kevin's Corner

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**The Next County Fire Chief Is...?** Riverside County and nearly 20 local cities enjoy a very strong and valuable contractual relationship with CAL FIRE to protect our county. This cooperative (state/county/city) relationship dates back to the 1940s and has proven to be very cost effective for taxpayers and residents. Like most all other government services, the cost of CAL FIRE services is increasing at a time when the county (and many cities) are facing significant budget challenges going forward. I think I can safely say the entire Board values and intends to maintain the contractual relationship with CAL FIRE. However, like all (public safety) departments, cost control has moved to the forefront and will likely result in some uncomfortable discussions between the County and the State (related to state fees and administrative/support service costs). With the permanent CAL FIRE/County Fire Chief position currently vacant, two Board members and a local city manager (representing contract cities) will be serving on the final interview panel to select our next County Fire Chief. Hopefully, we will have our new Fire Chief in place by August 1st.

**Wrapping Up KPMG?** Many of you are familiar with the controversy surrounding the previous hiring of a large consulting firm to evaluate a number of county departments and their efficiencies. Although I have been critical of the firm and its overall results, I have had to admit that an external review of government practices is not a bad idea, as long as you get your money's worth. In this case, the consulting firm theoretically works for the Board of Supervisors (not the department heads). The \$40+ million contract has been managed through the guidance of the Executive Office. As time has passed, it was apparently determined that a couple of the specific services the firm was providing could wrap up early. It therefore seemed reasonable to me that any unused funding (estimated somewhere between \$2 million and \$12 million) for those specific evaluations could now be saved. Well Not So Fast, Mister! Several weeks before our new FY 18/19 Budget was to be formally approved, I specifically asked about the unused funds. The answer I received was vague at best. During the subsequent budget hearing, I raised the issue of moving the unused funds out of the Executive Office budget and into reserves, and I hit the proverbial brick wall. The only agreement that could be reached (amongst the Board) was to leave the alleged possible unconfirmed, undescribed surplus funds with the Executive Office for the new budget year, and that the matter would be revisited later in July. A local city council member who watched the meeting commented to me that I had clearly found someone's hidden "Honey Pot" and I was trying (unsuccessfully) to take it away. I really hope the "Honey Pot" analogy is mistaken. Stay tuned!

**Beefing Up Patrols!?** At a time when Sheriff patrols are stretched to the limits (and then some), I'm pleased to report that our First District initiative to start beefing up Sheriff patrols in the non-city communities won Board support during the budget hearings. It is not yet clear exactly how the County Sheriff will utilize the extra \$2 million for enhanced patrols. The County (and contract cities) are suffering from attrition challenges and the extensive time it takes to recruit, train, and deploy a new deputy. I have advocated using the funds to pay overtime to those deputies who are willing to work it, as well as moving available deputies (all ranks) out of administrative jobs and back into the field. Those of you who work in law enforcement know it's not really that easy, but our unincorporated communities need urgent, creative, and short-term solutions while we look for new ways to permanently fill the all the vacant positions.

Next month... I will introduce you to our recently announced new Homeless Guru that will be coordinating and guiding the County and all its cooperative entities in finding solutions to our growing homeless crisis. A very tough job indeed.

As always, please feel free to share your comments and suggestions. I actually enjoy reading them (well.. the polite ones).

Respectfully,  
Kevin Jeffries

*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*

**El Sobrante Landfill Citizen Oversight Committee** - One (1) board **\*(new)\***

**Good Hope / Meadowbrook Municipal Advisory Council (MAC)** - One alternate

**Mead Valley Municipal Advisory Council (MAC)** - One alternate

**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)

**Woodcrest Municipal Advisory Council (MAC)** - One board & two alternates **\*(new)\***



## Local District #1 Events

### Safety Improvements on Ortega Highway

Since the days Supervisor Jeffries used to respond as a volunteer firefighter to crashes along the Ortega Highway, one of his top priorities has been the safety of motorists driving to and from Orange County on the Ortega Highway. As crashes have recently seemed to increase, the Supervisor and staff have held multiple meetings with Senator Jeff Stone, Assemblywoman Melissa Melendez, Caltrans and the Riverside County Transportation Department to push for both short term and long-term solutions. Due to the geography of the highway and fiscal constraints, it will never be possible to fully widen the highway to accommodate the high traffic volumes it sees, but steps can be taken to enhance safety as funding becomes available. In May, Caltrans District 8 installed two electronic speed signs near the Candy Store and are continuing to evaluate options for safety improvements near dangerous curves.

Caltrans has also now committed to:

- Changeable message sign near Grand Ave. and SR-74 to notify commuters of road closures or hazardous conditions before they get on the mountain
- 5-mile widening project from the Orange County-line east (scheduled to start construction in 2020), similar to what was done on the Orange County side of the highway
- 8-mile widening continuing east to Grand Avenue (funding not yet identified)



Supervisor Jeffries will continue to advocate for state resources towards this high-priority regional connector.

# HOW DO YOU SPELL RELIEF?



**On days with excessive heat warnings, try to handle outdoor activities before the heat of the day sets in. Drink plenty of water and avoid strenuous outdoor activities.**  
**For information on Cooling Centers throughout Riverside County, visit our website at [www.rvcfire.org](http://www.rvcfire.org).**

## *Local District #1 Events*

### **My Way & Taylor Rd, Now Paved!**

Big thanks go out to our Riverside County Transportation Department for bringing in My Way Street & Taylor Rd (off Hwy 74) into our county maintained system and finishing the paving of the roads as well.

Community residents took to Facebook and called our office to express their sincerest thank you for finally getting this much needed fix completed.

As always, Supervisor Jeffries and District staff are always looking to find much needed funding to pave the many dirt roads which are utilized by many of our residents on a daily basis.

If you would like to suggest a road please feel free to contact our County Transportation department so they can begin the evaluation process.



### **Patterson Street Now Paved Too!**

Not to be excluded, our Riverside County Transportation Dept. was also able to bring the north side of Patterson Street (north of Mountain Ave, off Hwy 74) into the county maintained system and pave it as well.

Residents on this small section of roadway were especially happy to have this project completed. Rains from last year had made this drive difficult with wash outs and narrow access to their homes.



# Local District #1

## 2nd Annual Mead Valley Job Fair

The second annual Mead Valley job fair was held on June 23rd at the Mead Valley Community Center. Approximately 40 different employers were on hand to interview potential applicants. Employers included Amazon, UPS, Riverside County Sheriff, Sherwin Williams, Petco, Dr. Javier Rios, Oltmans Construction and many more!

The event which was held on a Saturday was well attended by those looking for a new career or a career change.

Big thank you to all the sponsors of the event and to those who volunteered their time to come help out as well. Planning for our 2019 job fair will be underway soon!



**2ND ANNUAL JOB FAIR**  
SATURDAY JUNE 23, 2018  
9:00 AM TO NOON

**LOCATION:**  
Charles R. Meigs Community Center  
(MEAD Valley Community Center)

**ADDRESS:**  
21091 Rider Street, Mead Valley, CA 92570

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

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**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:**

Robert Chute Trammell Crow Company 949-477-4766 rchute@trammellcrow.com	Alexia Nevens Riverside County EDA 951-955-3160 ANevens@RVCO.ORG
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The WOC is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aides and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Please call 951-955-3160, 951-955-7600 TTY (CA Relay 711), or 800-486-2048 (toll-free) for more information.



## Non-Profit Spotlight

### RIVERSIDE NATIONAL CEMETERY SUPPORT COMMITTEE

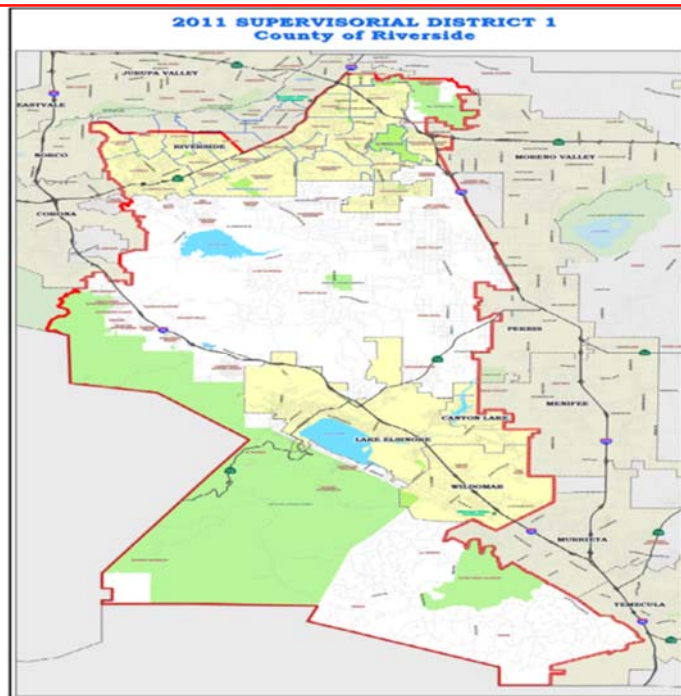
# RNCSC

The Riverside National Cemetery Support Committee (RNCSC) is a 501(C)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to provide upkeep and support to the Riverside National Cemetery while providing activities for veterans, their families, friends, and the community. Comprised of 25 board members and hundreds of sustaining members, the members of the RNCSC strive to be an asset to the Riverside National Cemetery and those who gave all.

The RNCSC gathers funding through donations from the generosity of the community and members that are willing to step-up to assist the RNCSC financially so they can continue their work in honoring veterans and military personnel. The RNCSC hosts numerous events such as the Concert for Heroes event, Honor Our Heroes, and The Memorial and Veterans Day Ceremonies. Also, providing services for the families of veterans such as the Remembrance of Love Project, and providing the Indigent Unclaimed Veterans Ceremony.

The RNCSC supports the Riverside National Cemetery by taking on projects for the beautification of the Cemetery, providing maintenance and other necessary needs for the staff of the Cemetery. These duties include assisting with erecting and maintaining memorial statues that honor the past and present veterans such as the nationally recognized Prisoner of War Memorial Statue. All RNCSC activities are approved by the director of the Riverside National Cemetery.

For more information, visit their website at: <http://rncsc.org/> or contact Chairman Paul Adkins 909-957-3982.



## 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.*

# COMMUNITY OUTDOOR MARKET

2ND SATURDAY (EVERY MONTH)  
GRAND OPENING - JULY 14TH  
8AM TO 1PM

NEW & USED ITEMS - CLOTHING & SHOES  
ELECTRONICS & APPLIANCES  
FRESH PRODUCE - VEGETABLES & FRUITS

If you are interested in becoming a Vendor  
Contact: Rosa Chappell  
Phone: (951) 210-1587  
Email: [rchappell@gf4seniors.org](mailto:rchappell@gf4seniors.org)



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**SUPERHERO SUMMER DAY CAMP!**  
GET READY FOR AN ACTION PACKED SUMMER

**\$115/WEEK OR \$25/DAY**  
ASK ABOUT SIBLING DISCOUNT!

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE**

**6:30 AM - 6:30 PM ANSWER THE CALL TODAY! FREE LUNCH INCLUDED**

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**WWW.BGCSWC.ORG**

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

# MOVIES IN THE PARK, AFTER DARK

June 13      June 27      July 11      July 25

WEDNESDAY // 8:00 P.M.  
SUMMERLAKE PARK, 900 BROADWAY STREET  
ADMISSION IS FREE. SPECTATORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING A LAWN CHAIR OR BLANKET FOR COMFORTABLE VIEWING. EACH NIGHT, KIDS WILL BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN MOVIE-THEMED ACTIVITIES. ALL SHOWINGS ARE RATED G OR PG.

CALL 951-674-3124 EXT 292 FOR MORE INFO  
[/LEEXTREMERECREATION](https://www.facebook.com/leextremerecreation)

# MOVIES In The Park

## Deleo Park

- ★ GRAB YOUR BLANKETS AND LAWN CHAIRS AND JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FILM & FAMILY FUN UNDER THE STARS!
- ★ ACTIVITIES START AT 7PM THE MOVIE STARTS AT DUSK DON'T MISS LIVE ENTERTAINMENT, BOUNCERS, AND MUCH MORE
- ★ BROUGHT TO YOU BY CSA 134

**JOIN US ON JULY 21<sup>ST</sup> FOR SUMMER SPLASH**

FROM 3:30-6:30 PM, BEFORE THE MOVIE FOR YOUR FAVORITE WATER DAY!!  
COME HAVE A FUN DAY IN THE SUN!!  
WATER SLIDES • WATER BALLOONS • GAMES & ACTIVITIES

**PETER RABBIT**  
June 30<sup>th</sup>

**COCO**  
July 21<sup>st</sup>

**SUMMER SPLASH**  
July 21<sup>st</sup>  
Before COCO  
From 3:30 - 6:30pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
CONTACT [RKROSS@RIVCO.ORG](mailto:RKROSS@RIVCO.ORG)  
OR 951.955.4816  
JOIN US ON FACEBOOK AT [WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/RIVCOMARS](http://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/RIVCOMARS)

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE RIVERSIDE COUNTY  
**EDA** **MARS**



Riverside County Office on Aging is hosting *Care Pathways*, a series of **FREE** family caregiver workshops. Classes are offered throughout Riverside County!

***New classes starting in July 2018!***

Caregiver or Care Recipient must be a resident of Riverside County

- Are You a Family Member Caring for an Older Adult?
- Do You Need Support and Resources?
- Having Trouble Coping ?

**Get Answers about Dementia, Communicating Effectively, Managing Stress and much more...**

**This series of twelve classes will provide much needed information & support as you continue through the caregiving journey**

***FREE Respite & FREE Transportation* may be available.**



Pre-Registration required.

Please call us at:

**1-800-510-2020 or  
951-867-3800**



**Las clases también están disponibles en Español**

*Funding is provided by the Riverside University Health System - Behavioral Health through the Mental Health Services Act.*

This program was recently recognized as a  through the Ash Center for Governance and Innovation at Harvard Kennedy School.

