

## Kevin's Corner



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**Lawsuits and More Lawsuits:** Almost since I took office as Supervisor, I have been sounding the alarm over the number of lawsuits and the massive settlement totals paid out by the County of Riverside. With 20,000 employees, sometimes an otherwise good employee screws up badly and an injured victim deserves compensation. Other times, our bureaucratic institutions fail to protect the very young or the elderly, something falls through the cracks and terrible things happen to the innocent at the hands of very evil people. Then there are times, you simply cannot believe that the taxpayers are being sued simply because it's California and anybody with deep pockets is fair game. Regardless, the money (millions upon millions of dollars each year) being paid out is your hard-earned tax dollars that should instead be helping to provide you with vital services. You deserve some accountability as to the causes and the corrections, and I will continue to push for that.

**Mystery Meat with Bathtub Cheese?** Pretty much any day of the week, you can drive through some of our rural communities and find a number of roadside food vendors operating from the back of pickup trucks and cars. Some even go to the trouble of setting up tents, tables, lighting and chairs. What most of them don't do is obtain permits and inspections from the health department to make sure the food you are eating is cooked, still hot (or frozen) and safe for humans. If you are a brick and mortar restaurant or a licensed food truck that plays by the all rules, you are inspected regularly, and these overnight, uninspected black market mystery meat wagons undermine your ability to stay in business. The county's Department of Environmental Health that inspects all the legitimate businesses is now conducting surprise inspections, citations (and some seizures) of the fly-by-night operators. So while some of you may not want to know where that package of mystery meat came from, or think bathtub cheese or home-brewed alcohol sold out of someone's trunk is a good idea, do a little favor for the legitimate businessman and woman who work every day to provide you with a safe meal, and next time you see a road side vendor (with no posted permits) operating from his/her personal vehicle, please just keep driving. Your stomach will thank you later.

**Baptism by Fire.** Our new Riverside County/CAL FIRE Chief Shawn Newman received a very warm but ugly welcome last month! Within a week or so of taking the new job, the 22,000 acre Holy Fire rolled out from the Cleveland National Forest and into Riverside County. Over 170 fire engines, 35 hand crews, 18 helicopters, 6 air tankers, 14 water tenders and 23 bulldozers for total of 1,568 people called into action, and as many as 20,000 1<sup>st</sup> District residents along Ortega Highway, in the Temescal Valley, and the Lake Elsinore area were under evacuation orders. Now that's a welcome party I'd prefer never to see again. P.S: Now the Chief gets to worry about the flood dangers to those who live at the bottom of those burned out canyons this coming winter.

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**Homeless Guru.** Your county's new Director of Homeless Solutions Natalie Komuro has jumped in with both feet. Natalie has been lining up meetings with numerous department heads, community based organizations, and city officials. The severe shortage of affordable housing (for working families and those wanting to get back on their feet), combined with extremely expensive health care services, including those to help overcome mental health issues or drug addiction issues, and the need for job training, all make Natalie's job one of the toughest in the County of Riverside. That doesn't even include the homeless who don't want any help and prefer to stay on the street, living a life of addiction, petty crime, and/or mental illness. Good luck, Natalie!

As always, feel free to email me with any suggestions (or complaints), and remember---complaining about something on Facebook is not the same as actually contacting my office and asking for assistance!

Respectfully,

Kevin Jeffries  
Supervisor District 1

Concerned about avoiding a Montecito-like flood and debris disaster in Riverside County, Supervisor Kevin Jeffries convened a meeting with over 30 representatives from Flood Control, Fire, Sheriff, Emergency Management Department, Transportation, the City of Lake Elsinore, and others to discuss plans for evaluation, identification, mitigation, evacuations, and response to potential flood events in the canyons below the burn areas of Lake Elsinore, Temescal Valley, and Idyllwild. After we get more specific mapping and evaluations from the Forest Service and Flood Control, we will hold a series of meetings in these communities to educate residents on what to expect and how to prepare.



Alert RivCo allows Emergency Managers and public safety first responders to rapidly alert and warn the public in the event of emergencies.

Alert RivCo is used to alert Riverside County community members of urgent actions to take during disasters, such as earthquakes, wildfires, and floods. The County of Riverside uses Swift Reach 911 to deliver Alert RivCo messages. Some cities in Riverside County have a city alerting system as well. See below to see if your city has its own alerting system, and make sure you register for that system too.

To register cell phones and Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) use the registration portal below. Traditional, landline phone numbers are automatically registered -- even if the number is unlisted. If you have already registered you can update your information by logging in to the Swift911 Portal.

Select Language: English

**Swift911™ Portal**

**Register Now!**  
This portal requires registration. You must register to use it.

If you have already registered  
**SIGN IN BELOW**

USERNAME:   
Email Address or Phone Number

PASSWORD:

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**Mobile Portal App Available for**  
  
 iOS Android Windows  
**Click Icons to Download**

**SWIFTREACH** Powered

*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\****



**Hispanic**  
**Heritage Month**  
September 15-October 15



## *Local District #1 Events*

### **The I-15 Express Lanes project is underway!**

The Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) is constructing two new Express Lanes to I-15 in both directions, from Cajalco Road to State Route 60, widen bridges and add sound walls. This project is being built within the existing median. RCTC is also preparing to build the 15/91 Express Lanes Connector, which will link the future southbound 15 Express Lanes to the westbound 91 Express Lanes and link the eastbound 91 Express Lanes to the future northbound 15 Express Lanes. The new 15 Express Lanes are expected to open in 2020, and the 15/91 Express Lanes Connector will open by 2022. To learn more about the 15/91 Express Lanes Connector, visit <http://15project.info/15-91-connector-project-facts/>

With construction comes closures. In addition to their Facebook and Instagram pages, you can stay in the know by following their weekly updates:

<http://15project.info/category/15-express-lanes/>



### **New Road Improvements in Temescal Valley**

Earlier this year we asked the County Transportation Department look at options to improve safety and efficiency to Temescal Canyon Road. Phase one included the right turn lane delineators entering I-15 south at Weirick and Temescal Canyon Road. Once those were installed the County worked with Caltrans District 8 to move forward with restriping of both under crossings. Now complete, the restriping provides an additional lane for vehicles to move under I-15 and/or access the freeway.



## *Local District #1 Events*

### **Good Hope Gets New Water Crossings!**

After a recent tour with Supervisor Jeffries and staff in the community of Good Hope it was determined that in an effort to help with the yearly flooding which occurs after the smallest of rains, the current water crossings needed a significant upgrade.

Proud to say that those improvements have now been completed and are ready for our winter season just around the corner.

Many thanks to our local residents who endured detours and construction noise during the day, and of course big thanks to our Transportation Department for completing the project in 102 degree heat!



# *Local District #1 Events*

## **Lakeland Village Community Center receives facelift for playground.**

Recently the Lakeland Village Community Center off Grand Ave received a much needed facelift to the basketball and handball courts. After years of being abandoned and neglected the pavement had cracked and in some places begin to simply disintegrate.

With the Boys and Girls Club making the center their permanent home, usage at the center has been in great demand and it was time to improve the grounds. As you can see below, the old pavement was removed and new fresh pavement applied along with new court markings and nets.

Now its time to Play Ball!!



# Non-Profit Spotlight

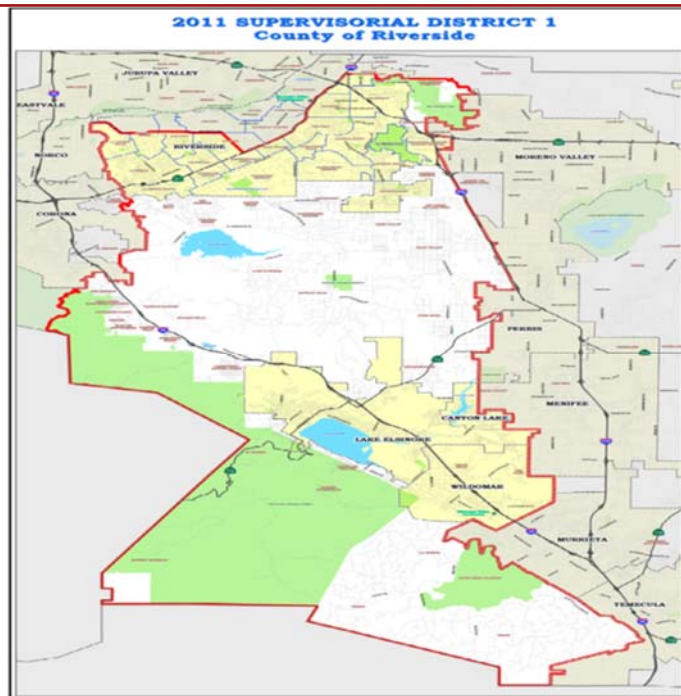
## CALIFORNIA VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS MOTORCYCLE CLUB



The VFW Motorcycle Club, Empire Chapter, is dedicated to meeting the unmet needs of underserved, low-income military populations of the 1<sup>st</sup> District. They assist veterans, troops, families and widows of veterans by offering the following programs:

- Food Box Program: food boxes are prepared for families and delivered to their homes by Club volunteers;
- Homeless Outreach: provides assistance with referrals, counseling, temporary lodging, clothing, toiletries, and benefits processing for veterans;
- Veterans' Support Group: provides short term physical and monetary assistance to veterans, including but not limited to yard and home maintenance, vehicle maintenance, transportation to appointments, providing service dogs, airline flights to visit family and emergency home repair; and
- Employment Search: assists veterans with job search, job leads, resumes, interviews and develops relationships with companies in the community to foster job opportunities for veterans.

For more information, go to <http://www.vfwmotorcycleclub.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.*

## Veteran Driver License and ID Available

HAVE YOU EVER SERVED IN THE U.S. MILITARY? YOU MAY QUALIFY TO PROUDLY DISPLAY **VETERAN** ON YOUR CALIFORNIA DRIVER LICENSE OR IDENTIFICATION CARD.  
**IT'S AS EASY AS 1, 2, 3!**

- FIRST.** Find your military discharge certificate, DD214 (check that the "special additional information" section 23-30 is filled out on your DD214). If you need assistance obtaining your military records, then contact your County Veteran Service Officer (CVSO).
- SECOND.** Take your DD214 and government identification to your nearest CVSO to obtain your Veteran Status Verification Form (VSD-001). **DO NOT** go to the Veterans Affairs Regional Office (VA) or the California Department of Veteran Affairs (CalVet) as they **DO NOT** provide the verification form.

### County Veteran Service Office

Riverside County Veterans Services  
 4360 Orange Street  
 Riverside, CA 92501

Open: Monday - Thursday  
 8am to 4pm  
 Closed on Fridays & Holidays

Indio office  
 44-190B Monroe Street  
 Indio, CA 92201

Hemet office  
 749 N. State Street  
 Hemet, CA 92543

Open Monday - Thursday  
 8am to noon; 1pm to 4pm  
 Closed Fridays & Holidays

- And, THIRD.** Go online or call DMV for an appointment. Then bring your Veteran Status Verification Form to DMV. Complete your application, pay any fees including the \$5 fee to add the Veteran Designation. *Note: tests may be required.* To schedule your DMV appointment, visit [www.dmv.ca.gov](http://www.dmv.ca.gov) or call 1-800-777-0133.



## YOUTH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

### About NLNI

The Latino Network Leadership Institute (NLNI) provides high school students the opportunity to learn from and network with local community leaders. Participants will gain an understanding of the principles used to influence change within their community, review the concept of ethical leadership and explore the role and obligations of committing to a cause and standing up for what one believes. The educational and vocational experiences shared by presenters will expose participants to the various forms of leadership utilized in their everyday lives and illustrating accomplishments and future visions. Participants will be provided a series of quality workshops, dynamic speakers, networking opportunities, and certificates of participation and legislative recognition.

**TO APPLY VISIT:**  
[tinyurl.com/NLNI-RIV](http://tinyurl.com/NLNI-RIV)

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**  
 Sunday, SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

**INSTITUTE DATES:**  
 Every Thursday starting Oct. 4th through Nov. 8th from 6pm to 8pm

**INSTITUTE LOCATION:**  
 Centro de Ninos  
 2010 Martin Luther King Blvd,  
 Riverside, CA 92507

### Requirements

- Must be a Junior/Senior in high school
- Must be a resident of Western Riverside County
- Must participate in all 6 sessions of the Leadership Institute (every Thursday, October 4th - November 8th, 2018. From 6pm-8pm)
- Must be willing to perform follow-up activities related to training
- Must be committed and dedicated to service

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## Mead Valley Town Hall

Please join us to discuss important community issues with various County Agencies and our First District Supervisor!

### INVITED DEPARTMENTS:

- Board of Supervisors District 1 Supervisor
- Transportation & Land Management Agency
- County Sheriff
- Code Enforcement
- Animal Services
- Regional Park & Open-Space District
- Environmental Health
- Department of Public Social Services

- Mead Valley Library
- Riverside Transit Agency
- Eastern Municipal Water District
- Waste Management, Inc.
- Dr. Javier Rios/Clinica Medica Familiar
- Economic Development Agency



Bring the kids for jumpers, games and a special screening of Coco at dusk



Friday, September 14, 2018 • 6pm-8pm

(Doors Open at 5:30pm)  
 Mead Valley Community Center  
 21091 Rider Street, Perris, CA 92570

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (951) 210-1580.

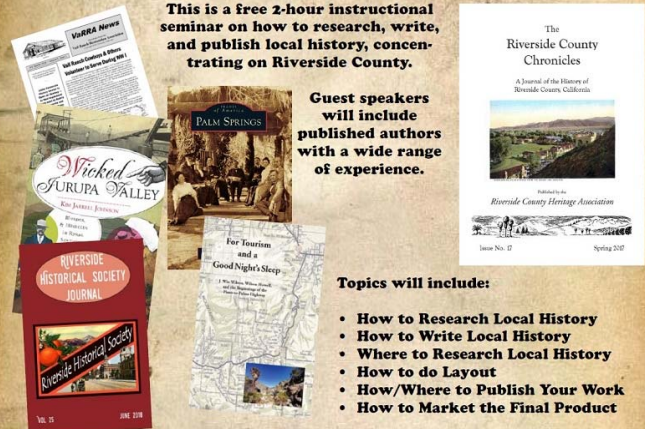
## The Riverside County Heritage Association

Presents

## How to Research and Write Local History

This is a free 2-hour instructional seminar on how to research, write, and publish local history, concentrating on Riverside County.

Guest speakers will include published authors with a wide range of experience.



### Topics will include:

- How to Research Local History
- How to Write Local History
- Where to Research Local History
- How to do Layout
- How/Where to Publish Your Work
- How to Market the Final Product

Date: Saturday, September 8, 2018

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon

Location: Banning Cultural Alliance  
 (Banning Women's Club Building),  
 175 West Hays Street, Banning

(Street Parking Only)







## BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE

### Riverside County's Digital Equity Program

Provides refurbished computers to low income families and non-profit organizations within Riverside County at No Cost

#### The Digital Divide Impacts Riverside County:

Life in Riverside County is rich and rewarding for most of its 2.4 million residents! We enjoy easy access to mountains, desert and the ocean. We can shop for nearly anything we desire, attend cultural events, world class music festivals like Coachella and Stagecoach Festival, tour our high quality local wine region in Temecula, and are close to both beaches and mountains. Our average family income is over \$58,000 per year, with 27% of our families earning over \$100,000.

**But wait . . . That rosy picture does not extend everywhere. Consider the following:**

- 20% of all households are single-parent families
- 20% of all adults do not have a high school diploma or equivalent
- 11% of our population is disabled
- 13% of the population is 65 years and older
- 15% speak English less than proficiently

- 25% of all families and 32% of households earn less than \$35,000
- 17% of Riverside County residents live below the poverty line

#### Needs & Goals:

Individuals impacted by Digital Divide have a great need for equal access to computers, inexpensive Internet, training and knowledge of how to utilize technology to improve their economic opportunities.

#### Jobs & Training:

DEP has partnered with the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) Workforce Connection Program to provide short-term employment and job training opportunities for DPSS customers. This unique collaboration helps individuals develop skills that help bridge the gap to good paying jobs and economic stability for their families. Riverside County businesses can take advantage of no-cost recruiting services that match qualified candidates to their hiring needs.

**Contact:** Nora Valenzuela, [NValenzu@rivco.org](mailto:NValenzu@rivco.org) or 951-237-9978

#### Summary:

Closing the Digital Divide is a critical success factor for the quality of life and economic prosperity of our residents in Riverside County. To accomplish this critical goal we have launched a Digital Equity Program to help close the digital divide.

The Digital Equity Program is a component of the County's "Green" strategy which provides a more cost-effective method for reducing its Carbon footprint by enabling e-government, accessing services online and handling of e-waste. Accessibility to online services reduces the need to visit a county facility, thus reducing traffic and our usage of carbon generating resources.

#### Program Benefits:

Our Digital Equity Program enables residents to participate in our digital world, including:

- Opportunity for higher quality of life
- Empowerment to take individual action
- Access to economic opportunities
- Basic participation in K - 12 education
- Participation in the local and global community

We strive to facilitate access and opportunity to utilize the wealth of online services available including health, financial, legal, consumer and social services.



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# COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

## Lakeland Village

Saturday, September 22, 2018  
8:00 am to 12:00 pm

**\*For CR&R customers only. Proof of residency is required.  
Please bring Photo ID and current CR&R invoice.\***

### Drop-off Location:

**Lakeland Village Middle School  
18730 Grand Avenue,  
Lake Elsinore, CA 92530**



### Acceptable Items

- **Tires:** Per state law, please only transport 9 tires per trip. Please call Riverside County Waste Management Department for a waiver if needed. Tires must be less than 4ft in diameter & weigh less than 200 lbs.
- **Furniture:** Sofa beds, couches, tables, chairs, mattresses, box springs and patio furniture.
- **Large Appliances:** Washing machines, dryers, stoves refrigerators, water heaters, air conditioners and dishwashers.
- **Tree Limbs and Branches:** Should not exceed 18 inches in diameter or 3 feet in length. Please make sure tree limbs are bundled and tied together.
- **Electronic Waste (E-Waste):** Computers, monitors, printers, old televisions and other electronic devices with a plug or circuit board.
- **Other Items:** Bicycles, barbecues, swing sets, and small appliances

### Unacceptable Items

- **Fluorescent light bulbs**
- **Pesticides/Fertilizers**
- **Weed Killers/Herbicides**
- **Rodent Poisons**
- **Latex, Oil, or Water based Paint**
- **Batteries,**
- **Motor Parts**
- **Solvents/Gasoline**
- **Transmission/brake fluid**
- **Bleach/tub & Tile Cleaners**
- **Empty Drums**
- **Anti-Freeze**
- **Pool Chemicals**
- **Engines**
- **Motor oil and Other Hazardous**
- **Concrete or construction/ demolition materials**

NOTE: Does not include disposal of industrial, business, or household hazardous waste, building materials, or household trash. If you need additional information please contact Riverside County Department of Waste Resources at (951) 486-3200. Alternate formats available upon request.

