



## Kevin's Corner

**Please excuse this long-winded story.**

**How To Kill A Garage.** I had the recent pleasure of sitting down with a long time resident (in his 80's), who had decided to purchase and have installed an 1,100 square foot garage. It appeared to be a simple job on flat ground next to his home in the Mockingbird Canyon area (non-city). Unfortunately, the story he and his wife shared would make old-school Soviet Politburo Bureaucrats blush with envy. The horrific maze of delays, fees, new delays and new fees was so extremely sad that it would make your blood boil.

The short (?) version is, he paid for a stamped set of engineered plans for his future metal garage in order to pull his building permit, and brought them down to the County building. But he was then told he also needed an additional "structural" engineered set of plans.

Go Home - come back again! Then, even though it was just a metal garage with NO bathroom, he was told he needed a permit to have his house septic system inspected and re-permitted.

Go to Environmental Health - come back again! The backside of the property and garage had a gate and access to a paved road with a fire hydrant, but he was told that he needed to pay the water district for a special flow test to verify that the fire hydrant could flow enough to serve his garage. Never mind that the fire hydrant was previously tested and approved to serve nearby new homes.

Go to the Fire Dept.

Go to the Water District. Get the hydrant test done. Come back to the county again! The house and garage pad area was reportedly level, but then he was told to hire a firm to produce a topographical map of the property to prove it.

Go Home, Call engineering firms. Come back again! Fortunately, he was able to drive to the Flood Control District and purchase a map they already had.

Go back and submit. After many months of delays and fees, all finally looked good, but when he arrived to get his permit, he was told it was being "held" for Transportation to approve.

Go to the Transportation offices! Nobody there could figure the reason for a hold, so that box was checked off! Victory!

With light at the end of the tunnel, on what he planned to be his final trip to get his permit, he was then told that he should have obtained a grading permit at the very beginning – so he would now have to start over!

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Game over. Done. Finished. No More. He cancelled his metal garage order, forfeited a very LARGE non-refundable deposit to the garage company and flat-out gave up. He then contacted my office to share his walk through hell.

Why didn't you call us for help, we asked? We help people all the time with the bureaucratic maze. And that's the next part of this sad conversation. The first part (of what he went through) is sad enough. The second sad part is that ANYONE should have to go to an elected official to get help dealing with his/her government. In my opinion, you should not HAVE to know and go to an elected official for help. If the process is so bad that you literally have to "know someone", then the process is broken and must be fixed! The process should be so customer friendly, so accommodating, and so helpful, that the officials should only hear from the resident as to how helpful and how polite and professional everyone was. The broken process - the "who you know" process, only empowers those in power (elected or appointed) and their connected friends to become more even powerful for the wrong reasons!

If you have a story, or need help in the First District, please do not hesitate to contact my office for help. You don't have to be "connected" to contact my office and ask for help, and I encourage people to do so long before you are ready to give up, like this poor gentleman did. If you have friends in other Supervisorial Districts who have similar stories from their part of the county, they absolutely need to contact their own Supervisor. It take three votes to make changes by the Board, and we can't fix what we don't know about!

As always, please feel free to email me. I do read each and every one of them (except the really nasty vulgar ones that get sent to the round file).

Respectfully, Kevin Jeffries

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*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*



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

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

**Advisory Council on Aging—Open (seeking qualified applicants)**

# Local District #1 Events

## Lake Elsinore Opens Newest Neighborhood Center

The Dream Extreme Neighborhood Center ribbon cutting ceremony was on February 24, 2020. The 5,700-square-foot gathering place is being fashioned out of a former courthouse. The city obtained the building from Riverside County in June 2016, which overlooks the community's lake. The center includes a multipurpose room for special events and a game room for teens.



## Tractor Supply Opens In Woodcrest

Grand Opening of the new Tractor Supply store in the Woodcrest community on Van Buren. Supervisor Jeffries joined in on the ribbon cutting along with community members, the 4H Club, Sheriff Bianco, and four legged friends.



# Local District #1 Events

## Clark Street Sidewalk Project Begins!!

After receiving our Active Transportation Program grant for this project and finalizing the designs, the real work has started. This sidewalk project, over 2 years in the making, has finally become a reality for our Mead Valley community.

Once finished, the residents will be able to walk on the sidewalk and trail system from Thomas Rivera Middle School all the way to the Mead Valley Community Center safely.

Along with the Cajalco widening project slated to begin soon, there will be lots of construction going on in the Valley, so be cautious of these areas, as speed limits will be reduced and there will be lots of workers in the area.



## Riverside Emergency Animal Rescue System (R.E.A.R.S.)

Consider becoming a volunteer with the special unit: REARS (Riverside Emergency Animal Rescue System). These wonderful people help us during large-scale emergency events, such as wildfires and massive hoarding incidents. A mandatory academy is happening soon (March 7). Many people want to help us during wildfires, but we only use our trained REARS volunteers.

Here's a link:

<https://www.rcdas.org/index.php/volunteer/r-e-a-r-s>



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## Riverside County Sheriff Volunteers Needed!

Did you know Riverside County Sheriff's Department currently has 4 volunteer Search and Rescue teams?

- Blythe Search and Rescue Assist
- Desert Search and Rescue
- Riverside County Search Dogs
- Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit

These teams are an essential component of our department as they are primarily responsible for all search and rescue missions involving lost or stranded persons in the County of Riverside.

For information on joining these teams, visit [www.riversidesheriff.org](http://www.riversidesheriff.org) and click on VOLUNTEERS.

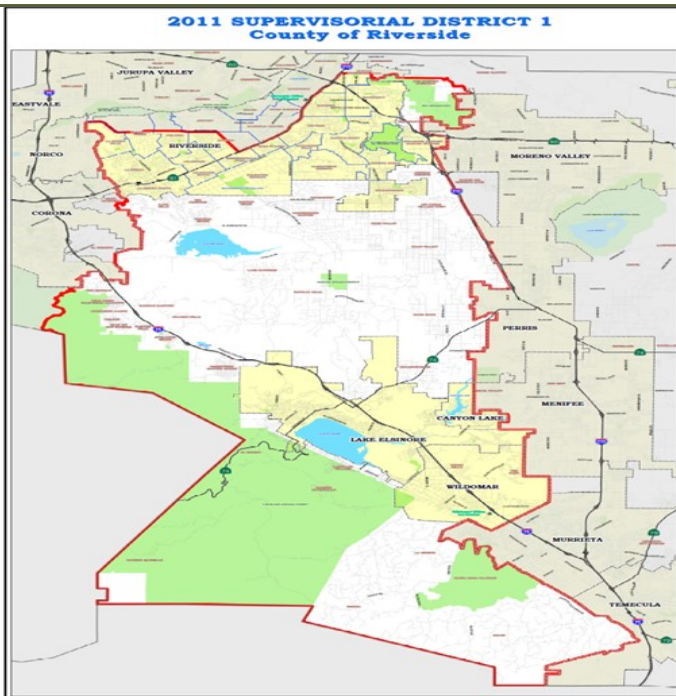


# Non-Profit Spotlight

## Riverside County Family Justice Center

The Riverside County Family Justice Center (FJC) is a safe place for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child and elder abuse. FJC is there to discuss options for a safety plan, your legal rights as a victim of crime and assist with the victim's emotional well-being. They provide one-on-one private consultations with experienced advocates who serve as a guide to connecting victims to a variety of available resources. Their mission is to provide protection and prevention services toward ensuring family justice.

FJC also provides awareness presentations to businesses, agencies or service groups at no cost. The presentations include information about domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, and elder abuse. There are three FJC locations throughout the County including Riverside, Murrieta and Indio. For more information, visit the FJC website at <https://rivcofjc.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.*

# 21st Annual Cesar E. Chavez

*Memorial Breakfast*



Cathy Murphy/Participant Media

Keynote Address:

**Teresa Romero, President UFW**

**RSVP AT**

<https://chavezbreakfast2020.eventbrite.com>

**Seating is limited**

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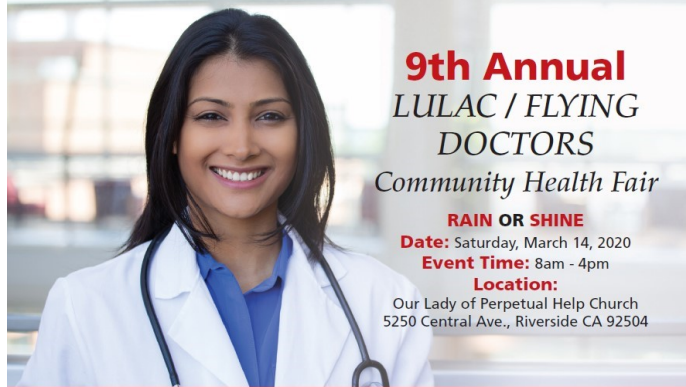
**FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2020**

**The Riverside Marriott Hotel • 7:30 a.m.**

**\$45 paid members, \$55 non-member, \$500 for a table of 8**

P.O. Box 20615, Riverside, CA 92516 • Non-Profit # 33-0901347

[www.riversidelatinonetwork.org](http://www.riversidelatinonetwork.org)



**9th Annual  
LULAC / FLYING  
DOCTORS  
Community Health Fair**

**RAIN OR SHINE**  
**Date:** Saturday, March 14, 2020  
**Event Time:** 8am - 4pm  
**Location:**  
 Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church  
 5250 Central Ave., Riverside CA 92504

Services provided on first come, first served basis.

**Free Services:** Dental • Vision Screenings & Free Glasses  
 Medical Consultations • Behavioral Health Counseling • Diabetes Testing  
 Blood Pressure Testing • Physical Therapy • Haircuts • HIV Testing  
 Flu Vaccines • Health Insurance Enrollment and Much More!

**Community Based Organizations Attending:** Todac, Mi familia Vota, Cali Medi Connect, California Partnership, Riverside County Office on Aging, Raincross Boxing Academy, Inland Empire Latino Lawyers Association, Riverside University Health System Behavioral Health, United Domestic Workers, Tru Evolution, Warehouse Worker Resource Center, Vida-Life Ministries, Riverside Dept. of Social Services, RUHS Public Health Oral Program, Raices de Justicia, Hope Collaborative, Mother's Nutritional Center, Riverside Health Connect, UCR's Mini Medical School, RUHS Mobile Health Clinic

For more information please contact: LULAC of Riverside, Council #3190  
 Gilberto Esquivel: (951) 236-3171 • gilberto2939@yahoo.com



**RIVERSIDE COUNTY VETERAN TRANSPORTATION  
& SUPPORTS (VETS) PROGRAM**

**TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE  
FOR LOCAL VETERANS  
TO MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS**

THE PROGRAM IS OPEN TO ANY VETERAN RESIDING IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY WHO DOES NOT HAVE MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION.

ALL DESTINATIONS MUST BE MEDICAL-BASED AND COULD INCLUDE: LOMA LINDA VA HOSPITAL, VA COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS, PALM DESERT VA CLINIC, AND FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS.



**TO REQUEST A SERVICE, VETERANS CAN CALL  
1-800-510-2020**



**ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS  
FOR BUSINESSES**



The cities of Lake Elsinore and Wildomar are taking a proactive, collaborative approach to addressing homelessness. We encourage our local business stakeholders to join us in ending the cycle of homelessness. Local businesses, commercial property owners, landlords and managers are invited to attend the following events to learn more about how to support our efforts.



**LE VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EWDC LUNCHEON**  
 Addressing Homelessness for Businesses  
 Thursday, February 20, 2020, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
 Diamond Club, 500 Diamond Drive, RSVP Required  
 Cost: Member \$15.00/Non-Member \$20.00



**COMMERCIAL PROPERTY OWNER/ MANAGER & LANDLORD WORKSHOP**  
 Maintaining and Protecting Your Property and Tenants  
 Thursday, March 12, 2020, 11:30 to 1:30 p.m.  
 Cultural Center, 183 N. Main St., RSVP Preferred, Free with Lunch Provided  
 Out of Town? Watch Live on Facebook or Watch it on YouTube after the Event.

**MORE INFO AT WWW.LAKE-ELSINORE.ORG/HOMELESSTASKFORCE**



**Are you helping care for a family member over the age of 60?**



**FREE CLASSES  
for family  
caregivers!**

**CARE PATHWAYS  
Can Help**

- FREE program delivered in a series of workshops
- FREE support & referrals to community resources
- Respite & transportation may be available

*Get answers about Dementia, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, Communicating Effectively, Managing Stress, Legal Issues, Grief & Loss, How to Care for an Older Adult & much more...*

Call for more information!

**Call today  
to register**

**(951) 867-3874**  
**Classes start late  
FEBRUARY 2020  
in Moreno Valley  
& Coachella  
Valley**



# TEMESCAL VALLEY TOWN HALL

Hosted by the Temescal Valley Municipal Advisory Council

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2020**

6:00 - 7:30PM (DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM)

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY AGENCIES INVITED**

- Board of Supervisors, Kevin Jeffries
- Assessor/Tax Collector
- County Fire/CalFire
- County Sheriff
- Economic Development Agency
- Flood Control & Water Conservation
- County Library Systems (RCLS)
- Department of Environmental Health
- Department of Public Health
- Department of Waste Resources
- Office on Aging
- Regional Park & Open Space District
- Transportation and Land Management Agency
- Veterans Services
- Workforce Development



**OTHER AGENCIES INVITED**

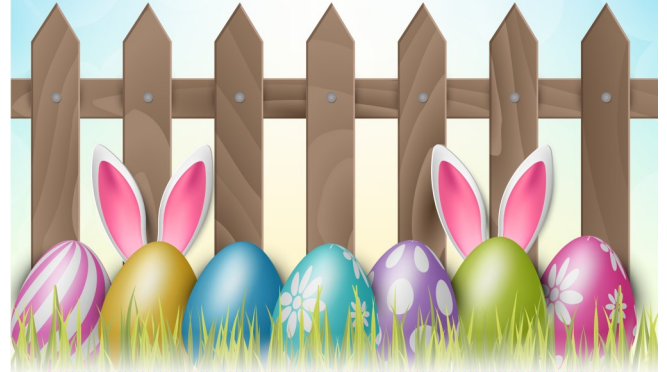
- California Highway Patrol
- Riverside Transit Authority
- Southern California Edison
- Southern California Gas Company
- Temescal Valley Water District
- Transportation Commission (RCTC)
- Waste Management, Inc.
- Western Municipal Water District

## TEMESCAL VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

22950 Claystone Avenue, Temescal Valley, CA 92883

# Spring Festival

& Easter Egg Hunt

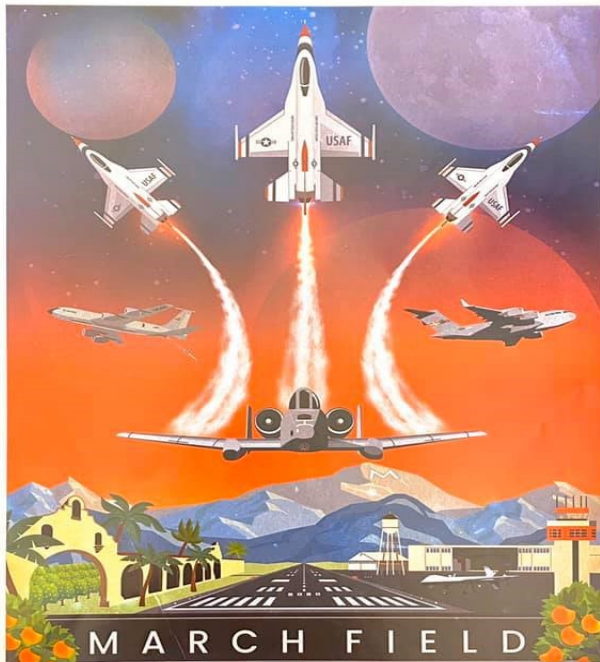


Easter Egg Hunts 🐰 Crafts 🧶 Easter Bunny 🐰 Bubble Fun

**MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup> 2020** **DELEO REGIONAL PARK** **25655 SANTIAGO CANYON RD** **TEMESCAL VALLEY, CA** **11 AM to 2 PM**

Bring a basket to collect eggs. Easter Egg Hunts start promptly at 11:30am

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT RKROSS@RIVCO.ORG OR 951.955.4816



## MARCH FIELD

**U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds • A-10 Thunderbolt Demo**  
**Esports Zone • S.T.E.M. Zone • Kids Fun Zone**

Canadian SkyHawks Parachute Team • C-17 Globemaster III Demo • Firewalkers International • Jeff Boerboom's YAK-110  
Vicky Benzing's Boeing Stearman • Kent Pietsch: Jelly Belly Comedy Act • Jerry Conley's Vampire Jet  
Garret & Boyd Willatt: Sailplane Magic • John Collier's T-6 Texan • Anthony Oshinuga's Pitts S-1

E-3 Sentry • C-5 Galaxy • KC-10 Extender • KC-46 Pegasus • AC-130 Gunship • EC-130 Compass Call • MC-130 Commando II • KC-135 Stratotanker  
MQ-9 Reaper • F-15 Eagle • F-16 Fighting Falcon • F-22 Raptor • F-35 Lightning II • B-52 Stratofortress • T-1 Jayhawk • T-6 Texan II • T-38 Talon  
American P-51 Mustang • British Spitfire • Japanese Zero • Russian Yakovlev • Czechoslovakian L-39 Albatros • Soviet An-2 Antonov • plus lots more

#MarchField2020  
Performances are subject to change without notice



MarchAirShow.com  
March 28-29

# 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## The Salvation Army's

### Veterans and Community Expo

**SAVE THE DATE**

Saturday, April 4, 2020  
8 am - 1 pm  
Riverside County Fairgrounds  
46517 Arabia St, Indio, CA  
Information: 760/861-0037

**A FREE EVENT**

**V.E.A.P.**  
VETERANS EASY ACCESS PROGRAM

Want to get involved in your community?  
 Looking for information from County Departments?  
 Want to know updates on road improvement projects?

If you answered “yes” to any of the above questions then you should consider joining us at one of our Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) meetings. Meetings are held throughout our unincorporated areas and are all listed below. Come hear updates from the local Fire Station, your local Sheriff patrol and code enforcement officer or maybe your looking for an update from the local library.

Either way it’s all here! Consider stopping by one of our MAC meetings this year if you have not previously and simply say “Hi” to everyone there. Want to be more involved? We are always accepting applications for MAC Boards in your community for future openings.

### **MAC / CAC Meetings**

#### **Temescal Valley**

Trilogy Club House  
 24503 Trilogy Parkway  
 Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, 6pm  
**\*Townhall—3/11 @ Temescal Elementary**

#### **Lakeland Village**

Lakeland Village Community Center  
 16275 Grand Ave, Lake Elsinore, CA 92530  
 Meets quarterly, 6pm (2/26, 5/27, 8/26, 11/18)

#### **Woodcrest**

Woodcrest Library Community Room  
 16625 Krameria, Riverside 92504  
 Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of odd months, 6pm  
**\*Townhall—5/14 @ Woodcrest Elementary**

#### **Mead Valley**

Mead Valley Community Center – Banquet Hall  
 21091 Rider Street Mead Valley, CA 92570  
 Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of odd months, 6pm

#### **Good Hope / Meadowbrook**

Good Hope Community Center (next to County  
 Fire Station #9):  
 21565 Steel Peak Drive, Perris, CA 92570  
 Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of odd months, 6pm.

### **Community Group Meetings**

#### **RAGLM – Residents Association of the Greater Lake Mathews**

County Fire Station #4 – Community Center  
 Room (annex)  
 16453 El Sobrante Road, Lake Mathews,  
 CA 92570  
 Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month @ 7pm

#### **University City Improvement Group**

Location is TBD (moves to different  
 resident’s homes)  
 University Heights, Riverside, CA 92502  
 Meets monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday @ 6pm

#### **Community Action Group (CAG) Casablanca**

Villegas Park Community Center  
 3091 Esperanza St, Riverside, CA 92504  
 Meets monthly, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday @ 7pm