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## Kevin's Corner

**Budget News:** The 2021-22 County budget was approved by the Board of Supervisors and it was mostly good news for Riverside County. Despite our fears at the beginning of the COVID Crisis last year, revenues (taxes & fees) have been coming in very strong. Although government will NEVER have enough money to satisfy its thirst, your tax dollars were able to keep essential county services at respectable levels and even provide a boost to some. Here are some details from the \$6.9 billion budget:

**\*Fire –** The County's longtime partner and contractor (CAL FIRE) was able to substantially reduce its statewide overhead charges to the County (& contract cities), saving millions of dollars. This money is largely being reinvested back into the department to purchase needed apparatus and equipment. Additionally, the Board was able to bump up funding to add additional staffing to help with overtime impacts and to fund three patrol rigs to help with surge capacity when multiple fires occur in our county.

**\*Deputies –** The Sheriff's Department will be bumping up its recruitment efforts for patrol deputies, local tax dollars will be funding \$5.5 million in additional patrol positions for unincorporated communities.

**\*Animal Services –** The Blythe Animal Shelter has been in financial trouble, and was recommended to be closed, but the Board approved one-time funding to keep it open while other options are evaluated, including a possible joint -use facility similar to the shelter operated in Wildomar for the benefit of the cities of Lake Elsinore, Canyon Lake, Wildomar and other cities who all work together through a Joint Powers Authority arrangement.

**\*Behavioral Health –** Nearly every Sheriff station across the county had been previously approved for a Community Behavioral Assessment Team (CBAT) which works with local contract cities and unincorporated communities to provide behavioral health clinicians in the field with deputies to help respond to "behavioral health-related calls" (including drug-related issues). The only Sheriff station (at least in the western half of the county) that had NOT been included in the original CBAT staffing was the Lake Elsinore Station serving the Elsinore Valley, Wildomar, Canyon Lake, and the Temescal Valley. That void is now being fixed with this new budget!

**\*Coordination of Social Services –** I cannot adequately describe the massive county operations and agencies (mostly funded by the State & Feds) that are in place for residents who seek government assistance from one or more programs (housing, health care, food programs, workforce training, counseling, etc.). A big challenge is coordinating all the various services for the benefit of the individual and the professionals providing those services, so that people get all the help they need. The Board just approved an initial investment (\$3.5m) toward building an Integrated Service Delivery network that will improve cooperation between departments.

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**\*Infrastructure** – For those of you who reside in non-city communities, the Unincorporated Communities Infrastructure (UCI) fund was bumped up to \$5m to help pave neighborhood dirt roads, build sidewalks, flood control projects, etc.

The above is just a very small snapshot of budget issues. You can read the whole “recommended budget” (a few changes were made by the BOS before approval), along with important context about the process here: <https://rivco.org/about-county/budget-and-financial-information>. If you have a specific budget question, please drop us an email.

**Help Wanted** – Our office has several volunteer vacancies to fill. One is to serve on the County Fair Board to help coordinate the annual County Fair in Indio. We have alternate positions open for our Lakeland Village and Woodcrest Municipal Advisory Councils, the Children & Families Advisory Committee has an opening, and we need a resident who lives within three miles of the El Sobrante Landfill to serve on the Commission that oversees that contract. For more information, see the information below.

**Lighten-Up** – This is likely going to be long hot summer with huge strains on our statewide electrical grid. I’ve been chewed out for suggesting this before, but I strongly encourage fellow residents to always be prepared (disaster kits) and to have a portable generator (and long extensions cords) on hand to run your refrigerator and maybe some fans should we get hit with rolling brown-outs. Being better prepared is never a bad idea.

If you have any suggestions or concerns about county services, please feel free to email me or my staff.

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*

**Fair Board (National Date Festival) - One (1) Opening**

**El Sobrante Landfill Citizen Oversight Committee—One (1) Opening Resident**

**In Home Support Services (IHSS) - Recipient of IHSS Services—One (1) opening**

**Behavioral Health Commission - Family Member - One (1) opening**

**Lakeland Village Community Advisory Council— One (1) Alternate**

**Woodcrest Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) - One (1) Alternate**

**First 5 Advisory Committee— Two (2) opening**

**Riverside County Flood Control Commission—Zone I—One (1) opening**

\* Riverside Area, see map: <https://rcflood.org/About-the-District/District-Zones/Zone-1>

## Good Hope Senior Soft Opening Event

We had a full house at the Good Hope Community Center for the Senior BBQ Soft Opening Event on June 17th. Our seniors had a great time playing Bingo, enjoying lunch, and catching up with friends!! We had close to 50 seniors in attendance.



## Temescal Valley Community Clean-Up

The We Are Temescal Valley Beautification Committee and the Temescal Heritage Foundation sponsored and hosted a community clean-up on Saturday, June 12. Our office was happy to take part and lend a hand at the clean-up. There were around 200 vehicles from the community that dropped off items to be donated, shredded or trashed. There were about 20 volunteers from the community which really helped make this event run smooth. Great job to all of those involved, and thank you for your clean-up efforts!



# Non-Profit Spotlight

## Riverside Art Museum

Located in the historic Mission Inn District of downtown Riverside, the Riverside Art Museum's (RAM) architecturally significant 1929 building is a former YWCA facility designed by Hearst Castle and AIA Gold Medal-winning architect Julia Morgan.

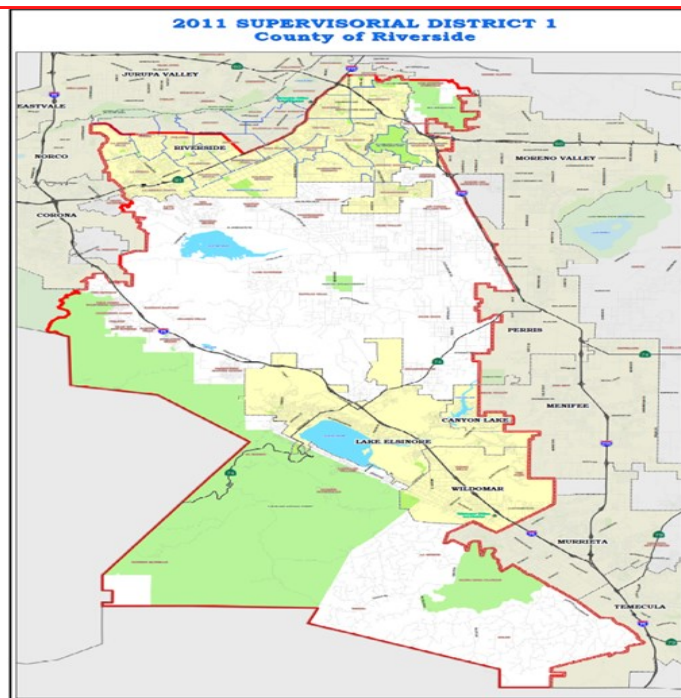
The building's distinctive architecture, as a work of art in its own right, brought it to the attention of the Riverside Art Center in the 1960s. Purchased from the YWCA on July 5, 1967, Morgan's building became the proud home of the Riverside Art Museum.

The building is now home to artists and art lovers as a place to quietly roam and experience the world of art. Discover a wealth of opportunities to learn and be inspired in their galleries where there's something to pique everyone's interests and to challenge their perceptions of what art is.

Showing a mix of solo, group, and permanent collection exhibits featuring traditional and contemporary/modern art, the RAM regularly displays the work of some of the best artists in the world, including Robert Williams, Takashi Murakami, Shag, Kathe Kollwitz, James Gurney, Marc Chagall, Millard Sheets, Shepard Fairey, Corita Kent, and Don O'Neill, as well as exhibits highlighting the works of talented local members and aspiring high school students.

In addition to the collections currently showcased at the RAM, The Cheech Marin Center for Chicano Art & Culture is slated to open in the Spring of 2022. Located in the former Riverside City Library across from the Mission Inn, this 61,000+ square foot facility will feature various forms of Chicano art including paintings, sculpture, photography, and video arts. Stayed tuned for the grand opening announcement.

For more information on RAM, visit their website at: <http://www.riversideartmuseum.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.*

## County of Riverside landlord incentive program

A new payment incentive program launched to aid in affordable housing

The Housing Authority of the County of Riverside has launched a new landlord incentive program aimed at increasing affordable housing options for Housing Choice Voucher families throughout Riverside County. The program goal is to promote new landlord relationships and further support to existing landlords by offering an incentive payment to participate in the Housing Choice Voucher, a Section 8 tenant-based program.

The incentives include a one-time payment of \$2,500 to landlords who are new to the Housing Choice Voucher Program or have been inactive for the last 12 months, or \$500 per unit to existing landlords who lease a unit to a Housing Choice Voucher participant.

In eligible circumstances, a one-time rent affordability payment can be made, when rent needs to be negotiated down for the unit to be affordable for the voucher holder.

This incentive program is an effort to increase affordable housing in Riverside County for many Housing Choice Voucher families who were severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. As the economy begins to recover, the county is working to ensure that residents who are once again working towards self-sufficiency are able to secure housing.

The new landlord incentive program is funded through the Department of Housing and Urban Development as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, which allows local housing authorities to respond and equip low-income families with housing resources as a result of the pandemic.

The County of Riverside recognizes and commends the investment of property owners willing to help individuals who need affordable housing. To learn more, call 951-343-5428 or 951-343-5437.

A green banner with a background of trees and a grassy field. The text "JULY IS NATIONAL PARKS & REC MONTH" is written in large, bold, white and blue letters. Below the text are two blue ribbons with white text that read "A LIFETIME OF DISCOVERY".

**JULY IS NATIONAL  
PARKS & REC MONTH**

**A LIFETIME  
OF DISCOVERY**



# HAPPY 4<sup>th</sup> of JULY



Summer Recycle Camp  
for children ages 5-9 on July 13-15.  
Campers will be introduced to a variety  
of activities that explore the concepts  
of Reduce, Reuse & Recycle  
via interactive WebEx classes.  
Camp is FREE.

For more information, call a  
Recycling Specialist at 951-486-3200  
or visit [www.rcwaste.org](http://www.rcwaste.org).

## Founders' Day Picnic

At the EVERGREEN MEMORIAL HISTORIC CEMETERY  
Corner of 14th & Pine Streets, Riverside, CA 92501

JULY 4<sup>th</sup> 2021



**3:00 to 7:00 PM**

Tickets: \$10.00 General Admission

\$ 5.00 Kids 6-12 Years Old

Active Military & Kids 5 yrs & Under FREE

Music Face Painter Bounce Houses Food Vendors  
Kid's Fun Zone Guided Tours Science Lady Balloon Twister

Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and picnic baskets  
and enjoy an old-fashioned July 4th Picnic

Tickets available at the event and online at  
[www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) "Founders Day Picnic 2021"

[www.evergreen-cemetery.info](http://www.evergreen-cemetery.info) / [emhc.cemetery@gmail.com](mailto:emhc.cemetery@gmail.com)

The City of Riverside will shoot off the fireworks at Ryan Bonaminio Park at 9:00 pm  
You will only be able to view them at that location.

All proceeds benefit The Evergreen Memorial Historic Cemetery

\$10 Parking Available see website at [www.evergreen-cemetery.info](http://www.evergreen-cemetery.info)

Mead Valley Community Center  
operated by The Grove presents

FREE  
**Movie & Concert**  
IN THE *Park*

**SCOOB!**

**FRIDAY, JULY 16**  
Concert at 6 PM. Movie to follow.

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and invite your family and friends! Activities will include carnival games, a bounce house, and free popcorn (while supplies last).

Mead Valley Community Center  
21091 Rider Street, Perris, CA 92570  
(951) 210-1580 • Se habla español

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**MOVIES**  
*in the*  
**PARK**

**MOVIES**  
*In The* **Park** 2021



**SONIC THE HEDGEHOG**  
July 10<sup>th</sup>

**RAYA & THE LAST DRAGON**  
July 31<sup>st</sup>

**Deleo Park**  
**ACTIVITIES START AT 7PM**  
**THE MOVIE STARTS AT DUSK**

**VIP MOVIE TICKET**  
ADULT ONE  
*Movies in the Park*

GRAB YOUR BLANKETS AND LAWN CHAIRS AND JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FILM AND FAMILY FUN UNDER THE STARS!

DELEO PARK IS LOCATED AT 25655 SANTIAGO CANYON RD, TEMESCAL VALLEY, CA  
E-MAIL RKROSS@RIVCO.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION

Moses-Schaffer Community Center  
operated by The Grove presents

FREE  
**Movie & Concert**  
IN THE *Park*

**SCOOB!**

**FRIDAY, JULY 23**  
Concert at 6:30 PM. Movie to follow.

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and invite your family and friends! Activities will include carnival games, a bounce house, and free popcorn (while supplies last).

Moses-Schaffer Community Center  
21565 Steele Peak Drive, Perris, CA 92570  
(951) 943-9126 • Se habla español

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# Riverside County Highway 74 Multi-Modal Transit Plan

## *Survey / Encuesta*

The County of Riverside plans to identify transportation improvements for the communities of Warm Springs, Meadowbrook and Good Hope that will enhance and promote transit ridership and non-motorized travel to and along the Highway 74 corridor. The County of Riverside is looking to improve circulation and transportation access and seeks your input.

Please respond to the survey linked on this flyer. The information you provide will help guide planning for transportation infrastructure in order to leverage community resources and transit options along Highway 74.

Por favor responda a las encuestas vinculadas en este folleto. La información que comparta ayudara a guiar la planificación de la infraestructura de transporte para aprovechar los recursos comunitarios y opciones de tránsito a lo largo de la Carretera 74.

The County has also created a project website located at:  
<https://planning.rctlma.org/MMTP2>

### What is a multi-modal transit plan (MMTP)?

A planning document that identifies:

- ◆ Key locations for future roads, sidewalks, and other improvements
- ◆ Consistent designs/standards
- ◆ Available tools for implementation
- ◆ Where money can come from to pay for projects!

### Take the survey online!

**English:**



[www.surveymonkey.com/r/HWY74\\_MultiModal\\_Transit\\_Plan](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HWY74_MultiModal_Transit_Plan)

**Español:**



[www.surveymonkey.com/r/HWY74\\_MultiModal\\_Transit\\_Plan\\_Espanol](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HWY74_MultiModal_Transit_Plan_Espanol)



For additional information on the plan and details about the outreach activities, please contact Robert Flores by email at [rflores@rivco.org](mailto:rflores@rivco.org) or by phone at (951) 955-1195 (hablo Español)



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PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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INTERNATIONAL

## Preparing for Extreme Heat and Wildfire Risk

**Stay Safe:** Adults over 65, children under four, people with existing medical conditions, people working outdoors and overburdened communities living in urban areas without enough parks or shade are increasingly more susceptible to heat's harmful effects. Stay cool by avoiding direct sunlight, wearing lightweight clothing and drinking more water than usual.

**Stay Informed:** Visit the CalOES' Summer Heat Resources at [www.caloes.ca.gov](http://www.caloes.ca.gov) for tips to prevent heat related illnesses.

As the state endures record high heat and increased wildfire danger, the California Department of Insurance would like to remind you to stay safe, stay informed and review your insurance policies to help protect yourself and your assets.



### Prepare for Wildfire:

1. Use your smart phone to perform a home inventory to create a record of your belongings and store scans of important documents that you can easily access.
2. Locate your insurance papers and put them in a safe place or upload to an online location.
3. For renters, consider purchasing renters' insurance to protect your personal belongings, which typically are not covered by your landlord's homeowners policy.
4. Consider comprehensive auto insurance, which can protect your vehicle in the event of wildfire.

**FAQ**  
FREQUENTLY  
ASKED QUESTIONS

### I don't have a copy of my homeowners policy. What should I do?

Ask your insurance company or agent for a copy of the policy and all endorsements. The law requires your insurance company to provide this to you free of charge within 30 days of your request. You can also call the Department of Insurance at (800) 927-4357.

### I have my homeowners policy but I don't understand it. What should I do?

The Department of Insurance can help you to understand your policy and coverages, if you have those documents available (in an in-person meeting). Otherwise, you should first contact your insurance company, agent or broker to get assistance understanding your coverages. If you are still unsure about your coverages or disagree with how the insurer is describing your coverages, you should file a Request for Assistance with the Department of Insurance and one of our officers will assist you in understanding your coverages.

For more information contact us at: 1-800-927-4357 or visit us online at: [www.insurance.ca.gov](http://www.insurance.ca.gov)



# IF YOU LIGHT IT, WE'LL WRITE IT!

Fireworks are illegal in Riverside County.  
Report illegal fireworks 800-950-2444.

## Riverside County launches multi-agency campaign to combat illegal fireworks *"If You Light it, We'll Write It"*

Following the excessive and hazardous display of illegal fireworks in 2020, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors launched a multi-agency fireworks education and enforcement campaign to curb the dangerous and illegal activity.

This effort to combat the sale, transportation and use of illegal fireworks will include public service announcements, billboards, road signs, vehicle clings and social media messaging. County departments collaborating on this new initiative include the Sheriff's Department, Fire Department, Code Enforcement, Animal Services, Riverside University Health System and Veterans Services.

"This multi-agency effort provides the public with a clear message, 'If You Light it, We'll Write It,'" said Supervisor Kevin Jeffries, First District. "Sheriff's deputies, fire peace officers, and code enforcement will write citations for those using illegal fireworks."

In May, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved elevating the county fire chief's authority to oversee the use and sale of licensed fireworks. This authority also increased the penalties associated for those who light illegal fireworks in the unincorporated areas. Under Riverside County Ordinance 858, higher fines will be issued between \$1,000 - \$5,000 depending on the number of violations a person has had over three years.

By local ordinance, the California approved "safe and sane" fireworks are only permitted within the city limits of Indio, Coachella, Blythe and Desert Hot Springs.

"Fireworks can cause serious, lifelong injuries and can even kill. Fireworks also spark structural and wildland fires that destroy property," said Riverside County Fire Chief Bill Weiser. "In addition to imposed fines, anyone who causes a wildland fire by using fireworks will be held responsible for all suppression costs and damages."

Residents can report illegal fireworks by downloading the Riverside County Sheriff's app, website, or calling their non-emergency toll-free number at (800) 950-2444. Visit one of the many public and professional fireworks shows offered to our residents and visitors. To locate a show near you, please visit [www.rvcfire.org](http://www.rvcfire.org).





More pets run away on the Fourth of July than on any other day of the year.

**JULY 5TH** is the busiest day of the year for animal shelters nationwide.

**30%** The increase in the number of lost pets between July 4th and 6th.



**7.6 million**  
animals are lost each year



**Only 26%**  
of dogs are returned to their owners



**Over 35%**  
of lost pets are euthanized annually

**Tips to Keep Your Pet Safe on the Fourth:**

The Fourth of July is a scary time for our furry friends. The high-pitched squeals, thundering booms and bright flashing lights of the fireworks can send even the bravest dog running. On the Fourth, pets need their master's help and reassurance to keep them safe and at ease.



Ensure your dog gets plenty of exercise during the day before the fireworks begin.



Provide a safe place for them to retreat like their crate or bed and check on them every few hours.



Make sure your dog has a collar and ID tag, and make sure their Tagg GPS Pet Tracker is fully charged.



Keep your pets indoors, lower blinds and close the windows so they won't be frightened by the noise and bright lights.



Learn more about pet safety at [tagg.com](http://tagg.com)