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Kevin's Corner

Unincorporated Residents Speak Out! Recently, I wrote about the Unincorporated Communities Initiative I had asked the County to create, and one of the first steps was to conduct a survey of unincorporated residents across the County. I'm proud to say that 1st District replied in much greater numbers than any other Supervisorial District. We have spent hours going over every specific response that was given. There were a lot of good suggestions, a lot of requests for things beyond our control (schools, better cell phone service, lower water rates, specific restaurants/stores), and some conflicting requests (more street lights vs no street lights, more commercial development vs no growth, sidewalks and paving vs keep our roads rural, etc.), but it was a good insight into the thoughts of our unincorporated residents. One big takeaway was that despite the weekly "Defund the Sheriff" public commenters at our Board meetings, "More Sheriff Deputies" was by far the highest rated request for services in every community and county-wide. You can see some more info on the survey and the program at the link below, and it will also likely be discussed at the upcoming Board Budget Workshop on June 14th: <https://tinyurl.com/UCIATTACHMENTS>

County Budget Better Than Expected—For Now: This past year was brutal for many families, businesses, and non-profits. When we passed our last budget in June 2020, we were prepared for the worst. Fortunately, a combination of higher than expected property and sales tax revenues (particularly in the online shopping category) and millions of dollars in CARES Act funding from the federal government has left us with a much better than expected outlook for the end of the year. We also are now receiving additional one-time state and federal dollars for a variety of other programs, from housing to public health to infrastructure. Our job as stewards of tax dollars will be to make sure this money is used as effectively as possible, and that we not create costly ongoing programs that we will not be able to sustain. While this sudden influx of money has lots of people dreaming big dreams, it would be irresponsible to pretend this money will keep coming. I've submitted lists of specific one-time infrastructure projects to utilize this funding, and I hope we can improve people's lives with it. Once again, this will be discussed further at the budget workshop on June 14th.

WRCOG Utility Bankruptcy: An article in the Press Enterprise (<https://www.pe.com/2021/05/26/electric-provider-for-113000-riverside-county-customers-files-for-bankruptcy/>) spelled out how residents in certain Riverside County cities will likely pay for this latest financial disaster for many years to come. This troubled agency is a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) spin-off created by WRCOG (which is another non-elected government JPA) that had also been aligned with yet another questionable spin-off program involving home energy loans that resulted in legal action by seven district attorneys, multimillion dollar settlements, and the bankruptcy of WRCOG's primary financial lender in the program.

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All the local elected officials who signed off on these various questionable financial decisions were pushed or led into these decisions by WRCOG staff and consultants who were on an endless push of mission creep and arguably more government “profits” at the expense of residents and/or homeowners. More to come.

Help For The I-15?: “We’re from the government and we are here to help you” is said to be one of the scariest phrases in America, and lately it seems that every time the government tries to help on the 91 or the 15, that things just get worse—or at least the worst parts simply get moved somewhere else. This pattern has repeated itself again with the expansion of the I-15 toll lanes in the Corona area, which promptly created a new choke point, where multiple lanes are dropped/taken away right where the new Express Lanes end, creating a new, day-long traffic nightmare in Temescal Valley. While this will continue until RCTC can afford to make improvements all the way to Lake Elsinore, myself and a few colleagues on the Riverside County Transportation Commission have expressed the frustration of our constituents that yet another expensive project has failed exactly where we (and groups like the Greater Corona Traffic Alliance) had predicted it would. RCTC has requested millions in federal financial aid to add a free (for once!) lane between Cajalco Road and Weirick Road to help mitigate the impacts of those dropped lanes. If approved, help could come fairly quickly, but in the end, it will just be another band-aid on a severed artery...

New Fireworks Ordinance: Last month I wrote about the new fireworks ordinance and increased enforcement that I had brought forward to the Board of Supervisors. Those dramatically increased fines, and funding for extra Sheriff deputies and Code Enforcement officers in the unincorporated communities did go forward, and a public information campaign will be launched shortly to warn of the dangers of illegal fireworks. If someone is recklessly endangering your neighborhood with illegal fireworks, please call **800-950-2444** to report it.

While we received a lot of input in the Unincorporated Communities Survey, I still encourage all residents in the 1st District to contact me with questions, suggestions, and concerns. Even if it isn’t something we can do ourselves, we will always try to point you the right direction to get assistance.

Respectfully,
Kevin Jeffries



IF YOU LIGHT IT, WE’LL WRITE IT!

**Fireworks can start devastating fires.
Report illegal fireworks 800-950-2444.**



Agency Spotlight

Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement/Internet Crimes Against Children (SAFE/ICAC) Task Force

The Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement/Internet Crimes Against Children (SAFE/ICAC) Task Force program was created to collaborate with local, state and federal law enforcement agencies to enhance their investigative and enforcement response to offenders who use the Internet and other online communication systems to sexually exploit children. There are 61 regional ICAC Task Force agencies nationwide which are funded by the United States Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. ICAC Task Forces were developed in response to an increasing number of children and teens using the Internet, the abundance of online child pornography, and the heightened online activity by predators seeking unsupervised contact with underage children.

The Riverside County District Attorney's Office is a member of the San Diego ICAC Task Force. The San Diego ICAC is comprised of various local and federal investigative and prosecuting agencies that all work together to keep children safe and hold offenders accountable.

As an affiliate member of the San Diego ICAC Task Force, the Riverside DA's SAFE/ICAC team addresses the problem of online predators using a two-pronged approach. The task force works to identify, arrest and assist with the prosecution of offenders as a first approach. The task force also dedicates time to educating members of the public about online safety measures available to children and families, and the potential risks associated with use of the internet. Through education and enforcement, the SAFE Task Force strives to reduce the occurrence of child exploitation in our community.

Check out the SAFE/ICAC website for more about the Task Forces mission and involved agencies, as well as educational resources. <https://rivcosafe.org/>

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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,
under Boards & Commissions*

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

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

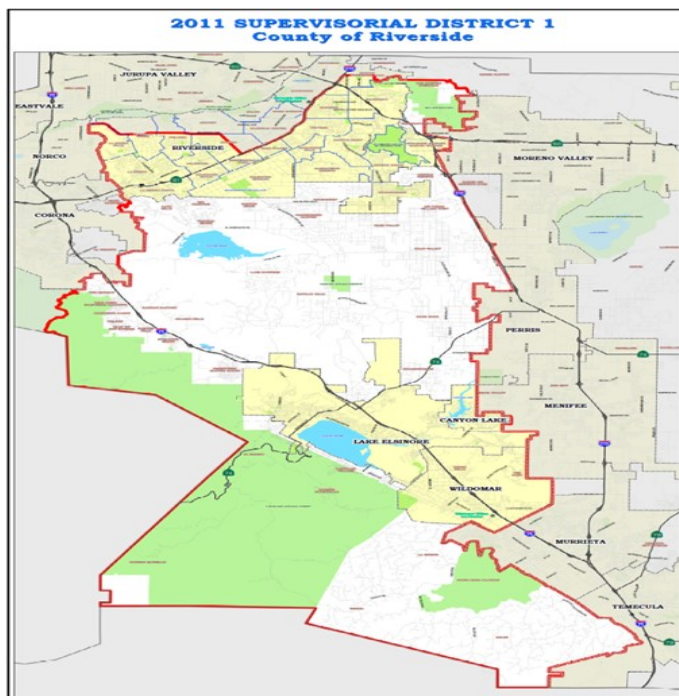
Good Hope Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) - One (1) Opening

Woodcrest Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) - One Regular, Two 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-I>



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.

Local District #1 Events

The Mead Valley Community Clean Up & Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event on 5/8/21 was a big success! We were able to serve 323 customers during the clean up event and collected 740 tires. Residents took full advantage of the opportunity to get rid of bulky items and clean up their yards without having to drive all the way to the landfill, as a total of 167 tons of trash was collected. The Household Hazardous Waste Collection had 45 customers and collected 4,164 pounds of waste.

Next Clean Up for Mead Valley is 11/20/2021



Local District #1 Events



University City had its first-ever Community Clean-Up on 5/15/2021. We served 30 residents, filling up almost two roll-offs with household trash, and one roll-off was full of metals.

30 Customers
1 ³/₄ Trash roll off full
³/₄ Metal Roll off Full





Time period to file with Riverside County for unclaimed property tax refunds opens

Property owners have until August 2 to respond

Owners of residential or business property in Riverside County who have unclaimed property tax refunds may file to receive reimbursement starting today (May 3). The time period to file will run through August 2.

“This is a reminder to all residents to check the Treasurer-Tax Collector website to see if they are due for a refund,” said Treasurer-Tax Collector Matthew Jennings. “Don’t be caught short by the deadline. Our team is available to help residents through the process.”

Almost 600 refunds totaling more than \$540,000 remain unclaimed. Most refunds stem from valuation reductions by the county assessor and are related to corrections or cancellations to the tax roll after taxes were already paid.

Under California law, property tax refunds unclaimed for four years after the payment date – or one year after a requested claim form has been mailed back to a taxpayer by the county, whichever is later – may be transferred to the county general fund by order of the Board of Supervisors. After Aug. 2, any unclaimed money shifts to the general fund and can no longer be claimed.

“Many of these residents may not even know they’ve overpaid their property taxes,” said Board Chair Karen Spiegel. “Take a moment to look, and if so, file for your reimbursement.”

Filing instructions and a list of all unclaimed property tax refunds from tax year 2016 and prior are available on the Treasurer-Tax Collector’s website at: <http://www.countytreasurer.org/TaxCollector/UnclaimedMoney/PropertyTaxUnclaimedRefund.aspx>

Completed claim forms and supporting documentation should be emailed to Prop-TaxUnclaimed@rivco.org or mailed to the following address.

Riverside County Treasurer-Tax Collector
Attn: Property Tax Unclaimed Refunds
P.O. Box 12005
Riverside, CA 92502-2205

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Riverside County establishes Office of Economic Development

The Riverside County Office of Economic Development is committed to providing the highest level of service to customers, businesses, residents, and patrons. Focused on sustainable economic development in the region, the Office of Economic Development is dedicated to investing in the county's future, fostering economic vitality, preserving, and enhancing neighborhoods, as well as promoting learning for all Riverside County residents.

"Establishing the Office of Economic Development as its own entity exemplifies Riverside County's commitment to reopening and recovery for the entire region," said Board Chair Karen Spiegel, Second District Supervisor. "We have a lot of heavy lifting ahead of us to jump-start and provide ongoing support to our regional economy. We want to send a clear message to our business community and those seeking investment opportunities, that Riverside County has strong growth potential and it's open for business! The time is now, and we have allocated the dedicated resources to make things happen for Riverside County businesses."

With a strong emphasis on raising the importance of economic development in our region and for the county's economic recovery, the department will continue to forge solid partnerships, collaborating on industry build up and business attraction, concentrating on providing resources for responsible economic growth and creating programs that are accessible countywide.

"The Office of Economic Development will focus on economic recovery and long-term growth while elevating the economic profile of the region. The department will create programming, provide tools and offer resources for measurable accomplishments to serve our businesses and communities within Riverside County," said Suzanne Holland, director of Office of Economic Development.

Riverside County Fourth District Supervisor V. Manuel Perez added how the Office of Economic Development will support rebuilding the tourism and hospitality industries to the region.

"The pandemic hit hard Coachella Valley backbone industries including tourism, hospitality and restaurants among many others," said Perez. "The time to resurrect our economy is now and I am very proud to announce that the County of Riverside is once again reopening with our newly established Office of Economic Development. I look forward to bringing investment, creating opportunities, and restarting the economy."

For more information, visit RivCoBizHelp.org or call (951) 955-8916.

JOIN THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL



First District Board of Supervisors - Youth Commission

- ✓ Earn Community Service Hours
- ✓ Network in County government
- ✓ Build Leadership Skills
- ✓ Represent Student Voices
- ✓ College Resume Builder
- ✓ Parliamentary Procedure
- ✓ Many more...

Visit www.rivcoyac.org/1st-district/ to access the 2021-2022 application.

Applications due June 30th, 2021!

 **Questions?:
951-833-4774**

www.rivcoyac.org



**CAC: 4080 Lemon Street,
Riverside CA. 92501**



Help Keep Your Neighborhood Safe From Fire!

ELSINORE FRONT COUNTRY FUEL BREAK

Riverside County Fire Department will be using grant funding to implement the Elsinore Front Country Fuel Break Project in the mountains west of Lake Elsinore, Wildomar, and adjacent communities.

Identified property owners received a packet in the mail regarding this program and how to participate in the fuels reduction treatment at no cost. If you have misplaced those documents or would like additional information about the project, please visit rvcfire.org.

Funding for this project provided by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection as part of the California Climate Investments Program "The ELSINORE FRONT COUNTRY FUEL BREAK" Project is part of California Climate Investments, a statewide program that puts billions of Cap-and-Trade dollars to work reducing GHG emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment—particularly in disadvantaged communities. The Cap-and-Trade program also creates a financial incentive for industries to invest in clean technologies and develop innovative ways to reduce pollution. California Climate Investments projects include affordable housing, renewable energy, public transportation, zero-emission vehicles, environmental restoration, more sustainable agriculture, recycling, and much more. At least 35 percent of these investments are located within and benefiting residents of disadvantaged communities, low-income communities, and low-income households across California.

For more information visit the California Climate Investments website at: www.caclimateinvestments.ca.gov "



Celebrate Reopening with the Board of Supervisors

RIVERSIDE COUNTY

FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL

June 15, 2021 10AM – 3PM



- Kona Ice
- Cali's Sushi & Seafood
- Tocayo Birrieria
- Diablos Micheladas Mexican Grill



- Maui Wowi Hawaiian
- Devilicious Food Truck
- Wicked Sausage Food Truck
- Vera Mae's BBQ
- The Sweet Stop

GET YOUR COVID-19 VACCINE (PFIZER) AT THE EVENT!
 APPOINTMENTS RECOMMENDED (SEE ATTACHED APPOINTMENT INSTRUCTIONS) WALK-INS WELCOMED

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER (CAC) (Parking Lot)
 Free parking the CAC structure | 4080 Lemon St Riverside, CA 92501

LAKELAND VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTER

GRAND RE-OPENING CELEBRATION

**Saturday, July 3rd, 2021
10 am to 2 pm**

**16275 Grand Avenue
Lake Elsinore, CA 92530**

Join us for an afternoon celebration of the newly renovated community center complex. Complete with a newly installed playground, pickleball, and sand volleyball court.

Event will include activities, prizes, live music, food trucks and more!

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