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Kevin's Corner

This update is another random mix of issues and concerns! So here goes....

Trash Getting Expensive – The State (via Senate Bill 1383, passed in 2016) is mandating that cities and counties implement new trash collection standards specifically for food/organic waste. Once fully implemented, many of us could have yet another trash bin at the curb for discarded food and other non-recyclable organic waste. The local trash haulers are under the gun to put together their food pick up plan and to tell the cities and counties exactly how much more they want (or need) to increase our monthly rates in order to accomplish this statewide mandate. Any city or county that fails to implement the new plan will receive substantial fines from the State. Details are all pending but stayed tuned!

Homeless Getting Wired? – One of the many bridges serving the City of Riverside has some major telephone/cable lines hidden within the bridge structure that provides phone/internet service to large swaths of the City. Despite ongoing efforts to find housing and/or to move them along, some of the homeless prefer camping out under the bridge in the river bottom. Unfortunately, copper wire has a cash value on the street, and the homeless are reportedly cutting the phone lines to cash in on the copper. This ongoing criminal conduct has gotten the attention of local law enforcement agencies and social services, but nothing is ever as easy as it ought to be. So, if you live or work near the downtown area and your phones go dead, it might not be that you failed to pay your bill.

Less-Than-Lethal Needs Special Approval – For many years, local county and city law enforcement agencies have been utilizing Less-Than-Lethal weapons and tactics to help control riots, looting and some stand-off situations. The California Legislature recently adopted AB 481 which lists various law enforcement materials (rubber bullets, tear gas, bullet resistant vests, drones, armored vehicles, etc.) that now must be specially authorized by the local elected legislative body for continued use by law enforcement. This itemized public hearing and vetting process could result in some pretty rancorous public hearings when pro-Law and Order and Defund the Police folks both show up to speak their minds.

Crawling Freeways – Two local freeways are getting some important help. For those of you who travel I-10 through Banning/Cabazon, you know that when the 10 shuts down due to a major traffic accident, you are STUCK. Well, the good news is a bypass road (next to the freeway) is now officially in the hopper to be approved and constructed. It will offer a long overdue alternate route should the freeway be shut down. Its going to take some extended time to obtain all the approvals and construct, but it's looking better. And, for those of you who travel south on the 15 Freeway from Corona towards Temescal Valley/Lake Elsinore, the "temporary" addition of one southbound I-15 lane from Cajalco to Weirick is one step closer to beginning work in a month or two and should be done by the end of this year. The longer-term bigger fixes may take decades to obtain approvals and construct.

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Wall Time Gets Worse – Last month I mentioned the very significant impact at a handful of local hospitals who have been and continue to be overwhelmed with incoming patients who are being brought in by ambulance and how those ambulances are being held up (for hours) waiting for the patient to be accepted (admitted) by the hospital. When this matter was taken up at a recent Board of Supervisors meeting, nearly every single fire chief from across the county attended to express how gravely the situation has become (occasionally some medical emergencies have NO ambulance available to respond). The California Hospital Association has also weighed in to explain/defend the situation and our regulatory environment in California ties the hands of hospitals. I don't personally know the answer yet, but I do know that several of our local hospitals that have high patient loads (including our County Hospital/RUHS) do NOT have the same problems as others, so someone has figured out how to make it work. Stay tuned...

As always feel free to write. I do read nearly every email sent to me (except the vulgar nasty ones that have special file for them). Just remember that I have roughly 480,000 constituents in the First District to listen to.

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, under Boards & Commissions

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— One (1) opening

Riverside County Flood Control Commission—Zone 1 and Zone 3—Two openings, one in each Zone (see map: www.rcflood.org/About-the-District/District-Zones-2021)

Safety Road Improvement

Two radar speed feedback signs were installed on Cajalco Rd. west of Decker Rd. and eastbound just after Alexander St. The signs were posted at the request of the community who raised concerns about high-speed traffic thru Cajalco Rd. at our May MAC meeting in Mead Valley. Thank you to the community for staying involved and to Riverside County Transportation for their hard work and quick response.



Mead Valley Community Center Beautification Project

After 10 years and a lot of community events, the Mead Valley Community Center is getting a make-over! CDBG funds had been allocated to put a much-needed fresh coat of paint on our community center. Paint crews have been diligently working over the past month to beautify our community center, with an expected completion date of March 1st.



Non-Profit Spotlight

The Boys & Girls Club of Southwest County

The Boys & Girls Club of Southwest County provides academic support through our new Learning Hub program, and sports, arts, S.T.E.M., career readiness, and leadership programs through before and after-school programs for the youth of Temecula, Murrieta, Lakeland Village, and the surrounding communities. The mission of the Boys & Girls Club of Southwest County is to inspire, enable, and support all youth to realize their full potential as successful, responsible, and impactful members of the community.

At the Boys & Girls Club of Southwest County, local youth not only have a safe, positive place to go, but a place where they will receive mentorship from caring, professional adults. Youth can also socialize and interact with their peers, which so many kids need right now.

Contact us:

www.bgcswc.org

(951) 699-1526 – Corporate Office
(951) 245-4499 Lakeland Village location

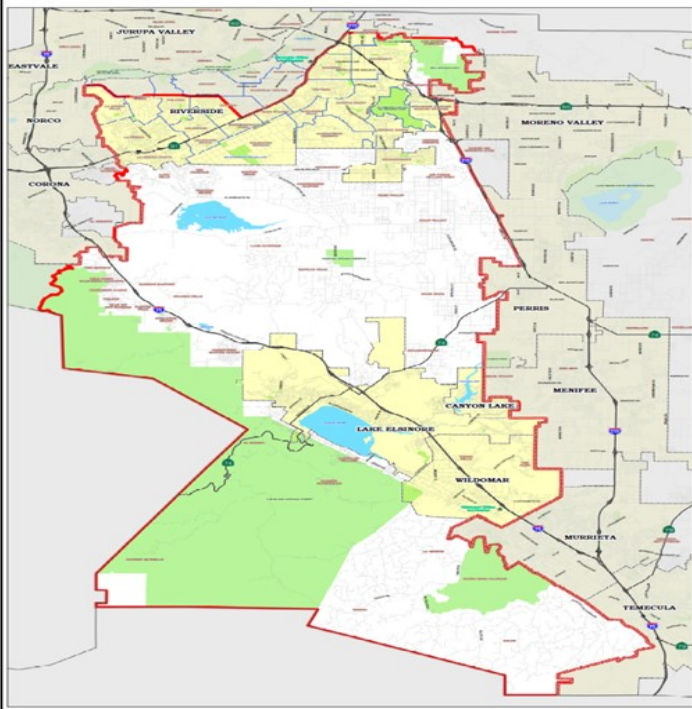
To donate: <https://bgcswc.kindful.com/>



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF SOUTHWEST COUNTY**

Temecula | Murrieta | Lake Elsinore

2011 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1
County of Riverside



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.

Court Now Accepting Civil Grand Juror Applications

The Riverside County Superior Court is now accepting applications from qualified citizens interested in being nominated to serve as civil grand jurors for the time period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. A daily stipend, plus mileage is paid.

Duties include, but are not limited to, investigating the operations of county government, researching matters of civic concern, and inquiring into public offenses.

For more information about the Grand Jury and to access the application, please visit: <https://www.riverside.courts.ca.gov/Divisions/GrandJury/grand-jury.php>

MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

PROMOTE RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT

Serve on the 2022-2023

Riverside County Civil Grand Jury

- **Ensure that county, city and local government agencies operate responsibly, legally, and ethically.**
- **Improve local government with your recommendations.**
- **Respond to citizen complaints about local government.**
- **Assure that our local tax dollars are spent wisely.**
- **Evaluate conditions at our county's jails and prisons.**

Information: www.riverside.courts.ca.gov or 951-777-3644

Application deadline: April 01, 2022



Qualifications:

1 yr. Resident of Riverside County • U. S. Citizen • 18 or older

Knowledge of English • Sound judgment and character

Daily stipend plus mileage and parking

The role of a Grand Jury differs substantially from that of a trial jury. It is a fulltime assignment. Duties of the Civil Grand Jury include: To act as the public's watchdog by investigating and reporting upon the affairs of local government; weigh allegations of misconduct against public officials and determine whether to present formal accusations; review and act upon letters or complaints from citizens of Riverside County. Jury members take the oath of office on July 1, 2022, meet four days per week in downtown Riverside, and serve for one year. Grand Jury proceedings are closed to the public.



**RIVERSIDE COUNTY
PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

Planning News

Planning Newsletter

The Riverside County Planning Department has just launched a Planning “Newsletter” to provide timely planning information. To sign up: Go to the front page of the Planning Department website (www.planning.rctlma.org), and Click to Subscribe to receive direct email updates ranging from Director’s Hearing and Planning Commission hearing notices, environmental document review, community plans, ordinances, and all-things Planning related.

New Supervisorial Boundaries Tool

The County of Riverside has created a tool that shows the 2011 and new 2021 Supervisorial Boundaries in a single map. This tool is located on the front page of the Planning Department website (www.planning.rctlma.org).

A few days left to Comment of the Highway 74 Multi- Modal Transit Plan

Riverside County

Highway 74 Multi-Modal Transit Plan Public Comment Period

The Riverside County Planning Department is releasing the Draft Highway 74 Multi-Modal Transit Plan for public comment starting January 24, 2022.

The Draft Transit Plan can be viewed here: <https://planning.rctlma.org/MMTP>

The County of Riverside plans to identify transportation improvements for the communities of Warm Springs, Meadowbrook and Good Hope. It is anticipated that the Draft Transit Plan will be considered by the Board of Supervisors in late February 2022. In order to allow staff adequate time to consider comments and possibly incorporate revisions prior to the Board of Supervisor’s consideration, comments should be submitted by February 7, 2022.

For additional information please contact:

Robert Flores, Principal Planner
rflores@rivco.org
(951) 955-1195 (hablo Español)

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!**



RIVERSIDE COUNTY
PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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Inland Empire Fire Safe Alliance Award

Susan Frommer and Susan Hurst with the Southwest Riverside County Fire Safe Council nominated the First District office for recognition by Inland Empire Fire Safe Alliance for staff efforts to provide help in obtaining an encroachment permit to treat a portion of Via Volcano with a fire retardant material and for staff spending time with residents driving the roads of Tenaja to see the concerns about fire safety, ingress and egress, illegal wedding venues and STRs rented for large party purposes.



Pictured: Susan Hurst, Damian Fussel, Supervisor Jeffries, Samantha Stilwell, Susan Frommer

Camp Cinder 2022

CAL FIRE presents Camp Cinder, a FREE firefighter camp for young women in California! Camp Cinder is a 4-night sleep-away camp designed to allow young women ages 14 to 18 to learn about careers in firefighting! Under the supervision of some of CAL FIRE's most dedicated female firefighters, campers will gain hands-on experience in the field of fire protection through a wide variety of activities.

The deadline to register is April 24, 2022. To learn more, visit our website at: <https://www.fire.ca.gov/camp-cinder>.

REDDING, CALIFORNIA: JUNE 20-24, 2022 | **SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA: JUNE 22-26, 2022**

Leadership & Team Building - Gear/BA Exposure - Water Rescue - Wildland
 Helicopter Operations - Hose Movement - Vehicle Extrication - Aerial Ladder Exposure
 Structural Exposure - Physical Fitness - Nutrition - Fun Activities

FREE to participants

APPLY BY APRIL 24, 2022
[WWW.FIRE.CA.GOV/CAMP-CINDER](https://www.fire.ca.gov/camp-cinder)
 TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

Black History Month Honoring a local Centennial Birthday celebration Call for historic photos

On February 18th, Perris Valley will celebrate the 100th birthday of local icon, Mrs. Willie Moses. Willie has been a forward-thinking community advocate working to improve conditions for all since she and her family moved to the area in 1957, and is still thriving as she celebrates her centennial. Join us in honoring Willie at a tribute program and celebration on February 18th, from 1-4 pm at the Riverside County Moses Schaffer Community Center-21565 Steele Peak Drive, Perris. (Limited capacity: Advance RSVP required at: willieleemoses@gmail.com, 510-290-4563)

On February 19th, the “Bridges That Carried Us Over Project: Documenting Black History in the Inland Empire” and the new Civil Rights Institute Inland Southern California, along with the Perris Historical and Museum Association, Dora Nelson African American History Museum, and the Moses Schaffer Community Senior Committee will be sponsoring an African American history event in connection with Mrs. Moses’ 100th Birthday Celebration. This event is from 10:30-1:30 pm, and will be held at the Riverside County Moses Schaffer Community Center in Good Hope.


Do you have historic photos of Black community life in the inland Empire up to 1970? The sponsors are especially interested in scanning photos that capture civil rights organizations and protests, Black churches, businesses and social organizations (Masons, clubs), and photos and memorabilia of historic neighborhoods (like Good Hope, Mead Valley, eastside Riverside, westside San Bernardino, Stuart Street in Redlands etc.).

Please bring your material and memories to the February 18th and 19th 100th Celebration events. The Project also has history collection events scheduled for February 25th at Cal State University San Bernardino (a Pioneer Breakfast), and on February 27th at New Hope Baptist Church. A previously scheduled event at CSU San Bernardino has been postponed. For additional information on the Bridges project and upcoming events, please follow the link:

[Http://bit.ly/bridges-project](http://bit.ly/bridges-project)
or call 909-537-5112

SAVE THE DATE!

WILLIE MOSES’ 100th



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

February 18, 2022 • 1 to 4 p.m.
Riverside County Moses Schaffer Community Center*
21565 Steele Peak Dr., Perris CA 92570

*Please Note: Attendees should be Fully Vaccinated and Masks are Required.
Please provide Proof of Vaccination with RSVP. Thank you.

Send RSVPs and questions to Eleanor Moses at: willieleemoses@gmail.com
Attend the Celebration virtually or in person

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Every year our community comes together to count how many people are experiencing homelessness throughout Riverside County.

This count is vital in making sure we are heading in the right direction to reducing homelessness, it's much More Than A Count.

Use the following links to volunteer for the 2022 #Point in Time Count:

MoreThanACount.org
YouthCount.MoreThanACount.org



More Than a Count

Volunteers Needed

Join the **Homeless Point-in-Time Count** of unsheltered adults to help determine the need for housing and services

UPDATED: Wednesday, February 23, 2022
 5:30am - 9:30am

Register here:
MoreThanACount.org



Point-in-Time Hotline
 951-358-3844

RivCoPIT@RivCo.org



Are you between 18 – 24 years old?

Are you couch-surfing or staying with friends because of unstable housing?

Do you need to move-out and find housing arrangements?

Is it hard for you to find a safe and stable place to sleep?

Do you have nowhere else to go or are you living on the streets?



Come and Be Connected

Riverside County is organizing Youth Point-in-Time Count events to determine the number of young people at-risk of losing their housing, who are not able to stay where they are currently living or are living on the streets. We need your help to make sure all youth are counted.

Services provided:

- Help getting replacement documents (ID, social security card, birth certificate)
- Be connected to agencies that provide mental health services and job resources

Enjoy free:

- Entertainment
- Incentive bag (for young adults ages 18-24)

Gifts!

Community Resources

Food!

Prize Drawings!

Wednesday, February 23, 2022
 2pm - 6pm

California Family Center
 Empower Youth
 930 N. State Street
 Hemet, CA 92543

Thursday, February 24, 2022
 2pm - 6pm

Rubidoux Youth Opportunity Center
 5656 Mission Boulevard
 Jurupa Valley, CA 92509

Stepping Stones, Inc.
 1820 University Avenue
 Riverside, CA 92507

Friday, February 25, 2022
 2pm - 6pm

Indio WIN Center Youth Opportunity
 45691 Monroe Street, Suite 6
 Indio, CA 92201

The Arena TAY Center
 2560 N Perris Blvd
 Perris, CA 92571

If you are unable to attend any of the **Come and Be Connected** community events but you would like to have someone follow up with you, please contact Monique Guerra, Youth Specialist. 951-675-0433 or Mguerra@Rivco.org



More Than a Count

Volunteers Needed

Join the **Homeless Youth Point-in-Time Count** to help determine the need for housing and services in Riverside County

UPDATED: February 23, 24 & 25 2022
 2pm - 8pm

Register here:
YouthCount.MoreThanACount.org



Point-in-Time Hotline
 951-358-3844

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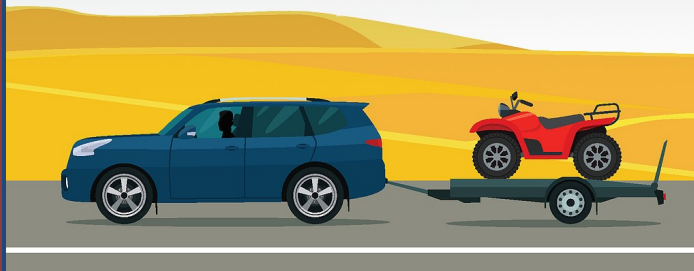
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Park Feasibility Study

Share your thoughts on a potential location for an off-highway vehicle (OHV) park in Riverside County!

Take the Survey - help refine six potential sites to three:
<https://bit.ly/3EqbhS8>

Survey Closes **February 14, 2022**

Visit the project webpage to learn more about our Feasibility Study:
www.rivcoparksohv.org



MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Earn your tax preparer certification and help to prepare taxes FREE of charge for low to moderate income families by becoming a volunteer with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program.



Virtual Training Classes!

VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT

To apply go to:
<http://bit.ly/CommunityActionVITAApplication>



For more information:
Charles Clinton III
(951) 955-4900
Email:



VITA@capriverside.org
Visit: www.capriverside.org

Improve the financial security for yourself and your community.

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Riverside County Presents

HOMES FOR THE HOLIDAYS

'TIS THE SEASON FOR GIVING

LANDLORDS receive a BONUS equal to 3 TIMES the rent for every family that moves into one of your units during the holidays!!!

ELIGIBILITY PERIOD:

NOVEMBER 17, 2021-FEBRUARY 14, 2022

For more information, contact Melissa Reyes at 951-343-5477 or email MeReyes@rivco.org



Partnering Agencies:
Lighthouse Social Service Center
RUHS-Behavioral Health
Inland SoCal 211+
DPSS-Adult Services Division
Sigma Beta Xi
Starting Over, Inc.



Do you need help with your utility bills? CAP can help!



The Covid-19 pandemic has created hardships for people across Riverside County. Community Action Partnership is here to assist those in need during these trying times.

UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY

- Current utility bills (electric, gas, propane)
- Proof of household income (last 4 weeks)
- Photo ID and social security card
- Birth certificate, US passport, or proof of legal residency

CONTACT AND APPLY TO COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS



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