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Kevin's Corner

Are Annexations Coming Back? The recent June 23rd Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) had an agenda item (5.b) that appears to have opened a new round of city Sphere of Influence (SOI) and/or annexation discussions that had been dormant during the dark days of COVID lock downs. LAFCO was tasked to review all 28 cities and their municipal service abilities, as well as some of the “islands” that were left behind during previous annexations. LAFCO staff was actually restrained (read: cautious) in most of its SOI views or recommendations and strongly encouraged advance discussions and agreements between cities, unincorporated communities and the County. The one exception involves the unincorporated community of Winchester and the nearby city of Menifee. Menifee’s strong desire to expand easterly towards Hwy 79 appears to be setting the stage for some intense discussions. The public hearing for all items with agenda item 5.b was continued to July 28th (meeting starts at 8:30am).

State Fire Takes Hit. CAL-FIRE is our long-time County partner and fire protection contractor. That is to say that your county and numerous fellow cities contract with CAL-FIRE to provide emergency fire services. CAL-FIRE is a very big state-wide organization and unmatched in many areas. Recently however the Department has taken some hits. One from Hollywood types who have cast the Department in a mixed light with a “TV show” on CBS titled “Fire Country” that has reportedly pretty much offended just about everyone who has ever worked for the real CAL-FIRE. The show has been so unfair to the real professionals that the Director of CAL-FIRE felt compelled to issue a statement pushing back at Hollywood’s portrayal of the Department “This television series is a misrepresentation of the professional all-hazards fire department and resource protection agency that CAL FIRE is. The dramatization of inmate firefighters fighting members of CAL FIRE is a poor reflection of the value of our Camps Program and the incredible work and leadership of our Fire Captains....”

The Second hit is not about the men and women who fight the fires - but about the internal bureaucracy that is charged with, and funded to conduct large scale wildland fuel thinning, clearing, etc, across the state. In this case the non-Hollywood real life findings point to some pretty big failures in getting the job done. Now let’s face it - any organization that wants to lay a hand on a single weed or dead tree in any forest is going to find him or herself being sued in California, facing hostile judges, years of proceedings, and likely large settlement requirements (read big payouts to opposing attorneys). However, this is possibly the one area where the real organization needs to get its act together and figure out how to work around all those who either simply want easy payouts or bureaucrats who put the process ahead of lives and homes. For more info: <https://www.kqed.org/science/1979560/cal-fire-fumbles-key-responsibilities-to-prevent-catastrophic-wildfires-despite-historic-budget>

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Fireworks Get Expensive! It was just a few short years ago that Riverside County had so many wildland fires going simultaneously on the 4th of July that we actually ran out of fire engines to respond for a brief period of time. Law enforcement was conducting rapid evacuations until enough fire apparatus could arrive to get all the blazes under control. That one night set in motion an organized countywide enforcement effort to catch/shutdown/confiscate and fine violators. That effort is being beefed up even more for this 4th. To help our firefighters and keep animals from running away, simply go enjoy a professional fireworks show. 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. To find a professional show near you, visit www.rvcfire.org.

Shutting Down Road Improvements? Last month I briefly reported on three bills (AB 1778, 2237 & 2438) introduced in the California State Assembly that could severely limit or restrict local cities and counties from making big improvements to local highways and freeways. Unfortunately (but with only the bare minimum votes needed) all three bills made it out of the Assembly and will now be heard in the State Senate. With over 30% of our workforce commuting out of county every day, and our freeways already at capacity, it was surprising to learn that two of our very own local Assemblymembers voted to support the bills and chip away at local control and potentially limit needed road improvements in our county. Perhaps they just forgot that we are mandated by state policies to add 167,351 more homes/dwelling units to our unincorporated communities and local cities? Or perhaps they just forgot that local residents have twice approved continuing with a slightly higher sales tax in our county to keep funding road projects. We have a LOT of (ugly) growth related challenges in our county. But tying our hands and transferring control to Sacramento is certainly not the answer. Thank you to the bipartisan group of other State Assemblymembers who did NOT vote to move those bills forward.

The Board Maps Will Be Changing Soon – If you reside within a city, the changes won't impact you as much (until you need help with a county-wide service), but changes are coming. In brief they are: On **January 1st** the following moves from the 1st District to the 2nd District (Supervisor Karen Spiegel): Temescal Valley, Woodcrest, Lake Mathews, Lake Hills, Lake Elsinore, Warm Springs & Canyon Lake. Also, on January 1, 2023, ALL of the city of Riverside, the city of Perris, and the community of Highgrove will be added to the new First District boundaries. More to follow as we get closer.

I have not seen it yet, but the ACLU and a handful of others have decided to sue the County over those new district maps. The County retained some very specialized and experienced individuals to help the county draw up map options while adhering to very strict federal and state redistricting regulations. My prediction – I will be retired from the Board of Supervisors (January 2025) long before this gets settled in the courts (and appeals). The attorneys always win, no matter the outcome.

Turpin Report Update — The long-awaited report on the County's handling of the Turpin Children is finally going to be released and discussed at the BOS Meeting on July 12th. The Bad News: The Courts have ordered it redacted/censored to the point of uselessness to the general public. The Good News: County leaders are finally allowed to read the unredacted document and will be able to make changes (or continue changes) to improve our bureaucratic systems moving forward.

As always, feel free to write with any suggestion to improve county services. I read nearly every email and personally reply to a fair number of them as well (excluding the real nasty ones).

Respectfully,

Kevin Jeffries

Non-Profit Spotlight



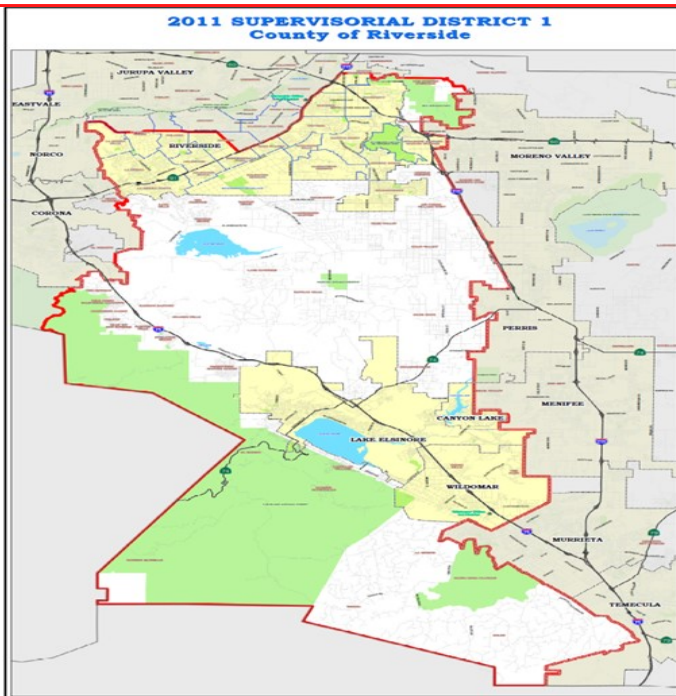
By supporting the Riverside Art Museum, you become part of the rich cultural tradition of Riverside that began in the 1920s.

As a non-profit institution RAM relies on the generosity of members like you to support a place where a love of the arts can be sparked and nurtured. Your thoughtful gift will provide children and adults the opportunity to see art and to learn through hands-on experiences.

TWO SITES, ONE MEMBERSHIP! The Cheech opened June 18, 2022, your RAM membership will include access to both the art museum and The Cheech Center.

Join us and reap the perks of membership; however, the primary reward is the benefit your membership affords to others.

<https://riversideartmuseum.org/join-give/memberships/>



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.



First District Boards & Commission Openings

*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
(Application is the Boards &
Commissions section)*

*Return your application to
District1@Rivco.org*

Questions: call 951-955-1010

**Good Hope Municipal Advisory Council
(MAC) - Two (2) Openings (1 Mem, 1 Alt)**

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

**Woodcrest Municipal Advisory Council
(MAC) - (1) Member and (1) Alternate**

**Advisory Council of Aging-
One (1) Opening**

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

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

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



**JOIN THE
COMMUNITY ACTION
COMMISSION**



**Community Action Partnership of
Riverside County (CAP Riverside)**
**Seeking Commission Member
to Represent Low-Income
Populations**

If you are passionate about seeking
solutions to poverty and collaborating
with others as the voice for your
community, this volunteer opportunity
is for you!

CAP Riverside, established in 1979 to
support residents improve their lives, is
seeking new Commission members who
will create opportunities for low-income
residents to lift out of poverty.

Commitment

Time: Monthly meetings (CAC meets 3rd
Thursday of the month).

Mandatory: Complete background check
and orientation.

Representation: Attend key events as
ambassadors to our mission.

Eligibility

- Applicant must live in Riverside County.
- Be a member/representative of low-income communities.
- Additional eligibility on application.

Elections


Online: Apply directly at
www.capriverside.org

Paper Applications: Contact Patty Sanchez at
psanchez@capriverside.org.

Completed paper applications:
Email Patty Sanchez or mail/drop off at
2038 Iowa Ave., Suite B-102
Riverside, Ca., 92507.

The low-income representative will be chosen
by election of voters.

 www.capriverside.org

 (951) 955-4900



Illegal fireworks this Fourth of July will result in fines up to \$5,000 “If You Light it, We’ll Write It”

To underscore the danger illegal fireworks pose for people, animals and the environment, Riverside County residents could be fined for using them in unincorporated areas. The multi-agency effort to combat the sale, transportation and use of illegal fireworks comes after an increasingly excessive and hazardous use of illegal fireworks in years past.

Last year, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors approved the authority of officers’ from the fire department, sheriff’s department and code enforcement to issue citations and penalties for those who light illegal fireworks in the unincorporated areas. The higher fines will be issued between \$1,000 - \$5,000 depending on the number of violations a person has over three years.

The county will issue public service announcements, billboards, road signs and social media messaging to remind the community of the dangers of illegal fireworks and the fines for using them. This multi-agency education campaign includes the Sheriff’s Department, Fire Department, Code Enforcement, Animal Services, Riverside University Health System- Public Health and Veterans Services.

"Last year’s enforcement was a vast improvement, resulting in fewer illegal fireworks on the streets," said Supervisor Kevin Jeffries, First District. "This ultimately meant residents, animals and property were safer."

During last year’s enforcement activities, the county issued a total of 269 citations, made 14 arrests and seized more than 3,600 pounds of illegal fireworks.

"Fireworks are extremely dangerous. Not only do they cause fires that could destroy homes, but illegal fireworks can leave people with physical and psychological scars as well," said Riverside County Fire Chief Bill Weiser. "Anyone who causes a wildland fire by using fireworks will be held responsible for damages and the cost to fight the fire."

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 residents and visitors. To find a professional show near you, visit www.rvcfire.org.

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.



Deleo Movie in the Park

The first of two summer Movies in the Park at Deleo Park was on Saturday June 25th and was a big success.

Approximately 750 residents attended. 480 giveaway bags to children which included glow necklaces, light up butterflies bouncing balls, bubbles and stickers. 3 bounce houses and inflatables were available for families to enjoy.

The next Movie in the Park (Sing 2) will be July 23, 2022.



BROUGHT TO YOU BY RIVERSIDE COUNTY CSA PARKS & RECREATION

Deleo Park
25655 SANTIAGO CANYON RD, TEMESCAL VALLEY, CA

ENCANTO JUNE 25, 2022 SING 2 JULY 23, 2022

ACTIVITIES START AT 7PM ★ MOVIE STARTS AT DUSK
GRAB YOUR BLANKETS AND LAWN CHAIRS AND JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FILM AND FAMILY FUN UNDER THE STARS!
EMAIL RKROSS@RIVCO.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION



Good Hope Summer BBQ

The Good Hope community had the opportunity to celebrate the start of summer with a free barbecue event at the Moses Schaffer Community Center. Families were able to enjoy free hot dogs, chips, and refreshing drinks while enjoying the carnival games, music, jump house, and family activities. Special thanks to Restoration Agape for organizing this fun event and of course to the volunteers who made this event possible.



Mead Valley Day with Dad

On June 11th, The Grove provided the opportunity to celebrate Father's Day in Mead Valley. The event included giveaways, activities, Carnival Games, resources, and presentations for the whole family. Thank you to The Grove staff for their hard work on this successful event and of course to all the volunteers and agencies that participated in this event.



KIDS' FUN CHALLENGE DAY

Saturday, July 2 • 9 - 11 AM
Mead Valley Community Center



* Free Event *
for children ages 5-14

Obstacle Course and Water Games!
Bring a towel.

MOVIE AND CONCERT IN THE PARK

PLAYING DISNEY'S ENCANTO

FRIDAY, JULY 15 AT 6 PM
MEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER

21091 Rider Street, Perris, CA 92570
(951) 210-1580 • Se Habla Español

Free popcorn for the first 100 guests!
Hot Dogs and Lemonade • Lawn Games • Live Music
Bring your picnic blanket!



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Temescal Valley Beautification Committee

On May 28th, the Temescal Valley Beautification Committee, under the leadership of their Chairman and our Temescal Valley Municipal Advisory Council Board Member, Bob Hafner, picked up over 360 pounds of debris and trash and took that trash to the local landfill. The Beautification Committee started at 7am and worked throughout the morning starting at the intersection of Temescal Canyon Rd and Hostettler Road and cleaned north along Temescal Canyon Road.

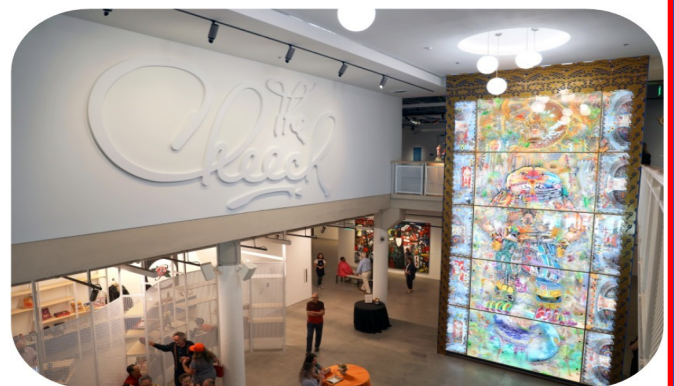
Thank you to the community volunteers for your hard work!



THE CHEECH GRAND OPENING

Supervisor Jeffries was proud to be part of the opening ceremonies at the new Cheech Marin Center for Chicano Art and Culture. It is the largest collection of Chicano art in the World, and was covered by newspapers across the country, including the front page (Section C) of the New York Times! The Supervisor had a chance to chat with Cheech, and tour the museum, which he summed up in his remarks at the press conference with “this is just cool.”

<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/06/14/arts/design/cheech-marin-chicano-art-riverside.html>





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

P.O. Box 5760
Riverside, CA 92517

energy@capriverside.org
www.capriverside.org

951-955-4900

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Click on Current Openings

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DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS
(\$114,867 - \$189,531 annually)

COACH OPERATOR
(\$43,617.60 - \$62,296 annually)

DIRECTOR OF MAINTENANCE
(\$119,816 - \$197,696 annually)

BILINGUAL CUSTOMER INFORMATION CLERK (SPANISH)
(\$16 hourly)

For more information on job descriptions, qualifications or other openings, please visit RiversideTransit.com.

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No Cost Energy Services!



Low-Income Weatherization Program

If you qualify, this may include:

- LED light bulbs
- Refrigerators
- Heater/air conditioner
- Doors/Windows
- Seal air leaks
- Weather-stripping
- Plus Utility Assistance (assistance with your gas or electric bill)

Documents required:

- Valid photo ID
- Social Security Card
- Proof of citizenship or legal residency
- Current proof of income for all household members (last 4 weeks)
- Entire current gas and electric bill

Call Today!

(951) 955-4900

VITA / EITC PROGRAM FREE VIRTUAL TAX PREPARATION

Get your taxes filed virtually for **FREE!**

If you earned less than \$75K a year and had no business losses or rental income you qualify!

What to submit:

- Identification (originals for video conference)
- Income & Earnings
- Health Insurance, Child Care, and Education Expenses
*Full list of required documents provided on a second page.



Tax returns will be completed and e-filed by IRS Tax Certified Volunteer Tax Preparers within 24 hours of receiving all the required documents.

For Additional information contact Community Action at Vita@capriverside.org or call (951) 955-4900





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