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Big Boxes or a Big Crazy Idea? Located between Van Buren and Alessandro, west of the 215, is hundreds of acres of vacant land that was formerly a part of the March Air Force properties and turned over to the March Joint Powers Authority (JPA) for economic development and job creation. This site is really that last big chunk of vacant land within the JPA and it is now targeted for mega warehouse developments. But with the future of warehouses looking more and more automated, will most of the jobs they promise be limited to the drivers of tractor-trailer rigs stuck on our congested freeways and roadways? At the risk of being told I am off my rocker, I can't help but wonder... is Western Riverside County ready and able to plan and build a truly mega multi-use park instead? A park of such a scale would require significant revenues to build, and then ongoing funding obligations to maintain. Perhaps a crazy concept that combines some business economic opportunities with the big park ideas? And now back to reality...

Public Hearings/Money Meetings – With the federal government handing out lots of money to counties and cities, topped off with strong jumps in local revenues (thank you home sellers, workers, and private businesses for keeping people working), your county government might actually enjoy its first truly balanced budget in nearly a dozen or more years (if we electeds don't screw that up). If you want to offer some budgeting suggestions, feel free to attend the budget hearing on June 13th and possibly June 14th. As always, agendas and videos for Board Meetings, and a place to submit comments to the Board can be found at: <https://www.rivcocob.org/>

New Masters of Transportation? In a surprising development, there are several bills in the state legislature that would severely limit, or in some communities, completely strip away the authority of counties and/or cities to work together to locally fund and work with state and/or federal transportation authorities to build or widen critically needed transportation corridors. The general theory of the three bills (AB 2438, AB 2237 & AB 1778) is that if new capacity (e.g., widening) is added to our major roadways, which will result in more people using those improved roads, which then in turn could or would harm our climate. This would then conflict with the State climate goals, and as such would be automatically denied. This would even apply to proposed projects that we taxpayers specifically authorized via a tax vote for transportation improvements (e.g., SB-1 & Measure-A sales tax). I am NOT a fan of having the State take away local control and our ability to improve capacity on our corridors, particularly while the State is MANDATING that our county (& our cities) add 167,351 more affordable homes/dwellings in our county (on top of the already occurring growth of overpriced housing and commercial operations). In my humble opinion there are plenty of good reasons for us to prevent our county from becoming a concrete jungle of Los Angeles-like rooftops and pavement. However, whether you drive a gas or electric vehicle, we all depend on our roads to get to and from work, family outings, vacations, shopping, etc., (and most of us will never see high-speed rail reach the

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Inland Empire). Handing over these important quality of life decisions to the State (for them to automatically reject) just doesn't make any sense to me.

A New Face – for those of you who follow planning and development issues in unincorporated Riverside County, local resident and well-known Mead Valley grocery store businessman Mr. Shade Awad has been appointed to represent the First District on the Riverside County Planning Commission. Mr. Awad replaced Commissioner Bruce Schaffer, who is taking a well-deserved retirement from the position. Thank you to Bruce and Shade.

We Need Smart Reforms – We've had a recent wave of home invasions, local store owners are already up to their eyeballs with thieves walking out the front door with under \$950 worth of stolen merchandise, and residents are dealing vandals cleaning-out homes and/or parked cars, and the severely mentally-ill have nearly free rein to do what they want. Lost among the headlines about previous criminal justice reforms (Props 47 and 57 and AB 109) that have made it increasingly difficult to lock up bad guys for anything except violent crimes is the fact that the State simultaneously went even further in the area of juvenile justice reform. Our state no longer allows local authorities to differentiate between troubled juveniles who simply need intervention, mentorship, and guidance from those who have literally become hardened, perhaps even brutal criminals. Juvenile halls and mandatory treatment or detention facilities are all but gone across our state and are being replaced with residential foster care homes that have little ability to prevent walk-offs or violence against neighbors or staff. To be fair, it is important to note that nearly all studies indicate that many of our troubled youth do in fact benefit from a non-incarceration approach that utilizes wrap-around services to help them. The downside of course is that the current one size fits all approach by state regulations does not provide for exceptions when dealing with truly hardened lost souls who have little respect for life. On the adult side, the State is once again evaluating closing up a number of state prisons. Our county jails are pretty much full, affordable housing has extremely long waiting lists for families, so exactly where are they going to go?

As always, feel free to email me with your suggestions to improve or change county services.

Respectfully,
Kevin Jeffries

IF YOU LIGHT IT, WE'LL WRITE IT!

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



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, under
Boards & Commissions*

*Return your application to
District1@Rivco.org*

Questions: call 951-955-1010

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

**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**

**First 5 Advisory Committee -
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

**Application Deadline - May 22, 2022
by 12:00 midnight.**

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.

Elections Close - May 27, 2022

The low-income representative will be chosen by election of voters. Finalists will be announced June 1, 2022.

www.capriverside.org

(951) 955-4900

Non Profit Spotlight

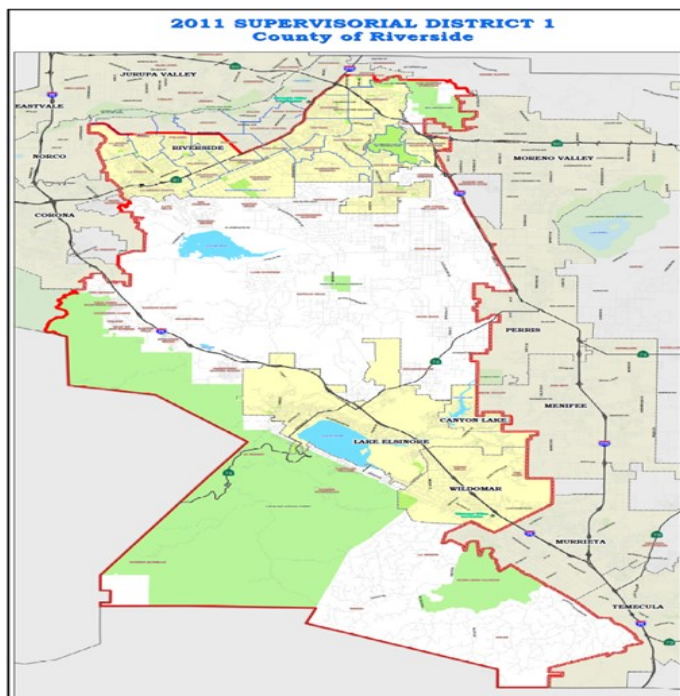


Voices for Children.
A child heard. A life changed.

Voices for Children serves children in foster care who have been removed from their homes for their own safety due to abuse or neglect. Voices for Children is the only local organization approved by the court to match each child with a volunteer, called a Court Appointed Special Advocate (or CASA), who gets to know their situation and makes sure their needs are being met. Due to the current crisis, children need CASAs more than ever. A CASA often becomes the only consistent person in the child's life. At regular court hearings required for all children in foster care, our CASAs report on the children's progress and needs, which is essential for judges to make the best decisions for their futures.

Sign up now to attend an ONLINE information session and learn more about how you might be able to help! Visit this link to sign up now:

https://www.speakupnow.org/volunteer/volunteer-information-session/#gf_28



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.

Youth Summit hosted by the Youth Advisory Council

On May 13, 2022, Riverside County’s Youth Commission hosted the 24th Annual Youth Summit at Mt. San Jacinto College. High School students from throughout the county attended the event and listened to several speakers discussing topics that are important to today’s youth. Thank you to our First District YAC Intern, Jordan Morris, and Rachel Babcock, YAC Program Coordinator, for making this day a success.



Woodcrest Town Hall

The 2022 Woodcrest Town Hall was an enormous success! We had a packed house with standing room only. The participants heard from Supervisor Kevin Jeffries, Riverside County Department Heads, utility companies, public safety agencies, and many other local agencies. A total of 27 departments and agencies had a table and were present to address questions from the local Woodcrest Community. Thank you to Sonya Alemdar, Woodcrest MAC Secretary, for stepping in at the last minute and being the Master of Ceremonies for the night



Mead Valley Events

Spay & Neuter Clinic, May 7, 2022

Using Community Improvement Funds, the Department of Animal Services was able to host another Free Mobile Spay & Neuter Clinic in Mead Valley on May 21. Appointments filled up very quickly for this much needed service, but we are working to bring it back once again before the end of the year.



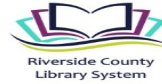
Community Clean Up, May 21, 2022

271 residents participated and 916 tires were collected at the Mead Valley Community Cleanup event. Residents took the opportunity to clean up their yards to prepare for the summer. Special thanks to Riverside County Department of Waste Resources and Waste Management for another successful event!



Library Resources

Chromebook laptops are now available from your library! They can be loaned for up to three weeks. They are first-come, first-served, so ask your library for more information and availability. For more information, contact the Riverside County Library System at 951-369-3003 or visit www.rivlib.net.



CHROMEBOOKS

NOW AVAILABLE TO
BORROW

FREE CALIFORNIA STATE PARK PASSES NOW AVAILABLE AT RIVERSIDE COUNTY LIBRARY BRANCHES

Through a partnership among California State Parks and the California State Library, any Riverside County resident, with an active RCLS card in good standing, may borrow a park pass.

The passes may be checked out for two weeks and are available from every branch including the library connect mobile resource vans.

The passes will be checked out on a first-come, first-serve basis and cannot be renewed or placed on hold.

The passes allow entry for one passenger vehicle with nine people or fewer or one Highway licensed motorcycle, at participating state park units.

Find more information on the RCLS website at www.rivlib.net.

Find the list of participating state parks at [Find a Park \(ca.gov\)](http://Find a Park (ca.gov)).



California Department of
Parks and Recreation

RIVERSIDE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

SUMMER READING PROGRAM



JUNE 13 - JULY 22, 2022

All ages welcome!
Join for weekly activities,
reading challenges, virtual
events and prize drawings!

More info @ SRP.RIVLIB.NET
or your local branch



This June, look out for the Riverside County Library System Summer Reading Program! June 13 - July 22, patrons of all ages can sign up for the program, log reading, earn points and be entered into prize drawings. There will also be online events and activities every week for kids, teens and adults! Check out our website, or visit your local branch to find out how to get started.

Workforce Development Services Available to Riverside County Residents and Employers

Resources are available to help Riverside County residents transition back to work and to address the labor force needs of Riverside County employers. Riverside County Workforce Development provides federally funded career and employment assistance at no cost to our job seeking and employer customers.

Residents who have been laid off, are long-term unemployed, or low income can access a wide array of assistance. Workforce Development Services include free use of computer resource rooms, help creating or updating a resume, one-on-one career coaching, assessments, employment preparation workshops, job search assistance, interviewing skills, and job fairs. Eligible participants may also receive up to \$8,000 in assistance for employment skills training and a laptop computer. These no-cost services help residents re-enter the workforce and find a new career.

For further information about our career services, please contact the Riverside County Workforce Development by email WorkforceHelp@RivCo.org, by phone (833) 391-0507, or by visiting the website www.RivCoWorkforce.com.

Riverside County employers can access services to help fill open positions and train their labor force. Workforce Development provides recruitment services, applicant pre-screening, virtual or in-person hiring events, a free human resources hotline, and labor market information. To offset costs of hiring and on-boarding, eligible employers may also qualify to be reimbursed for up to 50% of an eligible new employee's wages for the first 480 hours of employment. These federally funded services support the growth and resilience of employers in the County.

Employers in Riverside County that are interested or would like more information are encouraged to contact Riverside County Workforce Development's Employer Services team. Please email EmployerServices@RivCo.org or call (833) 303-4333.

HOW TO VOTE

BALLOT IN MAILBOX

CAST YOUR BALLOT USING THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE. ALL POSTAGE IS PRE-PAID. MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JUNE 7.



BALLOT DROP OFF BOX

CAST YOUR BALLOT BY DROPPING IT OFF AT ONE OF 87 DROP OFF LOCATIONS IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY. VISIT VOTEINFO.NET FOR A LIST OF LOCATIONS.



VOTE CENTERS

GET IN PERSON HELP AT ANY VOTE CENTER IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY BETWEEN MAY 28 - JUNE 7. VISIT VOTEINFO.NET FOR A LIST OF LOCATIONS



A DAY WITH DAD

Saturday, June 11
9 AM - 12 PM

Mead Valley
Community Center
21091 Rider Street, Perris, CA 92570

Activities with Dad
Food and Games with Dad
Fun and Helpful Workshops



Workforce Development At A Location Near You!!!

Lakeland Community Center

16275 Grand Ave
Lake Elsinore, CA 92530
Tuesday's 10:00 am to 12:30pm

Workforce Development Can Assist With:

- Job Search
- Resume Writing
- Career Coaching
- Training/Skills Development – Opportunities
- Specialized Recruitment Events
- For more information, please call (951) 955-9136

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MOVIES In The Park

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

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A CAREER AS AN EMT OR FIREFIGHTER?

Let the Workforce Development Center's team of experienced personnel guide you along the path to finding your new career. We can assist qualified residents with tuition and other expenses such as uniforms and books.

Career Counseling
Our team of professionals are equipped to provide vocational training assistance.

Resource Center
We have computers, fax, copy machines, and phones available to all members.

Call us to apply!
(951) 955-9136

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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



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

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

MICROBUSINESS COVID-19 RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM



ELIGIBLE USE OF FUNDS

- ✓ Payroll/Employee Retention
- ✓ Working Capital
- ✓ Purchase of Personal Protective Equipment
- ✓ Rent or Mortgage Payments
- ✓ Paying Vendor Invoices

\$2,500 GRANTS

APPLY AT WWW.RIVCOBIZHELP.ORG

Grants are awarded on a first come, first served basis. Applications will be accepted through June 30, 2022 at 5pm or until funds are exhausted.

ELIGIBLE MICROBUSINESSES

- ✓ Less Than 5 Full-Time Employees
- ✓ In Operation Since 12/31/2019
- ✓ Business Must be the Source of Primary Income in 2019
- ✓ Less Than \$50,000 in Revenues in 2019
- ✓ Haven't Previously Received a Small Business Relief Grant from the State of California

Applicants will be notified within 14 business days from point of application submittal as to approval status. Awardees will receive funding once the County of Riverside receives funding from the California Office of the Small Business Advocate which is expected no later than early April 2022.



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

EMAIL RIVERSIDE COUNTY OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AT BIZINFO@RIVCO.ORG

VISIT WWW.RIVCOBIZHELP.ORG FOR A COMPLETE LISTING OF REQUIREMENTS

FUNDED IN PART THROUGH A GRANT FROM THE CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF THE SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE.





Although most drownings occur each year during the summer, drownings can happen at any time of the year to people of all ages – in bodies of water as big as the ocean or as small as a bucket.

“The real tragedy of drowning is that it is 100 percent preventable, just by taking some simple steps whenever you or a loved one is around water,” said Dr. Geoffrey Leung, public health officer for Riverside County.

The Riverside County Water Safety Coalition is offering the following water safety tips:

- If you own a pool, install a fence around it, use safety covers and think about installing alarms or motion detectors near the pool gate. Gates should close on their own and open away from the pool.
- Enroll children in survival swimming lessons and have them wear appropriate life jackets. Floaties are not enough to keep children from drowning.
- Get trained in CPR, basic first aid and rescue methods.
- Finally, adults who are in or near water should avoid consuming alcohol and medications that can influence judgment, balance and the ability to swim.
- In 2022, there have been five accidental adult drownings and zero accidental child drownings in Riverside County.

About the Riverside County Water Safety Coalition

The Riverside County Water Safety Coalition is a collaborative among Riverside University Health System - Medical Center, Riverside County Department of Public Social Services, Riverside County Department of Environmental Health, CAL FIRE / Riverside County Fire Department and Riverside University Health System - Public Health to promote water safety and drowning prevention. To learn more about the coalition, visit www.ruhealth.org/