

**SUPERVISOR
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RIVERSIDE
COUNTY
DISTRICT #1**



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Kevin's Corner

A LOT to cover this month, so here goes....

Not So Fair? Have you ever enjoyed activities at the Perris Fairgrounds? Perhaps caught a concert, or a sprint car race at the Perris Auto Speedway? The sad news is that all the wonderful family activities at the fairgrounds are reportedly in danger of being lost for the next 8 +/- years. The fairgrounds are located adjacent to the Lake Perris Dam which needs improvements. The CA Dept. of Water Resources is reportedly in charge of the project and has received hard hitting criticism for its alleged poor communications and/or lack of concern for the businesses, tourism, jobs and revenue that will be lost if the construction site footprint temporarily (for 8 years?) takes over a large portion of the fairgrounds. The County obviously has no control over State-owned facilities, but we are promptly engaging with the State in an effort to preserve this important regional facility (and improve dam safety). Stay tuned!

Political Contributions. The flow of campaign contributions is about to undergo a big change, maybe for the best, but maybe not. We all pretty much subscribe to the view that large campaign contributions to political candidates can be corrosive if a candidate does not have a good moral compass to guide them. A new state law (SB1439) was recently passed that will "sort-of" limit contributions from some sources to \$250 or less to local government candidates. I say "sort-of" because candidates can still accept the larger contributions, BUT if they do, they will not be able to vote on matters involving either licensing, permits or other entitlements from the big donor for 12 months. This change will undoubtedly have a notable impact on big money players with large developments. The one downside to this change is that it will likely drive the large contributors underground. How would that be legal, you ask? They are called PACs (Political Action Committees), or IEs (Independent Expenditures) from business and/or union groups that have different (read: less) timely public reporting/disclosure standards compared to individual candidates. The money may still flow, we just won't be able see it so clearly or timely. Welcome to Political Whack-a-Mole!

Trash & Graffiti. Last month I reported on the continuing efforts by community and church groups to help with community clean ups in our communities. If you want to see a neighborhood take a quick nose-dive, just let the graffiti and illegally dumped trash go unchecked. Residents quickly become discouraged (and outraged) when it appears that nobody cares. Business/property owners have a legal responsibility to keep their properties clean, and government has a responsibility to keep its roadways and facilities from being trashed. In our First District Office, we aim to hold

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The taggers and illegal dumpers criminally accountable, in addition to having all parties (property owners and county government) accountable for staying on top of the clean-up efforts (we do NOT have a say within city boundaries). Just a week or so ago the rural community of Good Hope (near Perris) had a community clean-up day. Church groups, volunteers, county and trash company workers all pitched in to help clean up. Almost 700 discarded tires were collected and over 200 residents brought trash and discarded items in their trucks and trailers to the drop off site. Another community clean-up will be held in the rural community of Mead Valley on November 19th. Our communities are worth fighting for, so lend a hand when you can!

Fire Hazards. Suppose for the moment that you live in an unincorporated community and located directly behind your home is a field full of dried out weeds that pose an immediate fire hazard to your home and property. The odds are the owner of the field would be promptly cited, and if the weeds were not cleared, a contractor would be hired by the County to mow down the weeds. Now, change out that field of weeds for a field of illegally stacked wooden pallets, hundreds, perhaps thousands brought in by a pallet business with no permit, no spacing, and no fire hydrants. That is a tinder box waiting for a tragic spark. You can stop imagining, because that is actually occurring in a handful of communities. I cringe when I drive by those locations because every neighboring house is at risk. The next problem is that our County Ordinances are so inadequate that it can take the county years to force the landowner to clear away the pallets. I have publicly challenged our County Counsel, Fire Marshal, and Code Enforcement to find a new legal path to speed up the process and protect adjacent homes. Let's see if they collectively step up and make a difference before a tragedy occurs.

Respectfully,
Kevin Jeffries



COMMUNITY CLEANUPS 2022

DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

MAY

May 21
MEAD VALLEY
Mead Valley Landfill
22376 Forrest Rd
Perris

OCTOBER

October 1
WOODCREST
Sandals Church
17421 Van Buren Blvd
Riverside

October 22
MEADOWBROOK / GOODHOPE
Mead Valley Landfill
22376 Forrest Rd
Perris

NOVEMBER

November 19
MEAD VALLEY
Mead Valley Landfill
22376 Forrest Rd
Perris

All events are from 8:00am to 12:00pm

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Furniture
- Computers
- Appliances
- TVs
- Tree Limbs and Branches (bundled, not to exceed 9 feet in length)
- Monitors
- Printers

NON ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Auto Parts
- Propane Tanks
- Pesticides
- Dirt & Rocks
- Hazardous Waste
- Antifreeze
- Concrete
- Paint & Oil
- Batteries
- Manure
- Solvents
- Fluorescent Bulbs

For more information call (951) 486-3200

Per state law please only transport 9 tires per trip.

Tires must be less than 4ft in diameter and weigh less than 200lbs. No tractor tires.

Tires will not be accepted from business or nonprofit organizations.

*Residents will need to unload items themselves.
*Residents with trailers may be directed to the landfill.

RIVERSIDE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF WASTE RESOURCES
WASTE MANAGEMENT



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

CURRENT OPENINGS:

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

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

Woodcrest Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) - One (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 One opening
see map:

www.rcflood.org/About-the-District/District-Zones-2021

Community Action Partnership—One (1) Alternate

RIVERSIDE COUNTY
BUSINESS
ASSISTANCE
NOW
PROGRAM



PERMIT ASSISTANCE



FINANCIAL RESOURCES



HIRING & TRAINING

LOOKING TO START OR EXPAND YOUR BUSINESS?

RIVCOED.ORG/BUSINESS-ASSISTANCE-NOW-PROGRAM

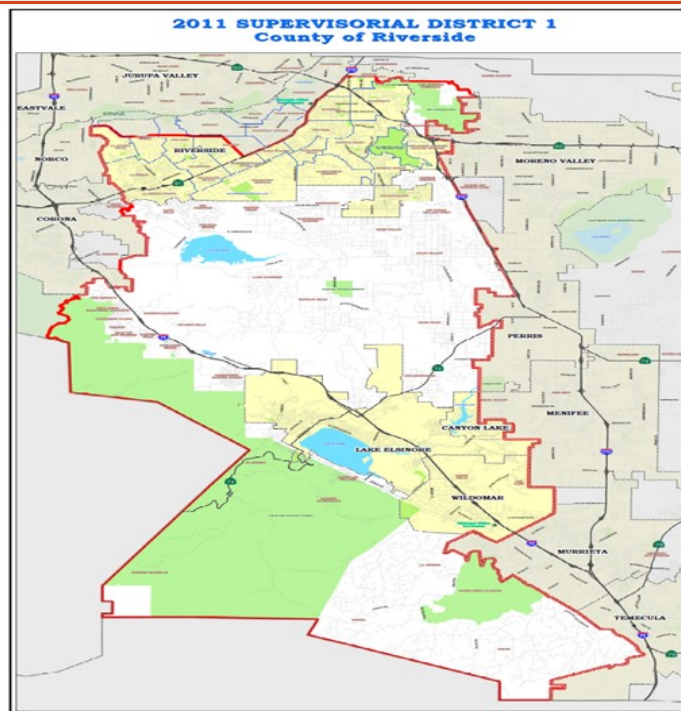




Riverside University Health System Foundation was established in 1989 as a non-profit philanthropic organization. For nearly three decades the Foundation has collaborated successfully with donors and stakeholders to support RUHS Medical Center's role as a public teaching hospital and safety net provider. Our founders were inspired by the medical center's work with kids, particularly in the area of child abuse and neglect, and over the years that commitment has grown and evolved to include much more. RUHS Foundation is proud to support RUHS Behavioral Health and Public Health agencies and the system's 14 community-based health clinics with a goal of serving and safeguarding the county's 2.35 million residents.

The mission of RUHS Foundation is to foster friends and inspire philanthropic support for the needs of Riverside University Health System. Since 1989, the RUHS Foundation has been passionate about connecting donors with the vision of RUHS to provide compassionate and high-quality care to our communities. Funding life-saving programs, education and equipment, donors and volunteers propel RUHS to a brighter future with a healthier, more vibrant Riverside County.

For more information on their signature Festival of Trees Gala, visit their website at: <https://ruhsfoundation.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.



RIVERSIDE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY
NEWS RELEASE
MIKE HESTRIN, DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
OCT. 24, 2022CONTACT: AMY MCKENZIE
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS
951.955.5834

MASS CRIMINAL CASE DISMISSALS HAPPENING DUE TO COVID-19

COUNTYWIDE – On Oct. 10, 2022, Riverside County Superior Court judges began to dismiss criminal cases based on a lack of available trial courtrooms. Dismissed cases range from misdemeanor to felony cases and include many types of crime.

To date, Superior Court judges have dismissed over 200 cases countywide. This includes both misdemeanor and felony offenses. Most dismissed cases involve domestic violence charges but have also included other crime types, such as an assault case and a robbery. California Law permits prosecutors to refile dismissed felony cases one time. Dismissed misdemeanor cases cannot be refiled.

These dismissals are occurring in situations where the DA's Office has witnesses gathered and has announced that it is ready to begin a jury trial, however, the Superior Court does not have a judge or courtroom available to hear the case. Rather than granting the prosecution a brief continuance until a trial courtroom becomes available, judges have chosen to dismiss criminal cases and release the accused perpetrators who have been charged by the DA's Office.

"I assure you that we are doing everything in our power, advancing every legal argument, preparing every viable appeal, offering the court every possible solution, to keep our local judges from dismissing criminal cases," said DA Mike Hestrin. "These case dismissals are not justified and are not justice."

Riverside County's current criminal case backlog is a result of COVID-19 spreading across the state beginning in March 2020. The pandemic heavily affected the operations of our local Superior Courts. To protect public health, in-person court proceedings were limited, and jury trials were suspended. Over the next two years, the Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court issued a series of emergency orders permitting Riverside County criminal trial cases to be continued to a later date because of the pandemic. Those orders ended on Oct. 7 of this year. There currently is a backlog of more than 2,800 cases.

The Constitution and California State Law guarantee a criminal defendant with the right to a speedy trial. However, Penal Code section 1382 does not require a dismissal when good cause exists to continue a trial beyond the statutory deadlines. The California Appellate Courts have held that a backlog of trial cases caused by the pandemic is good cause to continue a trial.

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24th Annual Youth In Government Day

On October 26, 2022, Supervisor Jeffries welcomed high school students and County staff at the Youth in Government Day. Youth in Government Day is an event where students are paired with County employees based on their interests and career aspirations for a day of job shadowing. Thank you to all the County employees who volunteered and participated in the event. Thank you to the Youth Advisory Council Interns and Program Coordinator for putting together a successful event.



Road Paving—Lakeland Village

Lakeland Village

First District efforts to continue to pave and improve road conditions just got another success story. The paving of Landerville Boulevard, Crawford Street, and Custer Street in Lakeland Village was completed last month. This project was funded by the Unincorporated Communities Initiative funds, a fund devoted to helping improve unincorporated communities.



Deleo Fall Festival

At the 2022 Fall Festival at Deleo Park, approximately 2,000 people attended despite the rainy weather. Activities included: Trunk or Treat booths, stilt walker, fall crafts, costume contest, pumpkin decorating, carnival games, bouncers, interactives, pumpkin patch, Zoltar, train rides & spooky story time. Thank you to all those who helped make this a successful event.



Mead Valley & Good Hope Fall Festival

The Mead Valley and Good Hope communities had a blast at their annual Fall Festivals. More than 1,800 people attended these community events and were able to enjoy different family activities such as Trunk or Treat, pumpkin patch, laser tag, carnival games, face painting, obstacle courses, bounce houses and food. Thanks to the Grove Community Church in Mead Valley and Restoration Agape in Good Hope for organizing these events. Special thanks to our local volunteers, MAC board members, Riverside County FM staff, County Sheriff, Riverside County Code Enforcement Department, and Riverside County Fire Department for support these events in District#1.



Community Cleanups

Community Cleanups were held in Woodcrest and Good Hope/Meadowbrook in October 2022. Residents took full advantage of the opportunity to get rid of bulky items, tires and yard trimmings.

Special thanks to Pastor Noland Turnage, volunteers from The Grove Community Church, and students from Citrus Hills High School for helping us clean up the Good Hope community that day. This amazing group worked the entire event picking up various piles of tires and trash that were illegally dumped on the side of the road in the community.



This FREE training is provided by:



WHERE:
Mead Valley Community Center
21091 Rider St.
Perris CA, 92570

DATES:
November 4-6, 2022

TIME:
Friday 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Saturday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
(1-hour break for lunch)

HOW TO REGISTER:

Please follow the link below or scan the QR CODE.

<http://tiny.cc/MeadValCERT>



For more information or ADA assistance contact us:

951-358-7100 or

FMDTraining@rivco.org



Building Resilient Communities

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. CERT offers a consistent, nationwide approach to volunteer training and organization that professional responders can rely on during disaster situations, which allows them to focus on more complex tasks. Through CERT, the capabilities to prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters is built and enhanced.

CERT training is a commitment of **20 hours of training**. There is no cost for the training. Only those who successfully complete the practical exercise with hands-on instruction in fire suppression, search and rescue, cribbing, and medical training will receive a certificate of completion.

CERT courses may be subject to cancellation at any time prior to start of class, if minimum registration number is not met



PERRIS COMMUNITY

Thanksgiving Meal

Friday, November 18
12 PM SENIOR LUNCH **6:30 PM COMMUNITY DINNER**

Mead Valley Community Center
21091 Rider St, Perris, CA 92570
(951) 210-1580 • Se Habla Español

To reserve your spot, call the front office.

Gather with us and enjoy a **FREE** thanksgiving meal sponsored by The Grove Community Church.

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WINTER WONDERLAND

December 9th, 2022

16275 Grand Ave, Lake Elsinore

3 PM - 6 PM

Immersive Art Experience • Kids Activities
Live Entertainment • Giveaways

Call 951-471-4407 for more information!

LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

A Project of the Riverside County Veterans Advisory Committee and the Department of Veterans' Services

GUEST SPEAKER:
Karandeep Singh Sraon MBBS, MBA, FACHE
Medical Center Director and CEO, VA Loma Linda Healthcare System

FRIDAY, December 9, 2022 8:00 A.M.	Brandon's Diner 24626 Sunnymead Blvd Moreno Valley, CA 92553
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Veterans, family members, and the public are invited to attend our Legislative Breakfast series to meet your elected officials and other community leaders over a cup of coffee and breakfast.

No Host - Visit <https://brandonsdiner.com> for menus and pricing

Riverside County Library System Update

This November, Riverside County Library System will be holding a food drive in honor of Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week. From November 1 – 20, consider bringing non-perishable food items to your participating library. Each library has chosen their own local food pantry to donate to, so know that your contribution will make a huge difference to someone in your community.

November 11 is also Veterans Day, so look out for Veteran themed story times throughout the month. The RCLS digital library also has special resources dedicated to helping veterans adjust to civilian life, with live online assistance, resume lab help, and a wide range of academic tools to help job seekers and veterans reach their goals. Find VetNow on our digital library website.



**YOUTH / SENIORS
DISABLED / VETERANS**

RIDE FOR 25¢



Beginning August 1 through June 30, 2023, RTA is offering 25-cent bus rides to youth, seniors, disabled and veterans on all bus routes, including CommuterLink! While on board, enjoy free Wi-Fi, USB charging ports, comfortable seating, friendly drivers, and, as always, our commitment to safety wherever you're headed.

Just show your valid ID to receive the discounted fare.

-  Youth Age 18 and Under
-  Seniors Age 60 or Above
-  Disabled Customers and Medicare Card Holders
-  Veterans

 Cash, coin and Token Transit app payment accepted. Visit RiversideTransit.com or call us at (951) 565-5002 for more information or to plan your trip.

**PURCHASING
FLEET SERVICES**

Public Works

BECOME A COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE PREQUALIFIED VENDOR

With the County of Riverside Purchasing and Fleet Services

The County of Riverside provides various opportunities for contractors to become Prequalified Vendors for both Formal and Informal Public Works Projects.

What is the benefit of being approved as a prequalified Contractor?

- Informal public projects allow project managers to contact companies on the approved "All Projects under \$200,000" list directly for projects under \$60,000 with no competitive bidding required and/or companies on the "Exclusive Small Projects" list who do projects under \$25,000 directly.
- The "Exclusive Small Projects" do not require contractor registration with the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) nor project registration or project bonds.

How long is a contractor's Pre-qualification valid for informal public projects?

- Qualifications begin each year on January 1, but applications are accepted year round
- Contractors must fully complete the prequalification package and provide all documents requested just one time.
- The contractor's prequalification status will remain current from the date of accepted qualification through December 31 of each year.
- Once approved, Contractors will be notified before the year ends requesting that they renew for the new upcoming year.

Become a County of Riverside Prequalified Contractor Today!

Follow the link below to review the instructions and complete the application process.

<https://www.purchasing.co.riverside.ca.us/Vendors.aspx>



Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
 Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA)
 Outreach, Transition & Economic Development (OTED)

will host a

Virtual Veterans Day Symposium
Remembering Our History and Honoring Our Future

Wednesday, November 9, 2022
 12:00 – 3:30 p.m. (EST)



The purpose of this event is to honor Veterans, remember their legacy and service to our country. The symposium will concentrate on Veterans' history through different eras, as well as current and future VA benefits and services.

Join on Your Computer or Mobile App via WebEx
[Click Here to Join the Symposium](#)

or Call-In (Audio Only)
 Phone: 1-404-397-1596
 Access Code: 2760 145 0095



VIRTUAL CAREER and RESOURCES FAIR

LEVELING UP!
Honoring Our Brave Veterans

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 2, 2022 | 11 AM - 4 PM ET

VA

To help commemorate Veteran's month, Veteran Readiness and Employment is inviting all Veterans, Service members and spouses to take part in our Leveling Up! Honoring Our Brave Veterans Virtual Career and Resources Fair.

Come join VA and 45+ of our federal and private business partners who are recruiting quality candidates for employment opportunities in all job categories. There will also be many other organizations offering community resources to participants.

Register here to participate:

<https://registration.socio.events/e/nationalvur>

RC-HR

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
VETERAN RESOURCE FAIR

Come join the County of Riverside as we celebrate Veterans Month by providing resources for resume writing, interview tips, current career opportunities and much MORE!

Local college representatives will also be onsite to share information regarding degree and Apprenticeship Programs. This event is open to Veterans and their spouses.

ADA Disclaimer: Any person with a disability who requires a modification or accommodation in order to participate in these activities should direct such requests to the ADA Coordinator at 951-415-3350 at least 72 hours before the activity.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH
 9:00 A.M. TO 3:30 P.M.

REGISTRATION:
[HTTPS://VETERANSRESOURCEEVENT.TIME4TAP.COM](https://veteransresourceevent.time4tap.com)

BERC OFFICES
 12625 FREDERICK ST SUITE H-3,
 MORENO VALLEY, CA 92553

FIRST SESSION REGISTRATION | 9:00 AM-11:30 AM
SECOND SESSION REGISTRATION | 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO WOUNDED WARRIORS FOR CATERING THIS EVENT