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RIVERSIDE
COUNTY
DISTRICT #1**



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Kevin's Corner

Some Quick Updates....

New Leadership – After conducting an extensive search, my fellow Board members and I agreed 5-0 to hire Jeff Van Wagenen to replace retired County CEO George Johnson. The County has roughly 20,000 employees, 44 or so departments, is the 10th largest (population) in the Nation, 4th largest in the state of California, and manages roughly \$6 billion in taxpayer dollars (most of it pre-programmed by the State & Feds, and/or shipped off to public schools on behalf of the State). Jeff has a daunting task ahead of him in looking for opportunities to reorganize, reshape, drive efficiencies, deal with dramatically increasing pension costs charged to the County by CalPERS, work with numerous labor groups and MOU's (I estimate 5 to 7 any given year) and of course, deal with five elected Board members who have very diverse perspectives. Jeff has private sector experience as well as 14 years in various positions and responsibilities with the County, and I wish him well!

Fireworks – As many of us know, this past Fourth of July was an incredible spectacle of illegal and dangerous fireworks being set off all over the County. Our unincorporated areas had several wildland fires that had no fire engines assigned for a period of time because of the extreme off-the-charts volume of 911 calls occurring. Our firefighters and law enforcement were absolutely overwhelmed in many communities. The Board of Supervisors is awaiting a staff recommendation on how to manage, regulate, and perhaps allow safe and sane fireworks in designated parks, lake edges, etc., while simultaneously cracking down on the illegal and dangerous fireworks that caused so many fires and caused pets to run away. Stay tuned.

COVID – While California is one of the few states that has continued to prohibit indoor gym activities, and one of the last to open schools and allow youth sports activities, we are finally seeing much better statistics on infection rates and declining hospital impacts, and the trends are all good. The vaccine supply continues to be a significant challenge for all the public and private vaccination sites in our county (and our state), but we are doing better with over 400,000 doses administered already in Riverside County. Now that things are going much smoother, the State has ordered a change in the vaccine management. Management and accountability for future vaccination programs is shifting to Blue Shield and Kaiser Permanente. County and private vaccination facilities will be receiving direction from the two statewide third-party administrators. In the meantime, until told otherwise, the County will continue to host clinics for eligible residents, and our mobile clinics will still target hard-to-reach demographics and communities. See what is available and who is eligible here:

<https://rivcoph.org/COVID-19-Vaccine>

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Non-City Residents Speak-Up! If you reside within a city, you know that you can always contact your local city councilmember or city hall about local concerns or complaints. If you are one of the 400,000 or so residents who reside outside of a city boundary, your contact is generally one of us on the Board of Supervisors (the First District has roughly 120,000 non-city residents). Under the new Unincorporated Communities Initiative (UCI), the Board is pushing for long overdue funding and infrastructure improvements in our growing rural communities (many do not look so rural anymore). One of first steps towards addressing the needs of our rural communities is the kickoff of a survey for non-city residents along with presentations at future local community advisory meetings. (See page 6 for more information). You can take the survey at: <https://rivco.org/community/unincorporated-communities-initiative>

Budgeting Begins – The never-ending cycle and process of developing and updating the County budget is underway. The COVID impact to our county-run healthcare system, the impact to our economy and jobs, funding from the State and Feds to help backfill some of the related expenses, the cost of healthcare and pensions, all have direct or indirect impacts to the County budget and the services provided to all 2.4 million county residents. The Board (and public) will receive a mid-year budget briefing this coming Tuesday, March 9th. Like all Board meetings, you can watch live online, or see the recording later. Our meetings also always start with a COVID update from our Public Health team. <https://livestream.com/rivcolive/bos>

As always, feel free to contact us with your thoughts or suggestions to make Riverside County a better place.

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 & Commis-

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

Woodcrest Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) - Two (2) alternate openings

First 5 Advisory Committee—Two (2) opening

Riverside County Flood Control Commission—Zone I—One (1) opening

Local District #1 Events

The Lakeland Village Community Clean Up was a big success this year! We were able to serve 203 customers during the event and even collected 204 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.

The volunteer cleanup, led by MAC board member Jim Savage was also a great success this year. There were over 30 volunteers that wanted to help beautify the community. Volunteers were comprised of individuals from Hands and Feet Outreach, The Dream Center, California Conservation Corps and the community. The volunteers were able to collect 107 bags of trash along Grand Avenue and assist with getting tires, a dishwasher and box spring that were dumped on the side of the road removed.



Local District #1 Events

Warm Springs Community Open House

On Monday, February 8th residents of Warm Springs attended an Open House at the Lake Elsinore Outlet Center to see what projects were in process and going to planning commission within the MAC boundaries. Masks were donned, personal space was encouraged and there was lots of hand sanitizer to go around. The different projects brought maps and diagrams to show residents what the design plans are for their projects. County agencies such as Code Enforcement, the Sheriff's Department, the Executive Office, Transportation Land Management Agency and CSA were also in attendance to answer questions and gather feedback from the community. The Executive Office is working on the Unincorporated Communities Initiative, which was brought to the Board by Supervisor Jeffries, please contact our office if you reside in an unincorporated community and want to provide your input.

Those with projects in Warm Springs that were in attendance are as follows:

- CUP 200043 Karaki-Western States, applicant
- CUP 200006 Karaki-Western States, applicant
- PAR 200003 Empire Design Group, Inc., applicant
- CUP 190006 America's Tire Co. (Under construction soon)



Non-Profit Spotlight

Independence at Home

Independence at Home (IAH) provides older adults ages 55+ and their family caregivers with an array of no cost programs in Riverside County. Some of the services include therapy, case management, friendly caller program, medication safety program, community education, technology support and volunteer opportunities.

IAH also helps support community-based agencies and programs that provide direct services to older adults and their caregivers. In 2020, SCAN's Community Giving program awarded more than \$280,000 in grants to Inland Empire nonprofits providing critical services and supports to older adults and family caregivers. Funded projects targeted critical needs like food, social isolation and emergency financial assistance.

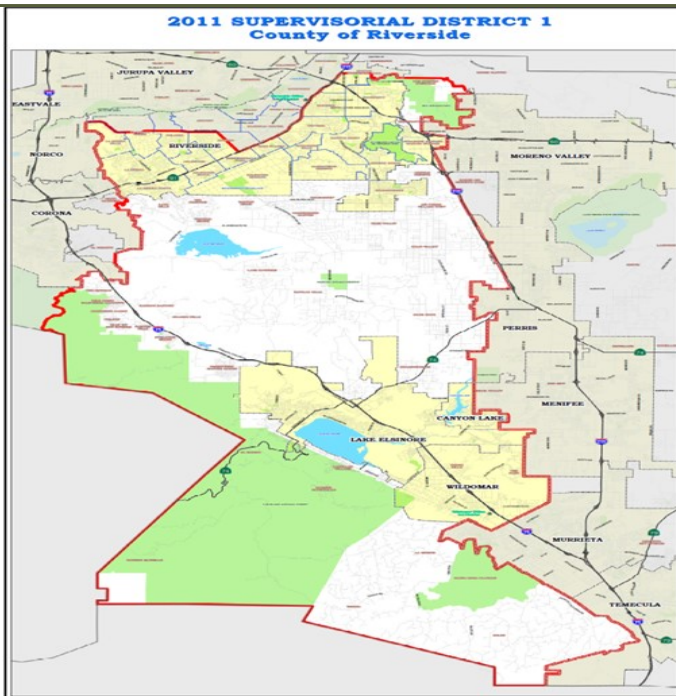
IAH can also assist Riverside County residents in connecting and providing referrals to older adults and their caregivers to the help they need. Whether it is help finding the right community resource, in-home assistance, government programs, caregiver support, or mental health support, one call can help connect persons to local programs and resources. Services are offered in English and Spanish. There is no need for the participant to be part of the SCAN Health Plan to qualify for IAH services and there are no minimum income requirements to qualify for services. All services are available in English and Spanish.

Contact:

855-587-7226

communityoutreach@scanhealthplan.com

<https://independenceathome.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.

County launches survey to hear from residents living in unincorporated areas on needed services, programs

The County of Riverside launched a survey to hear from residents living in unincorporated areas about the services and programs that are most in need. The unincorporated communities initiative recognizes that building strong community wellbeing requires critical services and infrastructure.

The survey will be online until March 31 and is also available in Spanish. The results will focus on underserved areas to prioritize projects and services for future budget cycles, starting with the next fiscal year budget that begins on July 1.

“Some of our most underserved communities are those areas that fall within the jurisdiction of the county for their most basic of services,” said Supervisor Kevin Jeffries, First District. “We have an opportunity to make changes that can greatly impact the daily lives of our residents. It’s our duty to hear from them about what the greatest needs truly are and prioritize those projects for funding.”

An unincorporated area is a geographic community that is not within the jurisdictional boundaries of a city, and as a result, is governed at the county level.

The types of services and needs that will be prioritized will be those that improve quality of life for residents and could range from improved utilities and roads to social services and public protection.

For more information and to take the online survey, visit:

<https://rivco.org/community/unincorporated-communities-initiative>

The County of Riverside WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Please take a moment to complete the **Unincorporated Community Initiative (UCI) Survey** to let us know about your community needs.



As an initiative approved by the Board of Supervisors, this survey will assist in determining the needs to improve the infrastructure and services in the unincorporated communities. Please fill out the survey or email us your responses.

 RivCoUCI@rivco.org

 surveymonkey.com/r/UCI-Questions



SCAN ME



Riverside County Housing Element Update Housing Survey / Encuesta de Viviendas

The County of Riverside is preparing its 6th Cycle Housing Element, covering the years 2021 - 2029. The primary goal of the Housing Element is to preserve, improve and guide the development of housing for all economic segments of unincorporated Riverside County.

Your input is important! Please respond to the surveys linked in the QR codes below. The information you provide will help guide the County's policies and programs regarding housing in unincorporated Riverside County. The County has also created the following website, located at <https://planning.rctlma.org/HE6/Info>.

Survey in English

surveymonkey.com/r/N3VNZZZ



Encuesta en Español

surveymonkey.com/r/6P9DZB7



If you have additional questions, please contact the County's project manager by phone or email: Robert Flores, Principal Planner, (951) 955-1195 or RFlores@rivco.org

Visite la página web anterior o llame al (951) 955-1195 para obtener información en español.



RIVERSIDE COUNTY
PLANNING DEPARTMENT



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, 2021 through June 30, 2022. 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 2021-2022

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 2, 2021



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 in June 2021, meet four days per week in downtown Riverside, and serve for one year. Grand Jury proceedings are closed to the public.

2021 FREE COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP EVENTS

**Please Note:
Updated Information**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 951-486-3200 OR VISIT WWW.RCWASTE.ORG



DATE	COMMUNITY	ADDRESS	COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP	TIRE COLLECTION	PARTNER
February 27	Lakeland Village	Lakeland Village Community Center 16275 Grand Avenue Lake Elsinore, CA 92530	X	X	CRSR
March 20	Meadowbrook/ Good Hope	Vacant Lot Hwy 74 and Meadowbrook Ave. Perris, CA 92570	X	X	WM
April 3	Gavilan Hills	Gavilan Hills Ranch Market 22060 Gavilan Road Perris, CA 92570	X	X	WM
May 8	Mead Valley	Mead Valley Landfill 22376 Forrest Road Perris, CA 92570	X	X	WM
May 15	University Heights	Roadside Clean Up CA 92241	X	X	WM
September 25	Woodcrest	16831 Krameria Avenue Riverside, CA 92504	X	X	WM
October 30	Meadowbrook/ Good Hope	Mead Valley Landfill 22376 Forrest Road Perris, CA 92570	X	X	WM
November 20	Mead Valley	Mead Valley Landfill 22376 Forrest Road Perris, CA 92570	X	X	WM

Be prepared to unload your refuse and bulky items from your vehicles

Due to COVID-19 protocols, a mask must be worn when you are within 6ft of others.

For more information please call
951 486-3200 or visit: <http://www.rcwaste.org/where/ccu>





A Virtually Live Event March 18 – April 18, 2021

Participate anywhere, any time or on designated courses at the Sylvan Meadows trail system on the Santa Rosa Plateau, Murrieta, California
Race Details/Register www.srpnef.org

Nature Education Foundation

Santa Rosa Plateau
2021
RUN HIKE RIDE

Six Events -
30 days to complete

- 5K Run/Hike
- 10K Run/Hike
- 10K Virtual Mountain Bike
- 10K Virtual Horse Ride
- Half Marathon
- Family Event/Passport to the Plateau

Fundraising event to support youth environmental education programs in our community.
www.srpnef.org

Fee Includes:
T-Shirt and Medal

Registration Fee: Register by February 17 for Early Bird Price
5K and 10K Events: \$40/Person General Public – \$30/SRPNEF Member
Half-Marathon and Family Events: \$45/Person General Public – \$35/SRPNEF Member
Children 12 and Under: Free For Family Event with One Adult Registration

COMMUNITY ACTION CARES

We are here to help!



Free Services:

- ✓ Utility Assistance
- ✓ Tax Filing
- ✓ Mediation
- ✓ Asset Building
- ✓ Laptops/Computers
- ✓ Emergency Assistance
- ✓ Weatherization
- ✓ and more..



Contact Information:
Email: capcares@capriverside.org
Phone: 951-955-4900
www.capriverside.org



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 second page.

Tax returns will be completed and e-filed by IRS Tax Certified Volunteer Tax Preparers.

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



DRIVETHRU JOB FAIR

LARGEST JOB FAIR IN THE INLAND EMPIRE

**THURSDAY, MARCH 18
9 AM TO 2 PM**

Canyon Springs Shopping Center
12125 Day St, Moreno Valley, CA 92557
(For best access, enter from Day Street)

The Loma Linda VA Homeless Veteran Community Employment Services and the Moreno Valley Business & Employment Resource Center are partnering with local employers to find:

Office Workers | Marketing | Healthcare | Accounting | Warehouse | Retail
Engineering | Government | and Much More!

Face Masks REQUIRED

This is a free event open to the Public, Veterans, and Members of the Military Community.

FOOD BANK RESOURCES AVAILABLE
DIVERSE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES | BRIEF INTERVIEWS FROM YOUR VEHICLE
EMPLOYERS OFFERING QUICK JOB PLACEMENT | BRING COPIES OF YOUR RESUME

For more information:
contact the Moreno Valley Business & Employment Resource Center
951-413-3920 | berc@moval.org

Provided in partnership with Department of Veteran Affairs HUD-VASH,
Moreno Valley Elks Lodge #2697, Atlas Properties



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 951-413-3100 at least 72 hours before the activity.