Some Very Quick Updates... Riverside County Animal Services has a large medical bus (some call it the “neuter scooter”!) they utilize to conduct spay and neuter procedures in various communities across the county. Unfortunately, the age and deteriorating mechanical condition of the bus has led to some cancellations. We are pleased to announce that two new replacement buses will (hopefully) be arriving in November and February.

During the recent budget discussions, Riverside County District Attorney Mike Hestrin was pleased to share that the crisis involving the dismissal of pending criminal cases has largely been fixed by the new Presiding Judge, via better scheduling of court rooms and adjusting trial judge schedules. Our local courts still remain short handed for the population and number of cases heard, resulting in lengthy delays, particularly for civil and family court issues – but that requires action from the State Legislature and Governor to fix.

Plans to locate and construct a roughly $100 million comprehensive Behavioral Health campus could not find any love in Coachella or Hemet, and it is now being evaluated for the 215 corridor. The Mead Valley Municipal Advisory Council (& attending residents) will receive a presentation on the proposed “Wellness Village” campus at its July 5th community meeting. The community will also receive an update on the installation of street lights on a few busy streets – mostly near schools. Street lights are also in the works for a few busy streets in Good Hope and Lake-land Village. For those of you who reside in Good Hope/Meadowbrook (located between Lake Elsinore & Perris), you will soon have a new non-profit managing your local Moses Schaffer Community Center and Park. The formal announcement is forthcoming.

I had previously written about a federal lawsuit seeking to stop Firefighting aircraft from using fire suppression retardant because it can pollute the environment. A judge in Montana has reportedly ruled that the retardant material could indeed be polluting some streams and rivers – BUT the judge allowed the USFS to continue fighting fires with the retardant while they seek a waiver from the regulations.

Back here in Riverside County, a surface mining “vesting rights determination” (hearing) for land off Cajalco Road, near Corona is being continued to August 1st at the request of Robertson’s Ready Mix (and the Pechanga Band of Mission Indians). Long hours of technical and historical data, as well as extensive public comments were heard before the Public Hearing was concluded in May. It is unlikely that the item will be continued beyond Aug 1st.

The newly adopted county budget beofs up a lot of services for a variety of county departments to the public, including reopening the (continued to page 2)
mothballed Animal Services shelter in San Jacinto (which will help reduce the pet intake and population at the Jurupa/Riverside shelter). The budget also includes a temporary fire season staffing increase at 10 county fire stations that serve communities that are intertwined in high wildland fire danger areas. It unfortunately won’t help with the severe homeowner insurance crisis that is hitting parts of our county – but it could help keep fires from rapidly growing.

The Fourth of July is typically a great holiday for families to enjoy outdoor activities and catch some professional firework shows. Unfortunately for Riverside County it’s also when we get hit hard with illegal fireworks and the chaos they bring. The hand injuries, house/roof fires, tree fires and sometimes large wildland fires typically come with the illegal fireworks. It was just a few years back that our county temporarily ran out of available fire engines because of the extremely high number of emergencies and fires occurring (and strong winds that rapidly expanded many vegetation fires). The county and many cities are putting extra enforcement teams in place (along with steep fines) to help prevent some tragedies from occurring. For more information on the effort, as well as a list of public fireworks shows across the county, visit: https://rvcfire.org/

Be Safe!
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.

**CURRENT OPENINGS:**

- **Good Hope Municipal Advisory Council (MAC)** - Two (2) Members & One (1) Alternate
- **Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council (MAC)** - One (1) Alternate
- **Solid Waste** - One (1) Alternate Representative
- **In Home Support Services (IHSS)** - Recipient or Consumer of IHSS Services - One (1) opening
- **Behavioral Health Commission** - Family Member - One (1) opening & Public Interest - One (1) opening
- **Community Action Commission** - One (1) Alternate
- **Assessment Appeals Board No. 3** - One (1) Alternate
- **Riverside County Flood Control Commission Zone 1** - One opening (see below)

**Open Position: Flood Control Commissioner**

The First District has an opening on the Riverside County Flood Control Commission representing Zone 1. Commissioners serve as unpaid volunteers, attend a minimum of one annual meeting, to review the District’s Annual Budget and Regional Drainage Plans. For more information visit the District’s website at [www.rcflood.org](http://www.rcflood.org). To apply, please submit the online application available at [www.supervisorjeffries.org](http://www.supervisorjeffries.org)

**FLOOD ZONES**
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, Perris, and Wildomar, and the unincorporated communities including Highgrove, University City, Mead Valley, Good Hope, Meadowbrook, March Joint Powers Authority, La Cresta, Tenaja, and De Luz.

NOTE: Wildomar, La Cresta, Tenaja, and De Luz will move to the 3rd District in January of 2025.
Highgrove Community Cleanup

On Saturday, May 27, 2023 Highgrove had a neighborhood cleanup. District 1 sends their appreciation to the many volunteers that came out to beautify our Highgrove community. Thank you to Riverside County Code Enforcement and Riverside County Housing and Workforce Solutions for their hard work on this event. A total of 21.02 tons of general trash, 3.39 tons of metals and appliances, 2.52 tons of mattresses, 71 tires were collected and a total of 176 resident trip loads.
Mead Valley
Urban Tree Program

On Saturday, June 3rd we had our second Mead Valley Shade Tree Giveaway! 450 trees were distributed to 150 families in the Mead Valley Area with the help of TreePeople and The Grove Community Church.

Our last Mead Valley Shade Tree Giveaway is scheduled for Saturday, July 8th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Mead Valley Community Center. This event is exclusively for Mead Valley residents and serves as an excellent opportunity to beautify our community while also promoting environmental health. Please bring an adequate vehicle to transport trees. For more information, email Alejandro M. at amontes@treepeople.org or leave a message at (909) 619-1594.

Finally, please refer to the flyer to the left for full details.
Mead Valley Updates
Mead Valley CERT Program

Riverside County Emergency Management Department held a three day Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program from June 9 to June 11 at the Mead Valley Community Center. This course was specifically for Spanish speaking community members. It was a huge success training local community members about emergency preparedness.

Mead Valley Fathers’ Day Event

On Friday, June 16, 2023 The Mead Valley Senior Center hosted a Fathers’ Day event to celebrate local fathers.
Upcoming Library Events

MOSES SCHACHER COMMUNITY CENTER
1ST & 3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH:
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
21565 Steele Peak Dr | Perris

LIBRARY CONNECT

MOBILE RESOURCE VAN SERVICES:

- Learning Lounge - Just-in-time literacy support services, such as resume and job help
- Family Literacy Programs - Programs to develop literacy skills as a family, such as Raising a Reader and STEAM programs
- Adult One-on-One Sessions - Get one-on-one support to improve your reading, writing, listening, speaking, digital and job skills as a group
- Adult Small Group Sessions - Get support to improve your reading, writing, listening, speaking, digital and job skills as a group
- Library Services - Book checkout/checkin, holds pickup/return, get a library card

Riverside County Library System
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16275 Grand Avenue, Lake Elsinore, CA 92530 (951) 471-4500

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM PRESENTS**

**LUNCH AT THE LIBRARY**

**HIGHGROVE LIBRARY**
530 W CENTER ST, RIVERSIDE, CA 92507
(951) 682-1507

FREE LUNCH FOR THOSE 18 AND UNDER MON - FRI

**05/30/23-8/4/23**
**11:30 AM - 1:00 PM MONDAY - FRIDAY**

**HIGHGROVE LIBRARY**
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(951) 682 - 1507

**Homework Help Program at the Highgrove Library**

Highgrove Library
530 Center St
Riverside CA 92507
(951) 682-1507

Homework Help Hours
Tues & Thurs: 2:00 - 6:00
Wed: 1:30 - 6:00
Fri: 12 PM - 6 PM
Sat: 10 AM - 3 PM

Tutors courtesy of UCR College Corps

**Upcoming Library Events**

Riverside Summer FEEDS
SUMMER SITES OPEN MONDAY - FRIDAY
MAY 30 - AUGUST 4, 2023
ALL SITES CLOSED MONDAY, JUNE 19TH AND TUESDAY, JULY 4TH
Free lunch for those 18 and under

- Arlington Park
- Bobly Bends Park
- Borrowwell Park
- Bryant Park
- Dan Janese Park
- Dan Lassen Park
- Highgrove Park
- La Sierra Park
- Main Park
- Mont Park
- Nichols Park
- Ford Park
- Williams Park
- Washington Park
- Eastside Library
- Main Library

TO FIND YOUR NEAREST SUMMER FEEDS SITE, TEXT "FOOD" TO 304-504

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JOIN OUR TEAM

We are looking for professionals who are willing to support and improve the health, safety, well-being and independence of our county’s families.

OPEN DPS5 POSITIONS
- Eligibility Technician III
- Social Services Practitioner III
and many more!!

BENEFITS INCLUDE
- Medical, Vision, Dental
- Competitive Work Schedules
- 13 Paid Holidays Per Year
- Vacation and Sick Time Accruals
- 457b Deferred Compensation Plan
- CalPERS Pension
- Education Support Program

APPLY TODAY!
Scan the QR code to see more employment opportunities.
For all Riverside County job openings, visit: RC-HR.com

CONTACT US ABOUT ON-THE-JOB TRAINING TODAY!

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What is OJT? On-the-Job Training (OJT) is a FREE program that allows a business to hire and train a new employee while actually performing the job.

WHAT IS REQUIRED?
- Business located in Riverside County
- 32 hrs/week minimum
- Trainee must be covered by Worker’s compensation
- Job may not be temporary or seasonal
- Wage must be prevailing rate within the company
- Wage may not be commission or piecework based
- Position must be in a high-demand industry/occupation

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This WIOA Title I funded subsidized program or activity is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Please call 911 356-3950, 951 356-3954 TTY; Cal Relay 711 or ADACoordination@rivco.org 5 to 7 days in advance.

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For more information please visit us at: https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/riversidedps5jobs

Incumbent Worker Training (IWT) is an employer-sponsored program that provides grant funding to assist eligible businesses offset the cost of training for their existing incumbent workers. Its intent is to create a stronger workforce for workers and employers with the opportunity to build and maintain a quality workforce and avert layoffs.

EMPLOYER ELIGIBILITY
- Have a need to upgrade skills of their employees to remain competitive in their industry or the economy
- Can meet the shared cost requirement
- Private sector, non-profit, and local government entities
- Employer must be in operation for at least 12 months
- Current on all state and federal tax obligations

HOW OUR PROGRAM WORKS:
- Meet your local Workforce Development representative
- If you’re an employer, we’ll help you identify current employees who need retraining and upskilling, and provide training
- If you’re an employee, we’ll help you identify interests, strengths, and skills you can build upon

Contact the Riverside County Employer Services Team at (951) 356-4333 or employer.services@rivco.org

RIVERSIDE COUNTY’S
EXPANDED SUBSIDIZED
EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

FAST TRACK
RECRUITMENT AND HIRING

HOW IT WORKS:
- We provide custom recruiting and candidate matching services
- Eligible candidates go through an extensive employment readiness and pre-screening process
- We interview pre-screened candidates and make the hiring decision

EMPLOYER REQUIREMENTS:
1. Online County vendor registration enrollment
2. Complete the employer agreement
3. Submit wage subsidy requests

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CALL: (760) 863-2521
EMAIL: irtpencer@rivco.org

WAGE SUBSIDY:
100% of employee’s gross hourly wage reimbursed for up to 6 months*

*Limited time only, employer start date must be prior to 6/30/2023. Employee hire dates on/after 7/1/2023 reimbursed at standard 50% wage subsidy.