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Kevin's Corner

Cost of Fire Insurance – The price for some homeowners and business owners to obtain insurance for their property has gone through the roof and is still climbing. For others they cannot even afford to buy insurance if they can find it. In October 2023, the Associated Press reported Riverside County was the nation's top for wildfire risk for insurance companies and homeowners. Homeowners and businesses across the State are having to turn to the California Fair Plan Association as an "insurer of last resort," The California Insurance Commissioner reports, "When the FAIR Plan takes on more customers, it causes traditional insurance companies to withdraw from certain areas, further increasing dependence on the FAIR Plan". During the recent Riverside "Hawarden" fire, six structures were damaged or destroyed, with one homeowner reporting to the media that he no longer had insurance! With this crisis likely lasting for several more years, we have to make sure our local fire departments are fully staffed and have the resources available to help save homes and lives. Cooperation between fire departments is also critical, and this should include the direct connection of their individual dispatch centers, so that the closest resources are initially dispatched – thereby saving critical minutes when a fire is growing.

Non-City Trash Rates – If you reside or operate a business in an unincorporated community (outside of city boundaries), the County regulates your trash hauler, as well as their rates and a host of other conditions that come with their Exclusive Franchise Agreements (aka monopolies). One of those regulatory requirements is to do whatever the State of California mandates upon counties (and cities) to do. Trash is highly regulated, and trash service is becoming more and more expensive. On Tuesday September 10, at 9:30am, the Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing to consider rate increases and other requirements. Trash rates are proposed to go up for homeowners and businesses alike. In some communities, the proposed increase could be substantial. To find your rate proposal visit <https://rivcoeh.org/> and scroll down to click on the "Franchise Waste Hauler Agreements" box. You can enter your address or parcel number there, or simply click on the map for more details.

Land Use Changes – For landowners and residents who are in an unincorporated community, the county planning department has kicked off a "General Plan Amendment Foundation Cycle". Roughly 76 land- owners from across the county have submitted proposed concepts for new Land uses for their property. For the **First District**, 20 landowners have submitted. The bulk of their proposals (but not all) are to switch their land use from Rural or Low Density residential to – you guessed it – Light Industrial/Business Park (warehouses),
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mostly in the Mead Valley area along the 215 freeway. If you want more info on these proposals, visit: <https://planning.rctlma.org/2024-general-plan-foundation-amendment-cycle>

Speaking of Mead Valley – If you occasionally enjoy sampling various foods from licensed, Health Department-approved Food Trucks in a fun, festive atmosphere, then you need to consider stopping by the Mead Valley Outdoor Marketplace on the southwest corner of Cajalco and I-215. It's a family friendly place with a mix of 30 to 40 food trucks and vendor booths, that operates on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights. Entry is free, but no alcohol is allowed.

Next month I hope to report on a concerning issue developing at the March Air Reserve Base. It has to do with the March Joint Powers Authority desiring to increase the number of commercial/private sector air cargo flights, at a time when the military base is facing growing foreign political and military concerns in the Pacific theater.

As always, feel free to email me with your thoughts or suggestions to improve county services (or to vent about those services). I read pretty much every single email sent to me (vulgar ones have a special round file).

Respectfully, Kevin Jeffries

First District Supervisor

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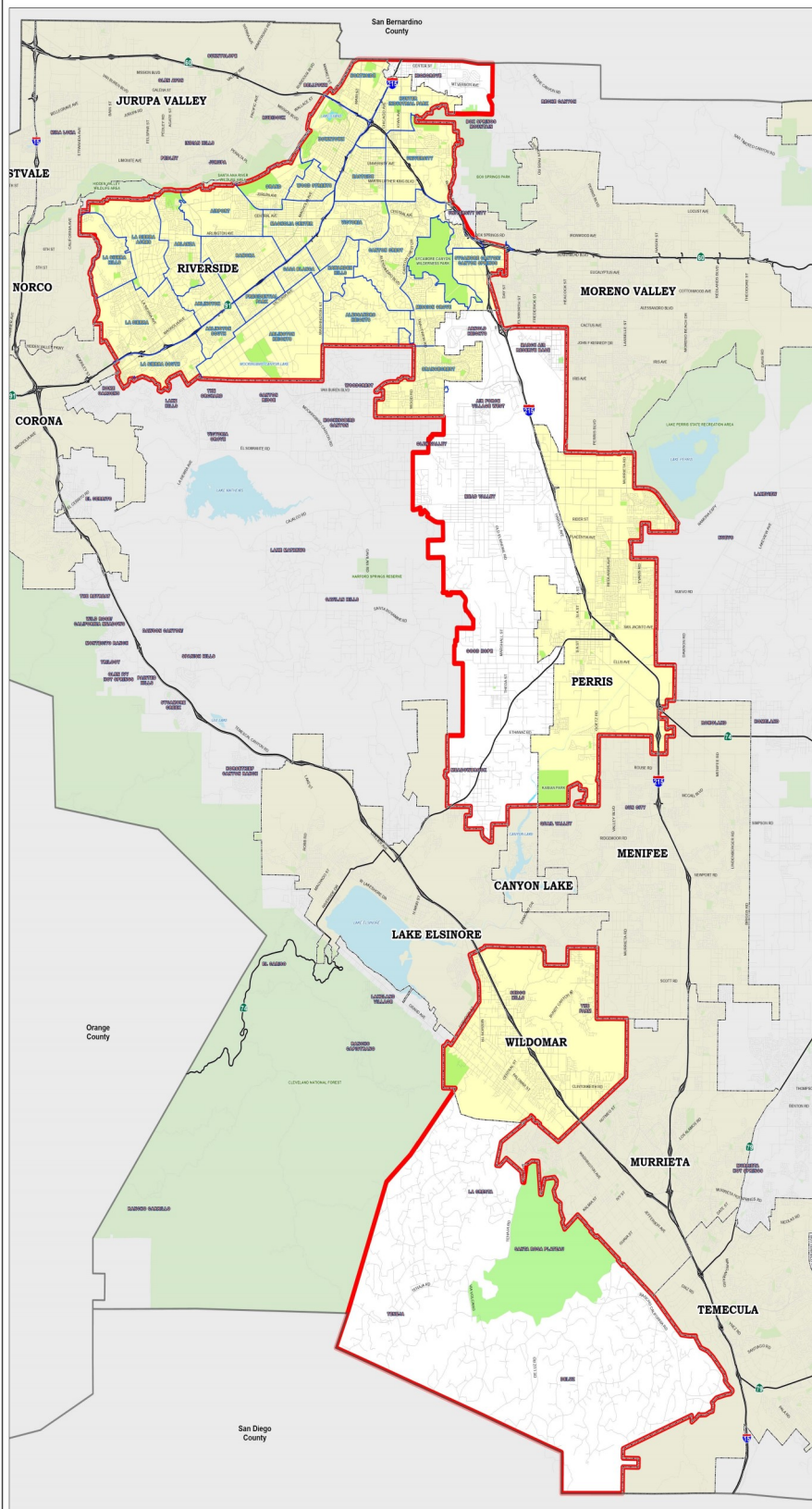
- PERMIT ASSISTANCE
- FINANCIAL RESOURCES
- HIRING & TRAINING

**LOOKING TO START OR
EXPAND YOUR BUSINESS?**

RIVCOED.ORG/BANP

Logos: County of Riverside, Riverside County Office of Economic Development, RCTMA, American Job Center, WORK FORCE, QR code with text "SCAN HERE".

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1 County of Riverside



First District Profile



Kevin Jeffries was elected in November 2012 to represent the residents of the 1st Supervisorial District. In 2022 the district was redrawn, and now covers the entirety of the cities of Riverside and Perris, as well as the unincorporated communities of Highgrove, University City, Mead Valley, Good Hope, Meadowbrook, and the March Joint Powers Authority. In January 2025, the 1st District will also include portions of the City of Jurupa Valley.

- Roads
- Highways
- City Boundaries
- Neighborhoods
- District 1 Boundary
- Parks
- Waterbodies

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Representing the Cities of:
Riverside
Jurupa Valley (portion)
Perris
Wildomar



As of April 2024, the lower area outlined in red, including City of Wildomar, La Cresta, De Luz, and Tenaja, has changed responsibility from our District to District 3, Supervisor Chuck Washington's office. His office can be reached at 951-955-1030 or District3@RivCo.org

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 below

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:

Riverside County Parks District Advisory Committee One (1) Member

Behavioral Health One (1) Public Interest Member

Assessment Appeals Board - One (1) Alternate

Riverside County Flood Control - Commissioner - One (1) opening

First 5 Children & Families Advisory Committee— One (1) Member

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

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

Flood Control District—Riverside Area (One (1) Member)

If you are interested in applying for any of these positions please see the link below:

<https://rivcodistrict1.org/sites/g/files/aldnop256/files/2023-08/Boards%20and%20Commissions%20Application%2C%208-22-23.pdf>

METROLINK

SENIORS/DISABLED/ MEDICARE

Receive 25% off multi-day passes and 50% off single-day tickets. Seniors ages 65 and over, and disabled/Medicare riders qualify for discount with proof of eligibility.



MOBILITY-4-ALL

Riders with a valid EBT card issued by the state of California are eligible for a 50% discount on any Metrolink ticket or pass. Valid on paper tickets purchased at ticket machines only.



STUDENT ADVENTURE PASS

Students ride free anywhere, anytime, with the Student Adventure Pass and a valid student ID. Download the mobile app to get on board.



CHILDREN

Ages 5 and under. Up to three children ride free with an adult using a valid ticket. Additional children pay youth fare.



CHOOSE THE DISCOUNT THAT'S RIGHT FOR YOU

\$10 WEEKEND DAY PASS/KIDS RIDE

Families can take Metrolink to destinations across SoCal on a weekend day for only \$10 per adult, and kids ride free too (up to three with each paying adult).



\$10 HOLIDAY PASS

Unlimited travel all day to destinations across SoCal for only \$10 with our Holiday Pass. Metrolink operates on a special holiday schedule for six federally recognized holidays.



ACTIVE MILITARY

Receive 10% off One-Way and Round-Trip tickets. Please present a valid Common Access Card (CAC) to the fare Inspector upon request.



metrolinktrains.com/tickets

Community Center Events

THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND
THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM INVITE YOU TO THE

LAKELAND VILLAGE LIBRARY *Groundbreaking*



TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2024 | 10AM - 11AM
16275 GRAND AVENUE, LAKE ELSINORE, CA 92530

TO RSVP CONTACT
RIVCOEDEVENTS@RIVCO.ORG OR 951.955.3105



Riverside County
Library System

library
systems
services

Join Riverside County Supervisors Kevin Jeffries and Karen Spiegel, the Riverside County Office of Economic Development, and the Riverside County Library System (RCLS) at a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Riverside County Lakeland Village Branch Library.

The new Lakeland Village Library will span 8,000 square feet across a single story and will include a host of modern amenities. These features encompass new furniture and shelving, public computers, plug in technology areas, study rooms, dedicated children's library, and sections for both teens and adults. Additionally, the library will introduce a new collection of books.

WHEN: Tuesday, August 6, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. To RSVP, please contact rivcoevents@rivco.org.

WHERE: Lakeland Village Community Center 16275 Grand Ave., Lake Elsinore

Families in Mead Valley and Good Hope were treated to a fun night outdoors with our "Movies at the Park" program, featuring entertainment, snacks, and activities.

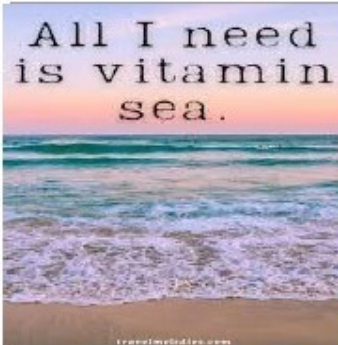


Highgrove Activities and Events

Leila Santamaria Center Manager
leila.santamaria@fsaca.org

Office Assistant II
Danielle Angell

Office Asst Volunteer Cynthia Kupfer



Hello Community Members, Building a Healthier tomorrow together. Protect your health. **KEEP YOUR MedCal:** Contact your local county office online, by phone, email or fax, or in person - to report any changes to your name, address, phone number, or e-mail address. Visit dhcs.ca.gov/COL or call Medi-Cal Member Helpline at (800) 541-5555. **C4Yourself Program** to help our community families to apply for benefits available to them through Riverside

County: CalFresh, Medi-Cal and Cash assistance. This secure website will send your application directly to the county for processing: www.c4yourself.com. **County financial support programs**, nutritional and medical assistance: 877-410-8829. **CalFresh:** If you need assistance applying, please visit FeedingAmericaE.org/CalFresh or call 951-359-4757****HEREO** (Homebound Emergency Relief Outreach) - Once a month emergency food box for those who do not have transportation: Visit FeedingAmericaE.org/Find-Pantry or call 951-3594757.



Temperatures at 97 degrees and above officially activates Norton Younglove Community Center as a "Cool Center" from June 1, 2024 thru October 15, 2024 for vulnerable individuals, seniors, the disabled, and others in need of temporary relief from the heat. Visit capriverside.org or call 951-955-4900 for a list of Cool Center sites.



USDA Food Distribution: August 23rd Friday 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM. Share Ride and Bring a Neighbor! Drive Through Pick Up. Servicing Highgrove and Grand Terrace area. August 24th Saturday 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM: **Joy of Giving Food Distribution.**

UPCOMING Events



August 10, 2024 Saturday 3PM Country Night Market hosted by The 951 Night Market: Line Dancing, Mechanical Bull, Kids Zone, Shopping, Food, Opportunity of chance to win prizes and so much more! www.TheMarket.com

Family Service

Association's Mission:

We address poverty, hunger, and health, from infancy to older adults, in families and



Norton Younglove Community Center

459 Center St. Highgrove, CA 92507 www.fsaca.org 951-241-7221

Current Programs

Tuesday Bingo



12:30 PM - 1:30 PM 4 cards for \$1.50 Includes refreshments



Polinacia Dance

With Lorena Tues & Thurs Beginner 5 PM. Advanced 6 PM



Fitness

With Letty Mon thru Fri 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM \$6 per class

Voluntary Opportunity 951-241-7221



E-Taekwondo United Martial Arts

For all Ages Todas las edades. For detailed info Call: Master Elvis Chavez 909-578-4799. www.etkdu.com Evening Classes Mon & Wed

Lil Rhino's 3-6 yrs. old 6:00 - 6:30, 7 yrs. + Beginners (up to orange belt) 6:30 - 7:15, 7 yrs. + Advanced (green belt & Higher) 7:15 - 8:00 Our Mascot: Rhino - represents harmony and dominance when needed.

COGOP



Sunday Worship 10 AM. Thursday Bible Study 7:15 PM. For detailed Info call: Pastor John Braxton 951-400-3298

Emergency Food Box available Mon - Thurs for Riv. & SBDno County Residents. **To report a scam or for help if you or a loved one has fallen victim, contact the AARP Fraud Watch Network Helpline: Call 877-420-8829

Let's Celebrate!

Whether you are having a wedding, birthday, anniversary, company or church event; our banquet hall is the place for you. Room capacity is 150 people at a rate of \$125 per hour, tables and chairs are included (Kitchen available for additional flat rate cost). Security needed with all rental event (additional cost). To reserve your party's date a \$200 non-refundable deposit is required. For further details contact the center at 951-241-7221.

Our Senior Nutrition program is currently offering hot meals to registered participants age 60 and above Monday to Friday, 11:00 AM To 12:00 PM

Enjoy our WIFI during your visit at the center



Child Development Center Has Openings!! Free or low cost Early Care and Preschool Programs call 951-342-3151.

Call our FSA Administrative Office 951-686-1096 for details on other program services provided: Clinical Services, Housing Services, and Hope Collaborative.



MEAD VALLEY ROADS!



As part of Supervisor Jeffries' commitment to improving infrastructure in rural unincorporated communities of the 1st District, Riverside County Transportation crews recently completed the paving of Burns Street in Mead Valley, from Brown Street to Alexander Street. More roads are still waiting on the list to be paved, so stay tuned for more paving of dirt roads in your communities.



Visit all RivCoParks for FREE with the RivCoParks Library Pass!

Time spent in outdoor spaces improves physical, social, spiritual, and emotional health. The RivCoParks Library Pass program is a collaboration between RivCoParks and local libraries aimed at promoting literacy, outdoor recreation, and community engagement. Through this program, individuals and families gain access to a variety of benefits, including free admission to RivCoParks sites, special events, and educational programs.

For more information, including participating libraries, visit here: <https://rivcoparks.org/library-park-pass>

VET-FRIENDLY BUSINESS INITIATIVE

The purpose of the Riverside County Veterans Services Vet-Friendly Business Initiative is to foster a supportive network of businesses that honor and serve veterans within our community. This initiative aims to recognize and promote businesses that offer specific benefits, hiring preferences, and/or services to veterans, thereby enhancing their overall experience and well-being. By joining this initiative, businesses not only contribute to the welfare of veterans but also gain visibility and appreciation from the veteran community and beyond.



HIGHLIGHTS



STOREFRONT DISPLAY
Receive an official "Vet-Friendly Business" sticker to display at your business and showcase your commitment to our veterans.



PROMOTIONAL SUPPORT
Registered businesses will receive occasional promotion on the Riverside County Veterans Services website and social media channels.



COMMUNITY SUPPORT
This initiative helps build a supportive community for veterans by encouraging local businesses to acknowledge and cater to their needs.



EVENT PROMOTION
The initiative will also promote veteran specific events hosted by participating organizations, enhancing visibility and community engagement.

HOW TO JOIN THE INITIATIVE:

- Register your business on our website at <https://rivcoveterans.org/riverside-county-veteran-friendly-business-initiative>
- Display the "Vet-Friendly Business" sticker at your storefront.
- Offer benefits, hiring preferences, or services to veterans.

BENEFITS TO YOUR BUSINESS:

- Visibility: Stand out as a business that supports veterans.
- Appreciation: Receive recognition from the veteran community and beyond.
- Networking: Connect with other Vet-Friendly businesses and organizations.

Disclaimer: Riverside County Veterans Services is committed to promoting businesses that participate in the Vet-Friendly Business Initiative. However, we do not and will not endorse or guarantee the quality of the services provided by these businesses. It is the responsibility of the consumer to assess the quality and suitability of the services offered by each business.



Riverside County Veterans' Advisory Committee Presents: "Legislative Breakfast"

Friday, August 9th, 2024 @8am

*****PLEASE ARRIVE EARLY*****

Location: American Legion Post 79
2979 Dexter Drive, Riverside, CA 92501

Presenting Organizations:

(1) **Merlene Steinbeck, Local Interagency Network Coordinator**
California Department of Veterans Affairs

- Services
- Benefits
- Programs

CALVET
California Department
of Veterans Affairs

(2) **Rick Rocha, Local Veterans Employment Representative**
Employment Development Department

- Operates Under "Jobs For Veterans State Grant"
- Career Services
- Programs

State of California
EDD
Employment
Development
Department

Point of Contact: Artie Allen, Chairman: 301-364-8040 Cell

Webpage: <https://rivcoveterans.org/veterans-advisory-committee> Email: RivCo.VAC@gmail.com

This event is "Open to the Public" - Attendance is Free - Breakfast Refreshments are Free

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For more information, please contact

Quirina Ramirez
qramirez@riverside-chamber.com
(951) 683-7100 ext. 222

Kevin Jeffries
Riverside County Supervisor - District 1

Scan to fill out the program form!

2nd Annual

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8AM-12PM

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