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Kevin's Corner Trash Challenges - Many of our waste haulers in Riverside County have been or are facing serious labor shortages including truck drivers and even some call center staff. Our office has received numerous complaints over many months about trash cans and dumpsters not being picked up on time, sometimes delayed for over two weeks. I was recently told that the labor crunch is easing just a little bit and that at least the home pick-up service "should" be back on track. Apparently, staffing for the commercial type dumpsters and large item pick up is still hit & miss with

challenges and delays remaining, at least until new hires can be found.

Charging Challenges? With the (unelected) California Air Resources Board and the (unelected) South Coast Air Quality Management District looking for ways to clean up California air, new hard-hitting rules are rolling out for trucks, trains, cars, ports and ships, etc. If it moves, it's being regulated and reformed to reduce air pollution. Our County Board of Supervisors does not get to vote on these new regulations or when they take effect, we just have to be ready. With roughly 23,000 employees who drive to and from work, and a very large fleet of county passenger vehicles, emergency vehicles, and heavy equipment (backhoes, graders, dozers, etc.), your county government has its work cut out to prepare for this large-scale conversion. Some employees have already been switching over to electric vehicles (EVs) and the county vehicle fleet has already begun acquiring EVs, but we will need to accelerate that transition and add charging stations across the county. The County will also have to look at the needs of the motoring public and the electric charging infrastructure they will need. This is going to be a massive (and expensive?) infrastructure undertaking to accomplish, should the State stick to its time frame mandates. My guess is that the county undertaking may pale in comparison to the infrastructure buildup that the power companies will have to take on in order to deliver enough electrons to charge all those vehicles. The Press Enterprise recently reported that the state of California needs to add over 85,000 charging stations per year (costing an estimated \$3 billion by 2035). The next issue will be the cost to generate all those electrons so that we do not have blackouts.

Spay and Neuter Challenges - A rigorous spay and neuter program can take a big bite out of the number of abandoned, stray, and feral dogs and cats out on our streets and filling up our animal shelters. We incentivize pet owners to do this by offering significant discounts on licenses for altered versus unaltered pets. Our office has also prioritized discretionary funding to provide mobile spay and neuter services ("The Neuter Scooter") at no-cost (and vaccinations) to residents in some of our poorest communities, but lately the demand for these services has overwhelmed the supply of veterinarians to perform them, and Animal Services has had to keep their mobile surgery unit on site just to catch up with their own backlog of 800-1000 animals. They have recently hired a fourth veterinarian and are still trying to hire more surgeons to help, but this shortage of vets is not limited to our county DAS, it is nationwide, with even private veterinarians scheduling spay and neuter surgeries 3-6 months out, and local clinics overwhelmed with demand for services. Why is there such a shortage?

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One major reason is the shortage of veterinarians in the US. Believe it or not, there are only two vet schools in California, and only 29 in the entire country! As a result, it is about four times harder to gain admission to vet school than it is to medical school or law school, and the number of new vets keeps falling behind the number of pet owners. Makes me wonder if instead of pursuing a new law school, UC Riverside should consider a School of Veterinary Medicine? That said, Animal Services hopes to catch up on their immediate backlog soon and have the "Neuter Scooter" back in our district as soon as November.

Community Clean-ups - The First District has several unincorporated communities that will be hosting resident clean-up: **Woodcrest October 1**st, **Meadowbrook/Good Hope October 22**nd, and **Mead Valley November 19**th. These free events are opportunities for local residents to clean up or clean out the garage or yard and self-haul the trash to the local drop off site. This is also a great time for residents, church groups and other local, civic minded organization to chip in with volunteers and trucks to help clean up our own neighborhoods and roadside trash. For more information, see the flier later in this newsletter or just give the First District office a call at: 951-955-1010.

As always, feel free to drop me a note about ways to improve services in Riverside County. I honestly read nearly every letter sent to us (excluding the nasty foul ones that go to a special secret file).

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 & 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

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Non Profit Spotlight

Animal Solutions Konnection (ASK) Foundation



The Animal Solutions Konnection (ASK) Foundation was formed as a California non-profit 501(C)3 charitable organization dedicated to serving the needs of the animals in Riverside County and the mission of Riverside County Department of Animal Services.

The ASK Foundation Board of Directors is a group of animal-loving individuals who represent the broad spectrum of animals within the County including domestic pets, services animals, livestock and wildlife. We come from diverse backgrounds, including wildlife preservation, livestock, companion animals, services animals, rescues, sheltering, training and behavior. They are united by the common goal of ASK: to help ensure the compassionate and humane support of the animals of our community through public education, special programs and community outreach.

The ASK Foundation provides direct support to the Riverside County Department of Animal Services through fundraising and special programs to help our community's animals. Their special grants to the shelter fund emergency medical treatment for sick and injured animals. They also help fund spay/neuter services, a pet food pantry and education on animal welfare.

For more information, visit their website at: theaskfoundation.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.

Community Clean Up

The University City Community Clean Up on September 10, 2022 had a great turn out. A total of 3.13 tons of trash were collected and taken to the landfill. Thank you to Waste Management and the Department of Waste Resources for another successful community event.

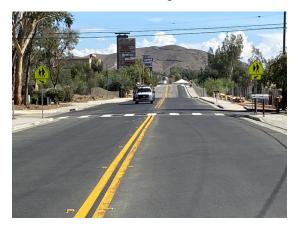


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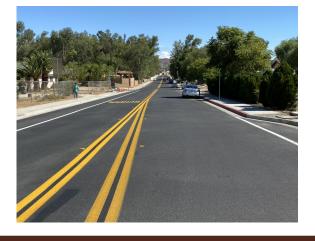
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El Toro and Dexter Ave. | Old Elsinore Road & San Jacinto Ave. **Sidewalk**

The roadway resurfacing and traffic stripe on El Toro Road and Dexter Avenue from Temescal Canyon High School to City of Lake Elsinore limits have been completed. SCE will continue the upgrade and relocation of utility boxes at all unfinished sidewalk panel sections.







Safety Improvements

Many thanks to the Riverside County Department of Transportation for installing a protective barricade and new striping at the intersection of San Jacinto Ave and Old Elsinore Rd in the Good Hope community. We also thank the community for their patience while waiting for this project to be completed.







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Mead Valley Town hall

Great turnout at our 2022 Mead Valley Annual Town Hall Meeting! More than 200 people had the opportunity to interact and share ideas to improve their community with various Riverside County leaders, including Supervisor Kevin Jeffries, Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco, Riverside County Fire Department Chief Bill Weiser, among others.

Afterwards, the community was able to enjoy a carnival night with games, food, and a live band. Congratulations to the lucky winners of the bicycles that were raffled off during the event.

Thanks to all the Riverside County departments, agencies and MAC Board members that attended this event, and special thanks to The Grove Community Church and local volunteers for helping put this event together.











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Riverside County Library System

Riverside County Library System Updates

This month, Riverside County Library System (RCLS) celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month! Look out for libraries holding special celebrations for this month-long event, and make sure to check out book displays and recommendations for all ages in branches and on social media.

Make sure to check out TheShelf.tv, *coming soon* to the Digital Library. TheShelf.tv is a Spanish language streaming service with movies and TV series from Spain, Mexico, Argentina and more, and is free to access by anyone with a library card.





Beginning now, RCLS is partnering with the California State Library to provide patrons with digital assistance by phone. Connected California is a free program which offers one-on-one help by phone to:

- Find low-cost internet service and devicesLearn foundational computer skills
- Find and use online resources to improve your life

Contact Connected California at: Call: 1-800-790-5319 Text: 626-873-8390 Email: help@connectedca.libanswers.com Online: https://connectedca.org



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PURCHASING

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



The Program will utilize \$10,000,000 of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for approved business improvements in responding to the negative economic impacts of COVID-19 and will fund up to 100% of the total approved project costs for an amount not to exceed \$250,000 per approved applicant. Apply today af www.rivcoed.org/brp

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Public

Works

 Small Private For-Profit with fewer than fifty(50) employees including sole proprietorships, independent contractors, owners and owners on behalf of tenants. For a complete list of ineligible businesses, please see the Business Revitalization Program Guidelines

Business must be located in the unincorporated communities of Riverside County



REHABILITATION ELEMENTS

ELIGIBLE REHABILITATION ELEMENTS INCLUDE:

- Storefront Upgrades
- Outdoor Dining Spaces
- Ventilation Improvements
- Enhanced Cleaning Efforts
- Barriers or Partitions
- Signage
- Demolition/deconstruction of Abandoned Buildings
- Removal/remediation of Environmento Contaminants
- The eligibility of additional capital improvements will be considered on a case-by-case basis

CONTACT <u>RIVCOBRP@RIVCO.ORG</u> OR 951.955.8916 FOR MORE INFORMATION



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RIVERSIDE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT & SENIOR ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT

zoom

ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT II (ONLINE TEST REQUIRED) \$18.32-\$26.58

SENIOR ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT \$21.02-\$30.52

HOW TO APPLY

- Step 1: Apply at County of Riverside Human Resources (rc-hr.com/jobs)



Salary: \$40,809.60 - \$58,614.40 Annually Step 2: Preliminary Background Questionnaire (PBQ) You will learn what a "day in the life" looks Location: Throughout Riverside County Job Number: 22-85043-06 like for these positions, have an opportunity to speak with a recruiter and department Step 3: Job Interview representatives, and learn how to apply to our current opportunities. Register today using Step 4: Conditional Job Offer N. the link in the flyer below! Step 5: Full Background (Polygraph and Medical Included) RO **REGISTER TODAY!** -IR . . . Learn More: i Hu Just show your valid ID to receive the discounted fare. Youth Age 18 and Under the Department of Public Social Services Experience: Two years of performing case planning/case management duties in a public or private social services agency equivalent to a County of Riverside Social Services Practitioner II. job opportunities! Seniors Age 60 or Above OPTION II Education: Graduation from an accredited college or university with a master's degree in social or behavioral sciences, social/human services, counseling, Public Administration, Business or comparable majors. **REGISTER TODAY! Disabled** Customers and sspvirtualcareerfair.timetap.com Medicare Card Holders Veterans Experience: None required. OPTION III SCAN GR Education: Graduation from an accredited college or university with a Bachelor of Social Work degree. TO APPLY Cash, coin and Token Transit app payment accepted. Experience: Completed internship experience in a public or private welfare agency as part of an accredited Bachelor of Social Work degree program. Visit RiversideTransit.com or call us at (951) 565-5002 for more information or to plan your trip. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, PLEASE VISIT RC-HR.COM Supervisor Kevin Jeffries-District #1 Website- www.SupervisorJeffries.org Email - district1@rivco.org 4080 Lemon St, 5th Floor Riverside, CA 92501 (951) 955-1010 * 16275 Grand Avenue, Lake Elsinore, CA 92530 (951) 471-4500

OCTOBER 5TH

11:30AM-1:00PM

Join us to learn about the Sheriff's Accounting Assistant II and Senior Accounting Assistant

Positions!

Ranger

YOUTH / SENIORS **DISABLED / VETERANS**

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.

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