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(FREE) Local News for the Highgrove Area

April, 2021

Another home builder to build 138 new homes on 45 acres of land at the end of Spring Mountain Ranch

More new homes to be built in Highgrove!

Last month we ran an article about construction beginning for 600 new homes on 383.5 acres of land in the Springbrook Estates project that has been vacant for the last 15 years.

Recent information has been received about another 138 new homes that are proposed on 45 acres at the south east end of the Spring Mountain Ranch development. This new builder is Pulte Homes, a builder of new homes in California.

KB Homes is building 1,409 new homes in the Spring Mountain Ranch project and will also build the 600 new homes planned in Springbrook Estates.

Another builder, D R Horton, has completed and sold 130 new homes in two locations. One is at the base of Blue Mountain and the other by the Highgrove Elementary School.

In addition another builder, Lennar homes, has built and sold 72 new homes near Mt. Vernon and Palmyrita Ave. and all of these new homes are within Highgrove's boundaries.

Another vacant property of 10 acres on the N/E corner of Mt. Vernon and Center St. is being considered for 58 lots but I do not currently have the details about that property.

Highgrove is in the un-incorporated part of Riverside County and is known as County Service Area 126. The area east of the I-215 freeway is only about 3 1/2 square miles where orange groves once flourished.

Thanks to my long-time friend, former MAC member, and former Highgrove Elementary School mate, Denis Kidd, the Norton Younglove Community Center at 459 Center St. has 93 different citrus labels displayed along the walls of citrus brands that were packed in packing houses in Highgrove. Stop by the community center and see these unique citrus labels.



The 45 acres inside the red lines will be 138 more new homes

Another builder, Pulte Homes, is planning to build more homes south/east of the Spring Mountain Ranch properties. The 45 acre property was sold by the Shopoff Group recently for 6.5 Million. Bill Shopoff, CEO of Shopoff investments, invested \$250 Million in infrastructure for Spring Mountain Ranch before one house was built. Later, KB Homes became the builder for the 1,409 homes in Spring Mountain Ranch and will also be the builder for 600 more homes in the Springbrook Estates property when the grading is completed.

Highgrove Song and Video Available on Our Web Site!

You can hear the Highgrove song and watch the video free of charge on our web site. I wrote this song and recorded it on May 10, 2001 and later it was used by the Highgrove Revitalization Team of the Riverside County Economic Development Agency to make the video.

The video includes a picture of the orange groves being planted in 1887, the ladies grading the oranges at the Brown Estate Packing House, and a video of the 40 acre orange grove by the school as it was being removed by the big machines.

Barney Fife is played by "Barney" Barnett (yours truly) and Sheriff Andy Taylor was played by Andy Frost of the Riverside County EDA. Ardie and I were just having fun by using different hats during the video.

The song is copyrighted but to see the video free go to: www.highgrovehappenings.net and click on the Highgrove Community Song.



When spring Mountain Ranch was under construction, I requested that all of the street signs include the Highgrove banner at the top to help maintain Highgrove's identity. A similar request is being made for all of the new streets in Highgrove to have the Highgrove logo at the top.

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The City of Riverside and Family Service Association are monitoring county, state and national reports on the impact of COVID-19 and responding appropriately. The Norton Younglove Community Center is closed. Bingo, Sr. Potluck, Sewing, and Zumba Classes are currently suspended until further notice. Staff is available by telephone at 951-241-7221 should you have questions Monday through Thursday 8 am to 4 pm Friday 8 am to 2 pm.

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- Anne Frank



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Michigan Ave. will not go through to Columbia Avenue

For many years I have encouraged Riverside County to consider a southward extension of Michigan Avenue at Spring St. through the vacant land and connect to Palmyrita Court on the opposite side of the Springbrook wash.

This short extension would have made Michigan Ave. a new north /south road from Barton Road in Grand Terrace, through Highgrove, and connect to Columbia Ave. in Riverside.

If you look where the arrow is pointing, you can see that there is a gap where the road would fit between the warehouses along Palmyrita Avenue.

There was an objection to building the road across the Springbrook wash but this has already been done twice when Horseshoe Bend was eliminated and Mt. Vernon was re-aligned to go over the wash and it was done again when the warehouses were built on Citrus Street. The county required a 12 ft. pipe to be installed under the road and it is still there! Unfortunately, even though the Springbrook Estates property sat vacant for 15 years, when it came time to build, their plan did not include a road through their project.

There will be a road into the Springbrook Estates property from Michigan Ave. at Spring St. but the road will not go through to Riverside.

Are even more new homes coming to Center Street?



This picture was taken on March 23, 2021 at the intersection of Center St. and Mt. Vernon Ave. and that's Blue Mountain in the background. Workers are digging into the middle of the intersection for a future sewer line. The N/E corner of this intersection is approximately 10 acres of vacant land that has recently been surrounded by a chain link fence.

And across the street on the S/E corner is another vacant piece of property that is larger than the property on the north side. I contacted the Riverside County Planning Department to try and find out what is happening at this intersection but so far I have not found out what is planned for these two additional properties.



View from Michigan Ave. looking south from Spring Street.

57 Chevrolet Pick Up Headed to Seattle!



On March 7, 2021, I drove this truck into a car trailer and shipped it to my daughter Sharon, in Seattle, Washington. I have several cars that will go to my heirs and this one is a gift to my daughter. It is a great truck and the license is RED 57PU. After I drove it into the trailer I had to crawl out the window because the door wouldn't open far enough. I am currently in the process of building another 57 Chevrolet Big Window Pick Up for my grandson Kipp who lives in Hemet. Sorry, but offers for adoption will not be considered because I already have enough children and grandchildren!.

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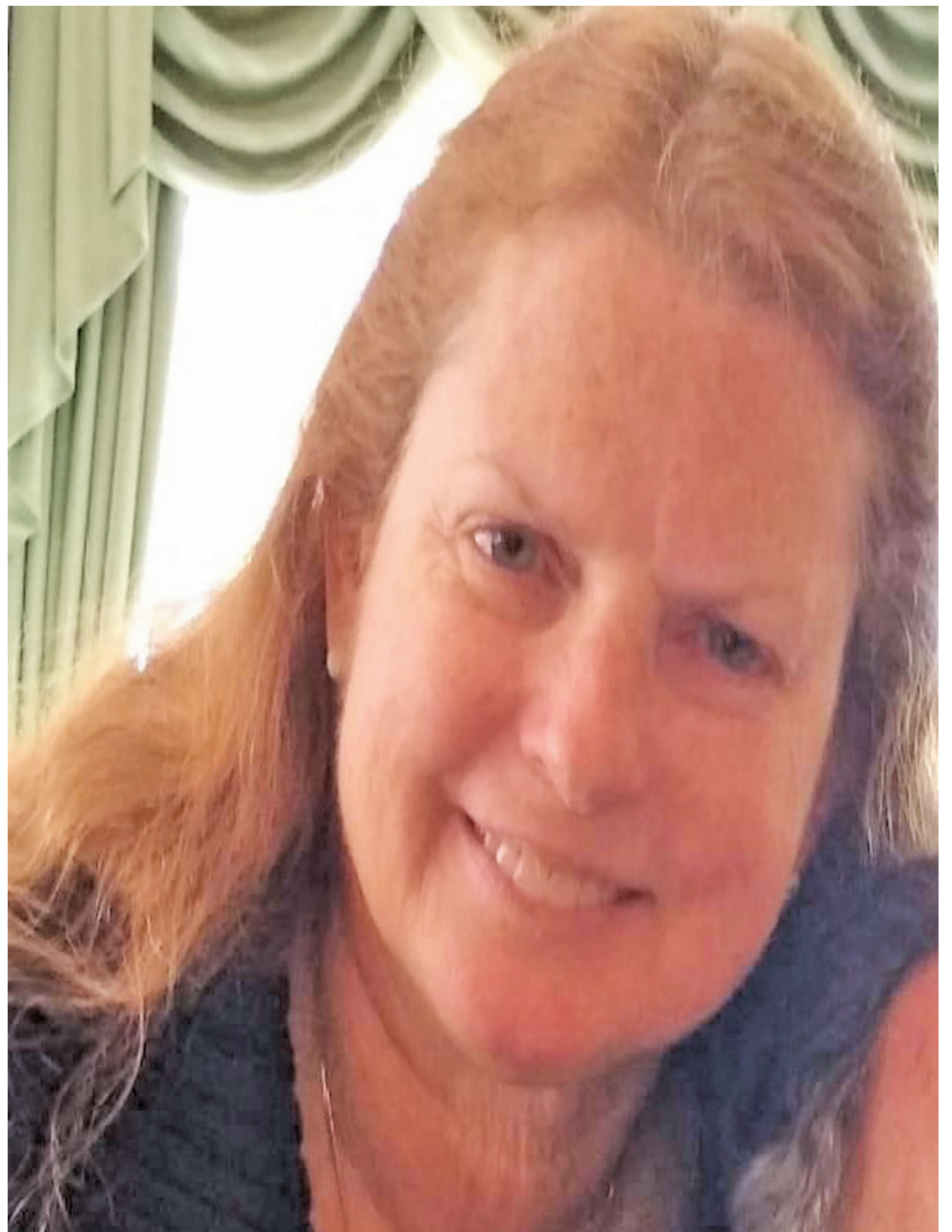
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A shout out to two special friends!



Karen Rich



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When we needed help, these two special friends helped us and they need to be recognized

Karen Rich lives in Highgrove and she has become a very special friend who has helped us when Ardie was having health issues.

She has been cleaning our house every two weeks but she is always available to help us in many other ways. Not only does she keep our house clean but she is very talented when it comes to computers, cell phones, and posting things about the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper on "Next Door".

When I had a problem with my cell phone she figured it out and corrected the problem I had when I was unable to e-mail pictures I took with my cell phone to my computer so the cell phone pictures could be printed in our newspaper.

We are blessed by having a good friend and neighbor like Karen Rich and we thank her for her assistance. Recently, when I had a gopher digging in our yard she brought her gopher trap from home and at the same time we were putting the trap into the hole, the gopher was pushing dirt from inside trying to cover the trap up with dirt. We didn't catch him that time but when he pushed dirt up about 10 feet away from the first hole, We set the trap again and caught him. Two days later I discovered two more places at opposite ends of our yard so I guess they really like our property!.

We first met Lila when we were going to car shows with the Old Farts Racing Team. She and other members of the Old Farts were always available to help us when we had the Highgrove Day Car Show in the Highgrove Community Park. Due to Ardie's illness we were not able to go to many car shows with the Old Farts and even though we didn't participate very much we missed seeing our car club friends. Then, after the pandemic hit we received a call from Lila who helped us by taking our information and following up by contacting the correct people to get our Corona Virus shots. Lila set up an appointment in Perris where we got our first vaccination. We went to Perris, found the address, drove around the back, and got in line between the red cones. When we worked our way up in line, two girls wanted to know what we wanted to eat.

The red cones were for the drive through at Chick Fillet!!! When it was our turn we drove right past the window and found the right address. All of the buildings in the Perris Mall have the same address but there is an alphabetical number under the address. Finally, both of us now have our two shots!




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2017/2018 Grand jury report still not complied with!

On June 13, 2018 the 2017/2018 Grand Jury report stated:
“CSA 126 provide a one-time public notice clarifying exactly how the CSA 126 funds are distributed. This notice should include the number of assessed parcels, the amount per parcel for different housing areas, and any current agreements and contracts in effect. At least once every two years, CSA management should make a summary report available online and at a public meeting open to all residents”
That was 2 years and 8 months ago!

On September 28, 2020, I sent the following request to the Riverside County Economic Development Agency and Supervisor Karen Spiegel requesting that the Grand Jury item should be on the October 28, 2020 Highgrove MAC agenda but it was not and it did not appear on the Jan. 27, 2021 agenda or the March 31, 2021 agenda either!

Here is a copy of the letter to the EDA and Supervisor Spiegel:
 September 28, 2020

Riverside County Economic Development Agency
 3403 Tenth St., Riverside. Ca. 92501
 Riverside County Supervisor Karen Spiegel
 4080 Lemon St., Riverside, Ca. 92501

Grand Jury report requested at next MAC meeting

The 2017/2018 Grand Jury reported that: *“CSA 126 provide a one-time public notice clarifying exactly how the CSA 126 funds are distributed. This notice should include the number of assessed parcels, the amount per parcel for different housing areas, and any current agreements and contracts in effect. At least once every two years, CSA management should make a summary report available online and at a public meeting open to all residents”*

To refresh your memory here are the details:

“Recommendations

Riverside County Board of Supervisors

Riverside County Economic Development Agency

CSA126 COMMUNICATION

CSA 126 management provide a one-time public notice clarifying exactly how the CSA 126 funds are distributed. The notice should include the number of assessed parcels, the amount per parcel for different housing areas, and any current agreements and contracts in effect. At least once every two years, CSA management should make a summary report available online and at a public meeting open to all interested Highgrove residents. This effort is appropriate and necessary since there is no current forum to discuss such issues in the Highgrove Community. Part of the summary of contracts and agreements should explain the effective date and cost of the current chain or agreements between CSA 126 management and the Jurupa Valley Sheriff Station for focused law enforcement coverage.”

A response from Riverside County to the 2017/2018 Grand Jury report is requested by the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper.

Thank you,

R. A. “Barney” Barnett

Editor Highgrove Happenings Newspaper

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The **Grand Jury** report did not appear on the October 28, 2020 Highgrove MAC agenda or on the Jan. 27, 2021 MAC agenda or the March 31, 2021 agenda and I have never received a response to my letter dated September 28, 2020.

In the previous **CSA 126 COMMUNICATION** the Grand Jury report states: **“This effort is appropriate and necessary since there is no current forum to discuss such issues in the Highgrove Community”.**

The Grand Jury’s statement was made because Supervisor Tavaglione had already eliminated the entire Highgrove MAC on April 11, 2017 because the MAC was asking too many questions about where our special assessment money was being spent after the deputy was eliminated. Supervisor Tavaglione eliminated Highgrove’s only voice for 2 ½ years until a new MAC was appointed on Oct. 30, 2019. Read about the elimination of the Highgrove MAC in the May 2017 issue by going to www.highgrovehappenings.net.

The 2- year time limit set by the Grand Jury has expired and the property owners who paid the special parcel tax for the Highgrove Deputy want to know where our **“CSA 126 funds were distributed”**. Written documents state the tax was to be used only for: **“continuing the extended Sheriff and Park and Recreation services”** so if the Sheriff was eliminated 11 years ago and the County still collected the tax, where did the money go & why wasn’t the Sheriff’s position restored after one year? By then there would be enough money in the fund to (Cont. on P. 9)

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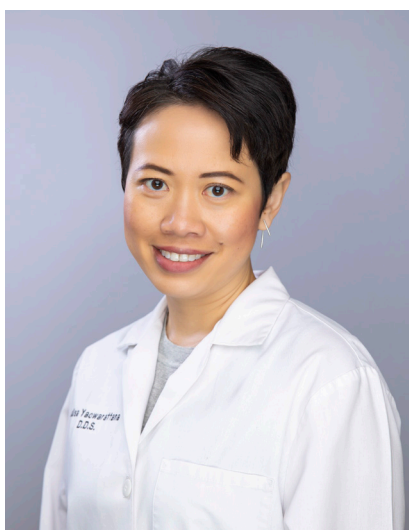
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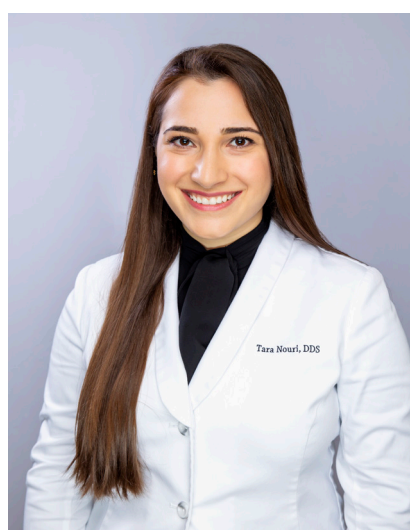


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You Can Quote Me

By Cynthia Williams, DC

"In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt."
~ Margaret Atwoode

We aren't quite ready to plant up here in central Oregon. The temps still drop to below freezing and we can't be sure to be safe from frost until the first of June! We have a short growing season so many gardeners start theirs in greenhouses and in pots under plant lights. I'm an apartment dweller with a north facing window- excellent during the summer. So I have some pots with a few herbs, ivy, and a Christmas cactus that is blooming again now and it has stunning fuchsia flowers.

Easter is around the corner and the stores are filled with eggs ready to be boiled and

decorated. For years we've used food coloring but I'd like to share an alternate method to color your eggs. This method is a time saver and healthier too.

Many foods and herbs can be used for dying. For years I've very successfully used tea, turmeric, and onion skins to dye fabrics. You can apply the same process to eggs. The greatest convenience is being able to cook and dye the eggs at the same time. The method is simple.

Wipe down the raw eggs with a cloth dipped into vinegar. Place a single layer of eggs in a sauce pan and fill with water until it is at least one inch over the eggs. Add 2 tablespoons of vinegar for each quart of water. Slowly bring the eggs to a boil, remove from heat and cover the pan for 10 minutes. Remove eggs from water and rinse with cold water and gently dry each egg.

Add your chosen fruit or

vegetable, herbs, or skins to the pot. Add at least one quart of water. You can use up to 4 cups of food per quart of water.

Bring the pot to a boil, lower the heat, and simmer for 20 minutes. Remove eggs with a slotted spoon and place on towels to dry. For deeper shades, strain the mixture saving the liquid, add the eggs to the liquid and refrigerate them over night.

For PINK shades: use raw beets or cranberries, ORANGE: use yellow onion skins: DEEP YELLOW: use turmeric: PALE GREEN: use spinach leaves BLUE: use blueberries or purple cabbage leaves: For BEIGE or BROWN: use strong brewed tea or coffee instead of water. If your eggs look dull, rub them with a little vegetable oil.

Be sure to refrigerate your dyed eggs until you use them. Of course, if there are cracks and the dye seeps in, since it's food

dye, there's no problem.

An alternate method is to cook your foods you're using as dye with the 2 tablespoons of vinegar to each quart of water. Cool the dying liquid and add already boiled hard-cooked eggs and refrigerate overnight.

Experiment with other food-ground cumin, carrot tops, Yellow Delicious apple peels. You can dye out of the box and use squid ink! Your eggs will turn out anywhere from gray to black.

For extra embellishment layer fern like leaves over your eggs using a thin white thread to hold them down. The leaves will create a pretty pattern on the eggs.

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Meet Rufus, an inside cat that likes to go outside!

For the past few weeks I have been discovering dead mice outside my back door. I finally realized our cat was going outside thru the doggie door, catching mice and placing them outside the door for our approval. So far he has left 6 dead mice in the same spot and we appreciate his hunting efforts. Years ago when they removed 40 acres of the orange grove by the school we had an invasion of mice and some of them got into our house. Maybe this is related to the recent grading of the Springbrook Estates that have sent these mice running.



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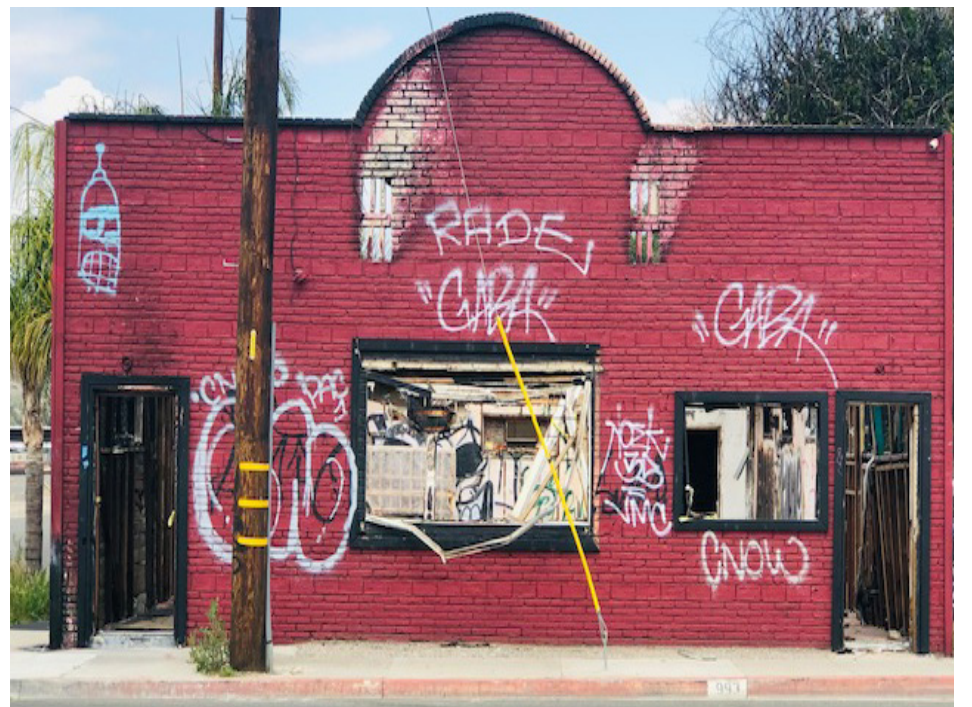

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continue to finance our own deputy. The standard ratio for community Sheriff coverage has been one deputy per 1,000 residents. And the ballot that was approved by the Highgrove property owners in 1992 added a deputy **in addition to the one we were entitled to** like other taxpayers. It was in addition to and not instead of, and we agreed to pay extra for an extra deputy assigned exclusively to Highgrove!

Two ballots approved the special tax in 1992 and 1997 but our Sheriff's position was eliminated without another ballot or even notifying the voters. The county doesn't like me exposing them but I am concerned for all Highgrove's residents because the 2017/2018 Grand Jury report is being ignored.

Check your property tax bill across from CSA126 and it will tell you how much you are required to pay for our own Deputy Sheriff that was eliminated eleven years ago on Dec. 30, 2009!

Eyesore Since Oct. 29, 2019



On March 3, 2021 I went to the Riverside County Administration building and talked to Bob Magee, Director of Code Enforcement, about this unsightly building that burned down almost a year and a half ago on Oct. 29, 2019. The next day I received a letter from Jim Palmer, Senior Code Enforcement Officer who stated **"I am working on the demolition of the burned structure on Center Street."** This building needs to come down now! It is an embarrassment to our thriving community and it is located on our main street.



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Please take the Highgrove survey!

How long have you lived in Highgrove?

Number of years

Do you live in the original part of Highgrove?

Yes No

If you live in the new homes what part do you live in?

Spring Mountain Ranch

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Lennar

Do you receive the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper?

Yes

No

Do you get your local information from the Highgrove Happenings or from Supervisor Spiegel's website?

Highgrove Happenings

Supervisor Spiegel's website

Have you ever visited the Highgrove Happenings website to look at any of the 12 years of past issues that are on-line?

Yes Website: www.highgrovewhappenings.net

No

Do you believe application forms for the two vacancies on the Highgrove MAC should only be available on Supervisor Spiegel's website or should they be printed in the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper that goes to every house in Highgrove?

Highgrove Happenings Newspaper

Only in Supervisor Spiegel's website

Both

Do you want the Highgrove Happenings to continue?

Yes

No

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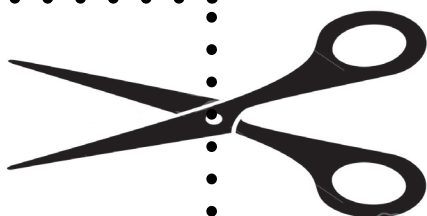
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Results of Highgrove Survey

Time in Highgrove from 81 years to present

67% original part/33% from new homes

100% said they received the Highgrove paper

100% said they receive community information from the Highgrove Happenings.

67% have visited the Highgrove Happenings web site.

33% said they have not.

67% want application forms for the Highgrove MAC printed in the Highgrove paper.

33% want MAC application forms in both the Highgrove Happenings paper and Supervisor Spiegel's web site.

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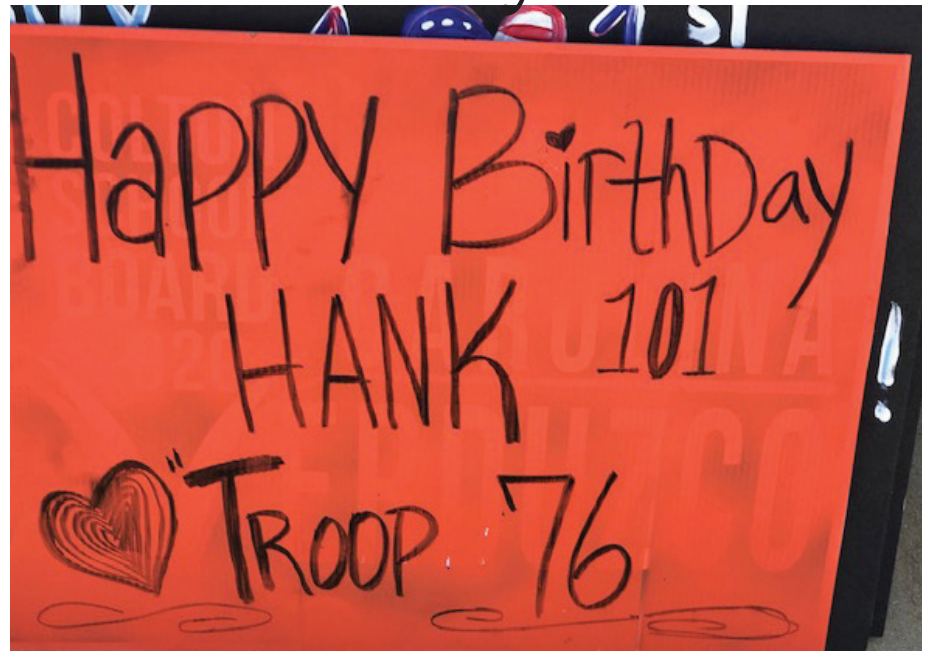
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Grand Terrace resident turns 101 years old!



Toshiro Henry Kanbara was born in Oakdale, California on March 29, 1920. After graduating from La Puente High School right after Pearl Harbor, he enlisted into the Army and served in Indiana, Mississippi, Missouri, France, and Italy from December 1941 until November 1945. He was sent to Italy and within the first month he was wounded and sent to the 107th evacuation hospital for several months. After recovering, he was shipped to Boyle, France to rescue a Texas Battalion that was surrounded by Germans. His group lost several of their own men while rescuing the Battalion. He was honored with several metals for his service

including a Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal, a Purple Heart, a Distinguished Unit Citation, and he was also honored with the Japanese/American Congressional Gold Medal and the Legion of Honour from the French Government. In 1945 he went to Hart Mountain Camp where he met his wife Kikue and they had two children, Sharon and Bryan. He became a gardner until age 68 when he retired and moved to Grand Terrace. Grand Terrace Mayor Darcy McNaboe presented "Hank" with a Certificate of Recognition from the City of Grand Terrace and the Blue Mountain Assisted living facility and girl Scout troop 76 hosted a birthday celebration including a drive by car show and an afternoon luncheon was held in his honor.



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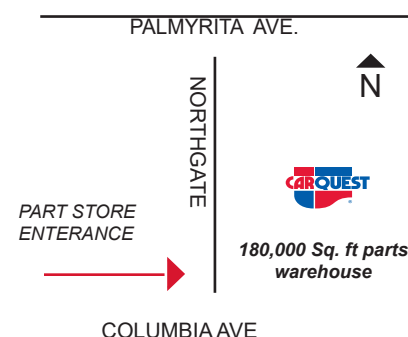
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