



HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS



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(FREE) Local News for the Highgrove Area **August 2015**

Citrus Label collectors tour Highgrove packing house



On June 20, 2015 the "Citrus Label Society" led by their president Tom Spellman, hosted a meeting at the United Methodist Church in Highgrove to display, trade, and sell citrus labels that are collectables that used to appear on the ends of the orange boxes and citrus boxes. After the meeting at the church a tour of the last packing house in Highgrove was given to the group by Alan Washburn of Citrus Co-Op who now owns the former Brown Estate Packing House.

Denis Kidd member of the Highgrove MAC and long-time local resident is an avid collector of citrus labels. Denis is responsible for the

display along the walls of the Norton Younglove Community Center in Highgrove that has copies of 92 different brands of fruit labels that were packed by former packing houses in Highgrove when our area flourished with orange trees, grapefruit trees and packing houses to process the fruit. Denis is also to be thanked for his contribution to the ceramic Highgrove labels that line the walkway along the front of the Highgrove Library. Take a look at these two locations and thank Denis for his contribution in preserving something that is so significant to our historic past.

The Brown Estate packing house

became the Citrus Co-Op in Feb. 2001 and is the last of several packing houses in Highgrove. They process fruit from locations all over California including fruit from groves around Porterville and Delano (50 miles N. of Bakersfield) that is trucked into Highgrove to the packing house for processing. The fruit is graded, processed, boxed and shipped to many places including China, Japan and Malasia. Alan Washburn told me that one of the biggest growers of grapefruit is in China.

We thank Alan for taking the time to give us a tour of their facility.

My first job many years ago was

repairing wood orange boxes in the back of this packing house when it was Brown Estate. And in High School I smudged the orange grove directly across the street in Howard Hall's former orange grove that is now being processed to build single family homes on property owned by the Bixby Land Company. Then in 2001 Ardie and I made a music video of our Highgrove Song that shows the orange trees being removed from the 40 acres across the street and the ladies grading the fruit inside the packing house.

Music videos are available for \$10.00 and CD are only \$3.00.

Details on page 3.

Highgrove MAC calls for Independent Audit of Annual Parcel fees!

At the last monthly meeting of the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council on July 15, 2015 there was additional discussion of why the new residents of Spring Mountain Ranch will not be paying the annual fee of \$120.00 per parcel that has been in place for over 18 years that has been used for Sheriff protection and landscaping since it was passed by 75.8 % of the voters back in 1997.

At our Feb. 18, 2015 meeting, Bill Brown, Riverside County EDA Development Manager/ Community Services Division, announced that the new residents in Spring Mountain Ranch will not be paying the \$120.00 annual fee. An article on this subject was printed in the July 2015 issue of the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper. To review this article on-line go to: [www.](http://www.highgrovehappenings.net)

[highgrovehappenings.net](http://www.highgrovehappenings.net), latest issue, and click on July 2015.

The afternoon before our MAC meeting on July 15, 2015 I received the following notice from Supervisor Tavaglione's office stating that county representative Jason Farin would not be able to attend our July meeting. Here is a portion of the e-mail I received in regard to the parcel fees:

"What will the 2nd district do going forward? Although this was agreed upon under prior administration, the 2nd District Office will be ensuring that all new developments in Highgrove will pay the parcel fee. John Field is meeting with Bixby this Thursday (7/16) and will make it clear of the annual parcel fee".

On the day after the Highgrove MAC meeting, Thursday July 16,

2015 I called Supervisor Tavaglione's office to try and get a meeting with him and left a message that it was very important! I wanted to discuss the request from the MAC for an independent audit of our funds from 2008 to present relating to the annual \$120.00 fee before we went to print. The independent audit should show all income and expenses related to the annual \$120.00 fee collected that is shown on the property tax bills identified as CSA 126E and this audit should include detailed expenses related to the 2009 Highgrove Day. I called again on Friday and on the following Monday. Then on Tuesday I received a call from Liliana Allin, who does Supervisor Tavaglione's scheduling, saying I could meet with him on August 5, 2015 which is after we go to print with this issue. I

wanted to meet with him before we went to print but he was not available. We understand he has a very large territory and a tight schedule but exempting the Spring Mountain Ranch parcel fees has been our concern since the Feb. 18, 2015 MAC meeting over 5 months ago.

The MAC feels that all parcels within our boundaries between the Riverside/San Bernardino County line and the Riverside City limits are subject to the annual parcel fee. This includes residential parcels, business parcels or vacant land. This area is within the un-incorporated part of Riverside County formerly known as CSA 126 or Highgrove even before we became a Municipal Advisory Council. At our meeting on July 15, 2015, Tony Mize, developer of the Highgrove Blossom

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Save the Date

September 4th 8 AM - 10 AM: "Early Flu-shot Sign ups" for Seniors. Hosted by Ride Aid Wellness Ambassador Pam Hanson 951-686-2203. Please bring your insurance cards with you, assistance with forms will be provided.

September 18th 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM: Flu Shots for Seniors Hosted by Ride Aid Wellness Ambassador Pam Hanson 951-686-2203.

September 8th: Riverside Single Swingers SquareDance Club 2015/2016 Square & Line Dance Classes to begin. 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

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Shots given on September 18th 7:30 am-9:00am

Please bring your insurance cards with you

*Assistance with forms will be provided.

Questions? Please feel free to contact your knowledgeable Wellness Ambassador, Pam Hanson at 951 686-4504.

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Riverside County Planning Commission approves housing on Bixby Land in Highgrove

On July 29, 2015 the Riverside County Planning Commission approved the plan to change the zoning on the 65.2 acre property owned in Highgrove by the Bixby Land Company from (I-P) Industrial Park to (CD:MDR) Medium Density Residential.

The Bixby property is the vacant land on both sides of Spring St. south of Center St. and north of the arroyo and between Garfield Ave. by the school and the abandoned railroad track owned by the Union Pacific Railroad.

The Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council, Supervisor Tavaglione, and representatives from Bixby Land Co. all agree that the previous zoning (I-P) for an Industrial Park would be in-appropriate for Highgrove because it would divide the community of Highgrove into two sections.

The plan that was approved includes 200 residential lots with a minimum lot size of 7,200 sq. ft., three water quality basins, two park sites and 11 open space lots.

More information will be printed when it becomes available.

HIGHGROVE SHERIFF REPORT



Part 1 crimes in Highgrove dropped sharply during this reporting period, with two Part 1 crimes occurring during this period as opposed to six Part 1 crimes occurring during the previous two weeks, a 66.7% decrease. Zero violent crimes, to include Homicide, Rape, Robbery and Aggravated Assault were reported during this period, a drop of 100% from the previous two weeks (three violent crimes reported). Reported property crimes dropped from three incidents to two during this two week reporting period, and both property crimes were burglaries. Overall, Highgrove currently shows a 11.0% decrease in Part 1 crimes for 2015 when compared to the same time period of 2014. As always, if there is anything else I can do for you, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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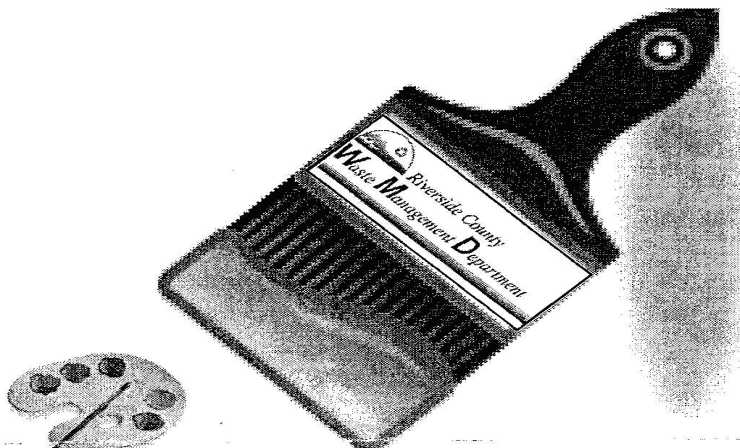
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(A minimal transaction fees will be applied)



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Widening of Palmyrita Ave. completed Before



After



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Apartments stated that each one of his 89 units is paying the Highgrove parcel fee. And Mike Severson from Bixby Land Co. called me and came to my house on July 16, 2015 and said that the 200 new homes in Highgrove planned by the Bixby Land Company will also be paying the \$120.00 annual parcel assessment.

The MAC has received additional information that another developer outside the Spring Mountain Ranch properties is planning on building new homes within our boundaries but the developer has not been to our MAC meetings to present his project to the MAC or to the local Highgrove residents.

I sent an e-mail to Supervisor Tavaglione stating that if the 1,409

parcels in Spring Mountain Ranch do not have to pay the parcel assessment then it could set a precedent for any other new developments to also claim that they should also be exempt from the fees.

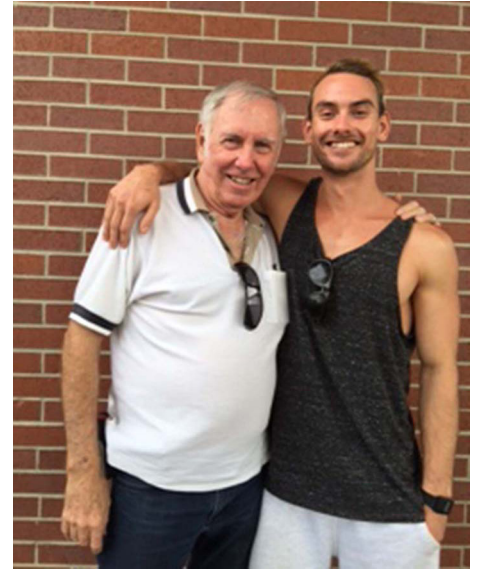
This issue needs to be resolved as soon as possible because everyone within our boundaries has been paying this fee for 18 years. The former large parcels in Spring Mountain Ranch have been divided into smaller parcels and sold as individual properties for new homes. And each one of these new parcels will have an Assessment Number for the Fiscal Year 2015/2016.

The County tax bills for \$120.00 should be sent to all parcels within the **CSA 126E** boundaries and not just the old part of Highgrove!

Iowa Re-visited via Denver

On our way to Iowa we flew into Denver and got a Motel by the airport. Our Grandson Josh Barnett lives about 1 hour from the airport and he drove to the motel where we visited and took him out to dinner. We are proud of him and he loves living in the Denver area. He is a fine young man who arrived with flowers in hand!

When we arrived in Orange City, Iowa we stayed with Mark and Lynette Schuller at their beautiful 10 acre property that is within the city limits of Orange City. When they come to Highgrove they stay with us but we are getting the best deal because their place is so beautiful. The photo below is the driveway to their house and the bottom photo shows some of his 17 garage spaces. He rents out some of them to his neighbors.



Grandpa and Josh in Denver, Colo.

Mark is very proud of his lawn and mows it once a week. When needed, he pulls a little weed sprayer behind his mower. It's beautiful and I call it Mark Park! (see P. 8)



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Information presented to Riverside County Planning Department

I presented my following suggestions to the Riverside County Planning Department on April 2, 2015 and to Peter Lange, County Planner on July 15, 2015. These are my personal suggestions regarding improvements needed to the Highgrove area.

1. SHOPPING CENTER: Highgrove needs retail services of all kinds. There are currently 19 acres of vacant land owned by Washburn Co. on the north side of Center St. and 40 acres of vacant land across the street on the south side of Center Street that could be used for retail stores. Also the N/E corner of Center and Mt. Vernon is empty that could be used but there should be property set aside and designated for retail due to the growth potential of the Highgrove area that has over 1,500 acres of vacant land for future homes and/or businesses.

2. PARK: The Highgrove Community Park is also used for "Highgrove Day" that includes a car show. This year (2015) is our 30th annual event since our Centennial in 1986. The new park being planned in Spring Mountain Ranch or a future park should include ample area to enable larger community events and sports facilities or a car show.

3. METROLINK STATION: For over 13 years surrounding communities on both sides of the county line have ask for a Metrolink stop using the existing commuter trains that go between the two counties. The Marlborough Ave. station one mile south of the requested Highgrove Metrolink station will not take commuters between the counties but the Highgrove location will serve both counties. The Riverside County Transportation Commission owns both properties

(the property at Highgrove and the property at Marlborough Ave.), that are only one mile apart.

Congressman Takano believes both stations are needed because they have different destinations.

Details are available on: www.highgrovehappenings.net that include a map, Supporting Docs, 8 years of comments, costs, and other information too numerous to mention in this item.

4. PIGEON PASS CORRIDOR: If the Pigeon Pass Corridor is ever connected between Moreno Valley and Highgrove, the route of preference should be Palmyrita Ave. which is wider that will take traffic through industrial buildings and warehouses instead of through the historical part of Highgrove along Center Street.

5. HISTORICAL: Highgrove still has standing structures that include a former Post Office, Bank, and a Fire Station but the former structure of the old hotel is gone. The Highgrove Methodist Church was built in 1890 and should be protected. I have a list of the historically significant structures in Highgrove.

6. NEW NORTH/SOUTH ROAD: By extending Michigan Ave. southward from Spring St across the vacant field and connecting to Palmyrita Court (approximately 1/4 mile) this short road would enable vehicles to go between Barton Road in Grand Terrace southward through Highgrove into the city limits of Riverside and connect to Columbia Ave. where there is an overpass over the BNSF railroad. One short road through the vacant property formerly known as Springbrook Estates needs to be built while this property is still vacant.

This short connection would benefit

north/south traffic in both counties because it would result in Michigan Ave. being a 2 mile straight road from Grand Terrace in San Bernardino County, through Highgrove, and into Riverside in Riverside County.

7. TRAIL SYSTEM: The Union Pacific railroad has abandoned the track between the 1-215 freeway and Marlborough Ave. and could possibly be used for a trail between Grand Terrace, through Highgrove and into Riverside. There is a 12 foot diameter corrugated pipe under the access road just north of Citrus St. on the east side of the BNSF main line that was buried and sealed for future use as a trail system. Photos are available if needed.

8. HIGHGROVE MAC: Supervisor Marion Ashley established a policy that any major changes to Highgrove should be presented to the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council first before going to the Riverside County Board of Supervisors or Planning Department.

9. SEWERS: There is an agreement to implement a sewer system for all of the Highgrove area. This agreement will prevent Highgrove from being the only community on septic tanks while Grand Terrace to the north and Riverside to the south both have sewer systems. The long term sewer agreement was made during Supervisor Ashley's jurisdiction that enabled the Spring Mountain Ranch homes to be connected to the Riverside City sewer system. The homes in Spring Mountain Ranch are now under construction that will add 1,409 new homes to the Highgrove area that will have sewer connections to the city of Riverside. Spring Moun-

tain Ranch is only one development and there are many more acres of vacant land owned by other developers for future use.

10. SHERIFF PROTECTION: In 1991 Highgrove was the first unincorporated community in the county to contract with the Riverside County Sheriff for its own designated Sheriff Deputy. Each parcel within the boundaries of CSA 126 (Highgrove) has been assessed \$120.00 per year for the additional Sheriff protection. Unfortunately, no cost of living (COLA) was built into the original system and the community no longer can afford a deputy assigned exclusively to Highgrove but the assessment still appears on the property tax bill. Proposition 47 that reduced some felonies to misdemeanors that recently passed allows for criminals to be released due to overcrowding of jails to make room for the more serious offenders. Now Highgrove is experiencing more crime and our dedicated Sheriff Deputy has been replaced with a deputy shared with Home Gardens near Corona. The Sheriff Dept. reports that Highgrove has 2417 Sheriff protection but residents are concerned about the rise in crime in Highgrove.

11. OPEN SPACE: Open space is abundant in the foothills surrounding Spring Mountain Ranch and in the Springbrook arroyo. These and other locations should be protected instead of allowing over development.

12. WAREHOUSES: Developers have tried to build warehouses on the 40 acres right

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We celebrated the 4th of July for three days in Lake Okoboji, Iowa!



Arnold's Park is on the shore of Lake Okoboji, Iowa and since 1930 has been a giant park with a roller coaster and many amusement rides where people celebrated the 4th of July. We had a really great time all 3 days!



This photo is just part of the hundreds of people who just wanted to party! The park was filled with people and the lake was filled with boats!



Austin and Grandma at the guitar.



Grandpa took him to his local park.

We celebrated the 3rd of July watching fireworks from a friend's pontoon boat and on July 4th we went to Arnold's Park in Lake Okoboji then returned on July 5th to take our grandson on the amusement rides.



Boats of all sizes and kinds docked and watched from the shore while many others sat in the middle of the lake to watch the overhead fireworks. After the sun went down the lake was dotted with hundreds of boat lights.



Kelli, Ardie's daughter, was watching her son Austin on Wayne's back when I caught Wayne by surprise as they listened to their favorite band "Korey and the Fireflies". Korey is singing on stage with the cowboy hat,



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We spent time with Kelli, Wayne, and Austin who lives in Terrell, Iowa. That's their backyard which is about 1 hour from Orange City, Iowa. In Orange City, Ardie's son Kendall and Lori's children are Paige, Cassidy, Elijah, and Elyse. and across the highway from Kendall is where Ardie's son Kyle and Shelly live whose children are Dalton, Brody, and Kia. Tyler and Kristin have a 16 month old daughter who is our first great granddaughter, Haley. They have a real nice home in Orange City.



This inviting pathway is for walking and bicycle riding in the summer and for skiing and snowmobiles in the winter. What a great place to visit!



Our grandson Brody loves to fish. He's showing off one of his prize catches. He attended school to become a diesel mechanic.



Ardie and our great granddaughter Haley take a break on Kyle's steps.

When we were in Orange City we stayed with Mark and Lynette Schuller. Mark is Ardie's first-cousin and they had plenty of room for us upstairs. (see P. 8) Ardie's sons Kendall and Kyle live across the highway from each other and they each have large families but they are only a short distance away. We were able to see all of Ardie's side of the family and the friends she grew up with in Orange City, Iowa.

Orange City is a Dutch community of about 6,000 people but it has nothing to do with oranges. It was first called Holland but later renamed in honor of Dutch Royalty, William of Orange. Orange City was founded in 1870 by settlers from Pella, Iowa and is best known for its annual 3 day Tulip Festival every May. Many of the buildings have Dutch architectural facades, the grass is green, and you never see any graffiti anywhere!



When we visited the 1857 Gardner family cabin near Lake Okoboji, Iowa, Ardie just had to knock to see if anyone was home but there was no answer! (No, this is not where Ardie was born!)



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Mark is shown on his John Deere lawnmower with his constant companion “Sophie” who doesn’t ride on the lawnmower when it is running. These two pals are inseperable and he takes very good care of her!



The mower in front was mine to ride and is called “The Tank”. My job was to mow behind the house where there is nothing to run over. One year I ran over a small post with little wires but the wires were already disconnected.



Life on the Farm!

We went to Henry Lensink’s farm where he and his son were getting ready to load the sprayer to spray the corn fields in the area.



The chemicals are mixed on the flatbed of the Peterbilt and transferred to the sprayer with a hose. The arms of the sprayer extend out twice to spray.



The corn was about 6 ft. high when we were there but once it is ready to be harvested this is where the corn is stored until it is sold.




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Elija and Elyse sat still long enough for this photo but it didn't last long!



L-R: Haley, Kristian, Tyler, and Grandma/Greatgrandma, Ardie.



Kyle's daughter Kia is holding their family dog "Tank" that always wanted to jump up on everyone. Across the highway, Kendall's dog "Diggy" has his area off of the kitchen but likes the attention too.



Kendall and Lori's 2 youngest kids Elija and Elyse wanted to go for a walk but it was hard to walk with them riding on my feet. In the background is our granddaughter Paige but Cassidy is not in this picture.



Two more of our granddaughters Cassidy age 14 and Paige age 17 both attend Unity Christian High School. Both girls have part time jobs. Cassidy works at Landsmeer Ridge Retirement Community and Paige works at Sanford Hospital and Prairie Ridge Nursing home, both in Orange City.



Dalton, our grandson proudly holds his niece (our greatgranddaughter) before his prom. He wanted to take Haley as his date but she couldn't find a gown in time!

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Information to Riverside County Planning Department Cont. from P. 5

12. WAREHOUSES: in the middle of Highgrove on property owned by Bixby Land Co. but the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council, Supervisor Tavaglione, and Bixby Land Co. all agree that warehouses are not wanted or needed that would divide the Highgrove community right down the middle. Many large existing warehouses on the south side of the arroyo, that are in the city of Riverside, are vacant and there is still room for more large warehouses in Riverside without encroaching on the vacant land that is right in the middle of High grove. The Bixby property should be houses or a portion along Center St. should be used for a retail shopping center. This 40 acre property is still vacant.

13. HIGHGROVE IDENTITY: Highgrove has three entry monuments at the entrances to the community. One is at the northbound exit of the 1-215 freeway at Center St., one at the entrance on Iowa Ave. for southbound traffic and one at the entrance for northbound traffic on Iowa Avenue. There are street signs in the older part of Highgrove that have the Highgrove logo at the top and the new street signs in the Spring Mountain Ranch also have the Highgrove logo at the top.

14. NEW EAST/WEST ROAD: By extending Spring St. westward at Transit Ave. and connecting to Citrus St. at the base of the Iowa Ave overpass, This short road would be in direct alignment for the existing and future residents in Spring

Mountain Ranch to proceed down Spring St. into the Highgrove Metrolink station site, park their vehicles, and get on the existing commuter trains in both directions. This new road would also serve as an alternate route when Center St. and/or Main St. are blocked by freight trains. Vehicles could use this new short road to get to the new Iowa overpass in case of a derailment like the one that blocked Main St. and Center St. for 18 hours on Aug. 6, 2006 or when Center St was blocked due to a derailment on May 16, 2006.

15. QUIET ZONE: Highgrove and Grand Terrace need a “NO Whistling” or quiet zone at the Main St. and Center St. railroad crossings. If these 2 crossings had dual gates with a quiet zone, there would be no whistling between Valley Blvd. in Colton and Palmyrita Ave. in Riverside. This distance is 4 1/2 miles where the train whistle would only be sounded in case of emergency.

16. FUTURE OVERPASS: Item 14 would delay the need for an overpass at Main St. or Center St. but if future traffic warrants a new overpass it should be on Main St. which is the county line. The cost could be shared by both counties. Center St. has historic buildings such as the Bank, Fire Station, and Church that need to be protected. R. A. “Barney” Barnett

The previous 16 suggestions were also presented to the Riverside County Planning Commission at their meeting in Riverside on July 29, 2015.

Northwestern College



Orange City, Iowa is the home of Northwestern College that has a beautifully renovated campus. The building at the end of the picture is Zwemer Hall that was originally built in 1894 and now houses the library, chapel and classrooms. Today the buildings on campus are offices that serve students, such as admissions, financial aid, the business office, and the registrar. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and was re-dedicated in 1997 following a complete restoration and renovation.

Tractor pull Rock Valley, Iowa



Mark and I went to a tractor pull and this tractor had 3 blown engines, one on each side and one in the middle. It was really loud! As a Chevy man I had to root for Ford pick up trucks because I wanted a ride home!

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Phil's Philosophy

By Phil Turner

Insurance Poor?

I'm sure you've heard the term... Insurance poor. Recently, I've been thinking of all the insurance we pay, all of our lives, seemingly covering every conceivable negative outcome.

We cannot legally drive a car without liability insurance. Additionally, we get insurance for uninsured drivers, personal injury, comprehensive and collision. With the purchase of a car, we can also purchase an extended warranty, which is insurance that the car will be repaired if we have a break down. Many of us carry a AAA card to insure that it will be towed to that dealer or garage, where we have an extended warranty.

Today we are also required to have health insurance. With ObamaCare we can be fined through the IRS not having coverage. Within health coverage there are a myriad of different plans and levels. Within healthcare there is dental care, vision, and hearing coverage.

If you are employed there is unemployment insurance, and disability insurance that is, by law taken out of your paycheck. Speaking of taken out of your paycheck... Social Security and Medicare comes out of your paycheck, whether you like it or not.

If you own a house, there is homeowners insurance, fire, flood, and earthquake insurance. If you are a renter, there is renters insurance.

We have life insurance, with a dizzying number of variations including, term, whole life, and annuity.

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You can buy insurance that covers you if you need an attorney. This is particularly useful if you are a bank robber, or a serial marriage enthusiast.

Virtually every career path has a specific insurance. If you are a physician, teacher, attorney, engineer, grocer, or mechanic you can get coverage to offset lawsuits pertaining to your job.

For every product we buy, we can purchase an extended warranty to have it repaired or replaced. If you have a computer, you can buy an anti-virus program that insures that malware will not harm your computer.

I'm very sure that as you read this, you are thinking of many other types of insurance that I didn't mention, or possibly have never heard of.

All of this raises a few questions... Are we paying so much money out each month insuring that no matter what, we are covered, that we have little to spend on little things like food, clothing, and a roof over our head? Remember the movies we have seen that depict shop owners having to pay "protection" to the bad guys, or unspecified problems will assuredly come their way. This sounds like insurance.

How much money have we spent in a lifetime to insure that we won't have to pay out for this or that major outlay? I'm now 68 years old. It would be scary to find out what I've put out over all these years.

What if there was a central place, I'll call it "The Bank of Uncertainty", where you can pay into a fund that will pay out for any and every reason, for any and every person. A person that tends to over use this fund will either be dropped, or be required to pay much more into it.

No, I guess not. This too is sounding suspiciously like insurance.

GEOLOGICAL RAMBLES AND RUMBLES

by Robert Fakundiny

State Geologist Emeritus, New York State

More on the Movie San Andreas, and What to Do During a Large Earthquake

As a follow-up to last month's review of errors in the movie San Andreas, here is some information about earthquakes and some suggestions on how to prepare yourselves for the next "big one." The five points listed below were suggested in an e-mail "Talking Points and Key Messages for San Andreas (The Movie)," from Dr. John G. Parrish, State Geologist of California.

1. Learn the simple actions we all should do to be prepared for a quake and to survive and recover, as described in the next section. Also visit www.earthquakecountry.org/sevensteps for information on preparedness and survival.

2. Faults do not split apart during earthquakes as seen in the movie; rather, the two sides of the fault slide past each other. Crevices a few feet wide and a few feet deep, and for short distances along the fault, may form during an earthquake; these reflect bends or slumps along the fault and may occur in regions with very strong shaking.

3. The faults in Nevada have no relation to the San Andreas fault, although earthquakes as large as magnitude 7+ occurred in central Nevada in the 20th century.

4. The strength of ground shaking and the widespread collapse of buildings in the movie are exaggerated and unrealistic. Modern building codes are designed to prevent buildings from collapsing during an earthquake. Many older buildings that were built before modern building codes were established might collapse during pro-

longed, severe ground movement, however.

5. The U.S. Geological Survey and other agencies are developing several programs to protect people and property in the event of a major earthquake. These include the Earthquake Early Warning program, Earthquake Rupture Forecasts, and Probabilistic Seismic Hazard Assessments. See earthquake.usgs.gov.

The following advice for actions to take before, during, and after an earthquake is paraphrased from publications by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)2

BEFORE: PREPARE

- Before an earthquake occurs, secure heavy items that could fall and cause injuries (such as bookshelves, mirrors, light fixtures).

- Look around areas in your home where you spend time, and identify safe places near each, such as under a sturdy piece of furniture or against an interior wall.

- Practice how to "Drop, Cover, and Hold On" as explained below. You may have only a few seconds to protect yourself. Also practice the drill described at www.ShakeOut.org. To react quickly, you must practice often.

- When the shaking starts, drop to the ground, cover your head and neck with your arms, and if a safer place is nearby, crawl to it and hold on.

- Store critical supplies (e.g., water, medications) and documents in a safe place that will be easily accessible if a quake occurs. Also have a disaster kit in your car; include food, water, and an emergency supply kit containing such items as blankets, first-aid items, flares, and a battery-operated radio.

- Plan how you will communicate with family members.

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California Dreaming

by Dr. Cynthia Williams

We are in the midst of Summer. The usual summer activities are going on here and they are no different than in Highgrove. Lots of picnics, camping, outdoor concerts and sunshine. There are the challenges too- fires, excessive heat, and health risks associated with being outdoors.

I've shared some of the excellent services and experiences I've had here in Bend and my cancer treatment journey; the available services are some of the best in the country. We have leading oncologists, surgeons and other physicians from all over the U.S. They bring a wealth of experience and information that creates a system of continued success. Anyone of those doctors will tell you that preventative measures are the best method for dealing with cancer. Take the proactive steps to avoid getting cancer. Do what you can within your abilities.

What does this have to do with Summer? Melanoma. At the most recent cancer survivor dinner, our guest speaker was a dermatologist who is new to our area and is one of the country's experts on melanoma. He talked to us about the incidence and risks of melanoma skin cancer associated with living in Bend. It turns out, the people living here have a 75% higher risk of developing melanoma skin cancer than the average risk. It has something to do with the lower angle of the sun in these northern latitudes. He diagnoses a new case of melanoma on average once a day in his clinic. One new case a day!

Melanoma is not like other skin

cancers. He described it as presenting like the tip of an iceberg. You can have a tiny spot visible on the skin, easily overlooked, and there will be a large cancerous lesion under the surface. It can have metastasized (spread) before it is ever discovered. Another very strange way it shows can be in the nail bed of the fingers or the toes. It will look like a black streak- almost like it is bruised from an injury; the streak will run from the base of the nail out towards the end of the nail. Melanoma is considered one of the most serious of skin cancers. It is worse than basal cell or squamous cell carcinomas.

This is the kind of skin cancer that can kill you in a relatively short period of time. By the time it is diagnosed, it can be too late to effectively treat for a cure. How to prevent it? Their advice goes against what we all want to do which is bathe in the sun and roast until we are brown as a bean. Dermatologists recommend using sun screen every day not just when we are playing in the sun. He said to use minimum SPF 50 and reapply if swimming or after excessive sweating. He shared stories about patients who have cancer just on their left arm or just one side of their face (from the sun in the driver's side window). He also recommended wearing clothing that is rated SPF 50+ and wear hats and sunglasses.

He told one funny story about a patient he saw when he was stationed in the south. An Irish fel-

low came in for an examination. He was tanned very dark and the doctor made a comment about how he gets a lot of sun. The patient responded that it is his natural skin color. The doctor thought, well, OK. He proceeded with his examination and pulled down the briefs and was presented with a bottom that was as white as snow! He told the patient- you are not naturally this dark. The patient argued saying, "Oh no, that is the color my skin turns during the winter, this (pointing to his arm) is my natural skin color." The doctor just shook his head.

Skin cancer has taken a sharp rise in our country. "Melanoma kills an estimated 9,940 people in the US annually. If melanoma is recognized and treated early, it is almost always curable, but if it is not, the cancer can advance and spread to other parts of the body, where it becomes hard to treat and can be fatal. While it is not the most common of the skin cancers, it causes the most deaths. The American Cancer Society estimates that at present, more than 135,000 new cases of melanoma in the US are diagnosed in a year. In 2015, an estimated 73,870 of these will be invasive melanomas, with about 42,670 in males and 31,200 in women." (Skin Care Foundation)

These are the recommendations from the Skin Cancer Foundation:

- * Seek the shade, especially between 10 AM and 4 PM.
- * Do not burn!
- * Avoid tanning and never use UV tanning beds. (Tanning salons are NOT safe!)
- * Cover up with clothing, including a broad-brimmed hat and UV-blocking sunglasses.
- * Use a broad spectrum (UVA/UVB) sunscreen with an SPF of 15

or higher every day. For extended outdoor activity, use a water-resistant, broad spectrum (UVA/UVB) sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or higher. (The doctor here recommends SPF 50 because people do not apply it correctly and they need the extra protection.)

* Apply 1 ounce (2 tablespoons) of sunscreen to your entire body 30 minutes before going outside. Re-apply every two hours or immediately after swimming or excessive sweating.

* Keep newborns out of the sun. Sunscreens should be used on babies over the age of six months.

* Examine your skin head-to-toe every month (Including between the fingers and the toes and the places "where the sun don't shine").

* See your physician every year for a professional skin exam.

Here is a link to the website for the American Academy of Dermatology. You can see pictures of the types of skin cancers and learn the warning signs for melanoma.

<https://www.aad.org/dermatology-a-to-z/diseases-and-treatments/m---p/melanoma/signs-symptoms>

Enjoy the summer weather. I sure am! I love the sun and the warmth. It is such a short season for us here so I soak up as much as I can. However, sun and warmth doesn't have to include cancer-causing UV rays. Use your hat and visors and slather on my sunscreen. Take away one of the cancer worries and be proactive and follow some preventative measures.

Dr. Williams lived in Highgrove and was a Chiropractor in Grand Terrace who now lives in Oregon.

We thank her for writing articles for the Highgrove Happenings.

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GEOLOGICAL RAMBLES AND RUMBLES from P. 11 (include multiple methods).

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- Learn how to decrease your home's risk from earthquakes using nonstructural or structural mitigation techniques described at www.fema.gov/national-earthquake-hazards-reduction-program.

DURING: SURVIVE

If you are inside a building —

- Stay where you are until the shaking stops. Do not run outside. Do not get in a doorway, as this does not provide protection from falling or flying objects, and you may not be able to remain standing.

- Drop, Cover, Hold On:

- Drop to the ground on your hands and knees to avoid being knocked down or falling.

- Cover your head and neck with your arms to protect yourself from falling debris.

- o If you are in danger from falling objects, and if you can move safely, crawl for additional cover under a sturdy desk or table. If the path is clear, low furniture or a nearby interior wall or corner may provide additional cover.

- o Stay away from glass, windows, outside doors and walls, and anything that could fall, such as light fixtures or furniture.

- Hold On to any sturdy object and stay where you are until the shaking stops.

If taking cover won't be possible —

Identify an inside corner of the room away from windows and objects that could fall on you. Get as low as possible to the floor. People who use wheelchairs or other mobility devices should lock the wheels and remain seated until the shaking stops. Protect your head and neck with your arms or a pillow, a book, or whatever is available.

If you are in bed when you feel the shaking —

Stay there and cover your head

and neck with a pillow. Attempts to move in the dark result in more injuries than remaining in bed because hazards and debris are difficult to see and avoid.

If you are outside when you feel the shaking —

Move away from buildings, streetlights, and utility wires. Once in the open, "Drop, Cover, and Hold On." Stay there until the shaking stops. This might not be possible in an urban area, so you may need to get inside a building to avoid falling debris.

If you are in a moving vehicle when you feel the shaking—

The vehicle should stop as quickly and safely as possible, and occupants should stay in the vehicle. Avoid stopping near or under buildings, trees, overpasses, and utility wires. Proceed cautiously once the earthquake has stopped. Avoid roads, bridges, or ramps that the earthquake may have damaged.

AFTER: RECOVER

- When the shaking stops, look

around. If there is a clear path to safety, leave the building and go to an open space away from damaged areas and structures that could be affected by aftershocks.

- If you are trapped:

- do not move about or kick up dust,

- if you have a cell phone with you, use it to call or text for help,

- tap on a pipe or wall, or use a whistle if you have one, so that rescuers can locate you.

- Once safe, monitor local news reports via radio (battery operated if power is disrupted), TV, social media, and cell phone text alerts for emergency information and instructions.

- Be prepared to "Drop, Cover, and Hold On" in the likely event of aftershocks.

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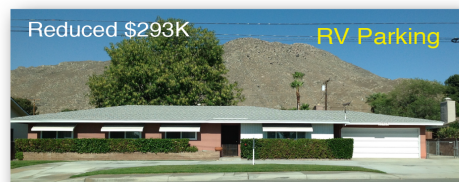


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