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(FREE) Local News for the Highgrove Area

August 2020

Pot Shops still trying to invade Highgrove!



For the third time!

May 19, 2020

July 1, 2020

August 5, 2020

It has happened again! The owners who purchased the building pictured above, on the south east corner of Center St. and Iowa Ave., have been trying to change the rules so they can open another retail Pot Shop in Highgrove and other parts of Riverside County. When “Excel Riverside” purchased the building there was already an ordinance in place to keep 1,000 feet between Pot Shops in Riverside County. But they tried to change the rules and it failed because on May 19, 2020 the Riverside County Board of Supervisors declined changing the distance from 1,000 ft. to **250 ft.** which kept the distance between Pot shops at 1,000 feet. But on July 1, 2020 the owners of “Excel Riverside” re-applied again to the Riverside County Planning

Department with a new request to change the distance between Pot Shops to **290 ft.** instead of the **250** feet they previously requested. Remember, their 250 ft. request failed on May 19, 2020. The only difference between their previous try was they requested **40 ft. more.** Everything else was the same and if it passed it would apply to all of Riverside County. The “Excel Riverside” owners were trying to use Highgrove as a way to get the distance shortened so it would apply to the entire county. If the 290 ft. distance was allowed, the next step is to take it back to the Board of Supervisors again! And what if that effort fails? Will they be back again and request changing the distance to 291 ft. instead of 290 feet?

At the last public Hearing on May 19, 2020, six Highgrove residents sat for 7 hours at the Board of Supervisors meeting with their face masks on until they could oppose reducing the distance to 250 feet. The 2nd time, on July 1, 2020, I used the teleconferencing provision that enabled me to give verbal comments over my home phone during the Public Hearing. But due to 20 speakers who wanted to speak on this subject each speaker was only given 2 minutes instead of 3 minutes. The first Pot Shop in Highgrove named “Artist Tree” is located at 240 Iowa Ave. that was approved by the Board of Supervisors on Dec. 10, 2019 but has not opened yet. But another business named “Excel Riverside” is the cannabis

business that keeps wanting to reduce the distances between Pot Shops from 1,000 ft. to 250 ft. or 290 ft. so they can sell marijuana in Highgrove and the rest of the county. On July 1st, I kept track of the speakers who spoke about shortening the distance and the tally was: **5 FOR and 20 AGAINST.** Then, after over 2 hours of discussions, the concern about “clustering” was raised and on the suggestion of Charissa Leach, Assistant Director of TLMA, this item was postponed until Aug. 5, 2020 by a vote of the Planning Commissioners. Not only does this take up the time of the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors but it also is unfair to members of the (Cont. on P. 3)

Will this former grocery store in Highgrove ever be a grocery store again?



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Hello Community Members,



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, with all programming suspended until further notice. Staff is available by telephone at 951-241-7221 should you have questions Monday through Thursday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Friday 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.



Our Senior Nutrition program is currently offering frozen meals to registered participants age 60 and above only for pick-up on Wednesdays, 11:00 am. To 1:00 PM. We will make all attempts to keep you informed as information becomes available. Stay safe and we look forward to welcoming you back soon!

State of California www.covid19.gov During these uncertain times it is important to receive factual information from reliable sources. Below is a list of trusted agencies.

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Local drive thru food pick up distribution at Family & Kids Foundation on Thursday located at 115 W. Lacadena, Colton. Seniors pick up from 12 pm to 1 pm, all others from 1 pm to 4 pm. \$3 donation, 1 participant per car.



We are a Question & Answer Center, Need assistance completing your Census Questioner?



By Appointment 951-241-7221, the center can assist you with completing your questionnaire and submit to Census Bureau by computer through August 31, 2020

Temperatures at 97 degrees officially activates Norton Younglove Community Center as a "Cool Center" for vulnerable individuals, seniors, the disabled, and others in need of temporary relief from the heat, Cool Centers are provided for and open to the public June 1, 2020 through October 15, 2020. For a list of Cool Center sites visit: capriverside.org or call 951-955-4900.

August 28th from 8 AM to 10 AM: Resources for Seniors provided by Anthem Blue Cross.

Family Service Association's Mission: Building community one family at a time, through compassion, advocacy and comprehensive model services, fostering self-sufficiency and

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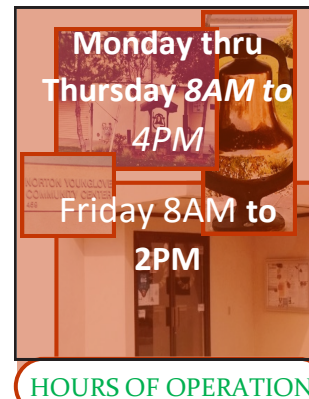
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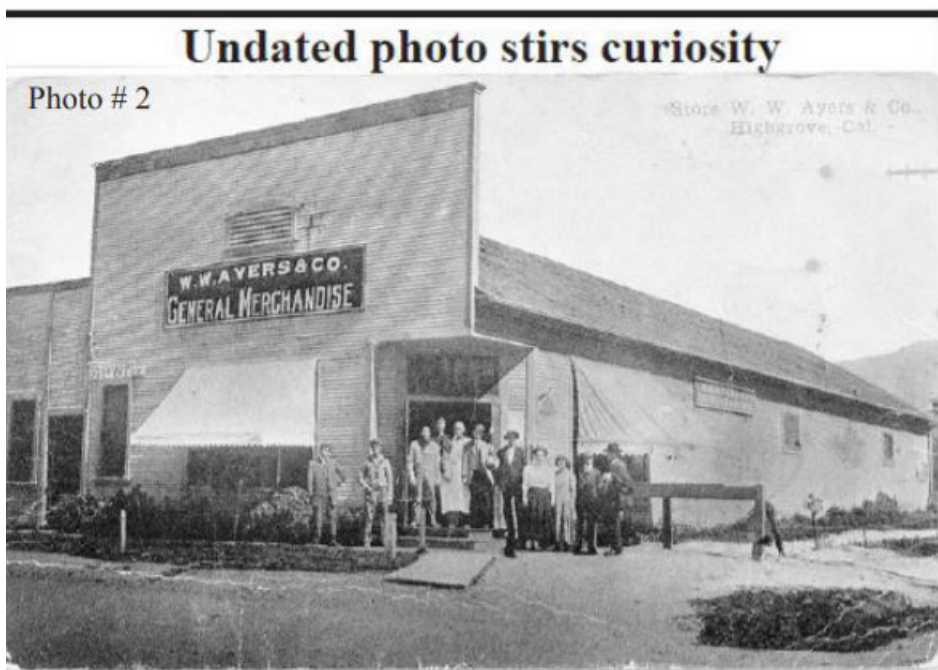


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Refurbished Building squashes hopes for a new grocery store in Highgrove!



During the re-furbishing of this building that is located directly across the street from the Highgrove United Methodist Church, I was hoping that Highgrove would finally get a grocery store like the one that was located here in the 1950's. Unfortunately the owner told me he is refurbishing his building for his own personal use and it will not be available for a grocery store. Below is an old photo of this same building.



This old building was the W. W. Ayers & Co. General Merchandise building from many years ago possibly the 1930's. (Same building below)



Here is a present day view of the same building taken from the same location. I know that there was a business called the Doll House on the west end and a Post Office in the east end of this building in the 50's.



Extensive up-upgrades are being made to this building. The east end of this building, where the men are working, used to be the Highgrove Post Office and the late Toby Timmons was the postmaster. Post office boxes could be rented to the public and the west end of this same building was a grocery store. I am looking for a P. O. Box door for a future museum.

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Pot Shops

public whose testimony was limited to only 2 minutes and requires their physical attendance at the Public Hearing for several hours or requires them to sit on their phone if they want to be heard via teleconferencing. Will the public get tired of responding until the special interest group gets their way? This item should have been voted on the July 1, 2020 meeting instead of being continued to August 5, 2020 because continuing the existing 1,000 ft. ordinance that is already in place would have prevented "clustering" by keeping Pot shops further apart! **The meeting is Aug. 5th at 9:00 am at 4080 Lemon St. in Riverside. Please call Elizabeth Sarabia at (951) 955 7436 for details 24 hours prior to the Aug. 5th meeting if you want to speak from home during the meeting.**

Public Asked to Monitor Planning Commission

Anyone who has a computer can check on up-coming public hearings that Highgrove needs to know about. Type in Riverside County Planning Commission meetings and look for 2020 PC meetings and Public Hearings. The Planning Department and Planning Commission are located on the 12th floor of the Riverside County Administration Building, 4080 Lemon St. in Riverside and their phone number is: (951) 955 3200

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Such as: The Deputy Sheriff we are paying for but do not have. And the 18 year struggle to get a Metrolink station at Highgrove.

Documentation is available upon request and we welcome anyone who wants to challenge any statements in our paper.

Please go to: www.highgrovehappenings.net and click on "Latest Issue" to see articles that go back to July of 2008.

Thank you for your many years of support!

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Defund or Defend Police Funding?

What a difference only one letter can make between these two words! And if you agree with those who want to **Defund** Police Funding: "Who are you going to call: Ghost Busters?" And do you have Ghost Busters emergency number?

It has been heartbreaking to watch our American values being threatened and eliminated on TV by the rioting, looting, fires, and property damage that occurred after the death of George Floyd.

But these "Protests" have given Americans a look into what can happen if something like the wrongful death of George Floyd, is used to hi-jack America's law and order. We have had a front row seat from our living rooms to watch what has been happening in our large cities and I am thankful that we live in a small community instead of a large city.

Defunding the police will result in the elimination of the agencies that are designed specifically to protect us from harm but taking money away from these agencies is not the answer to our social problems.

Instead, we need to support and **Defend** our Police and Sheriff Departments because when you call 911 they will be there to help you!

I recently ran across an old Andy Griffith TV show and during the commercials, I switched to another channel that was showing the rioting and looting that we have seen for the last several weeks.

What a contrast between then and now!

As I switched back and forth I thought about this old show as representing the "Good Old Days" and I wondered what will it be like when our youth looks back on today's current events. Will they be able to look back and describe today's actions as the "Good Old Days"?

New Highgrove Elementary School classrooms-Ready or not?



The new 2 story addition to Highgrove Elementary School seems to almost be ready for students but when will the students be able to enjoy their new classrooms? To learn about 3 options being considered: Home Based, Virtual, and In Person, Please visit: www.riversideunified.org

Crime Stats for HIGHGROVE Crime Stats 6-18 to 7-19-2020



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What happened to 10 ½ years of Highgrove's Tax money?

Follow the money!

At a public hearing on March 12, 1991, the minutes show that Highgrove residents **"voted for the extra police protection, and to expand the CSA 126 to include park and recreation services."** (CSA 126 minutes Feb. 12, 1992)

And in 1992 the Sheriff Dept., Riverside County, and the CSA 126 Advisory Board agreed to a \$10.00 per month parcel property tax for a Sheriff Deputy assigned exclusively to Highgrove. It was agreed that \$7.96 of the monthly fee would go toward Sheriff and \$ 2.04 toward the future Park and Recreation development fund. (CSA 126 minutes dated Feb. 12, 1992)

Ballots were mailed to Highgrove property owners by Riverside County Administration, Highgrove property owners voted and approved the assessment, and \$120.00 was added to Highgrove property tax bills to pay for Highgrove's Deputy Sheriff. The ballot simply stated: **"Continue present level of police protection with no increase of parcel fee"** YES or No

Continue present level of police protection with no increase of parcel fee. YES ☒ NO ☐

Then due to proposition 218 in 1997, Highgrove was required to vote again on the Highgrove Deputy Sheriff's position.

But prior to the ballot being mailed out to the voters, Riverside County Council printed an **"Impartial Analysis"** that stated what would happen if the measure passed. Part of the "Impartial Analysis" states: **"The tax will be retained in the CSA 126 fund to be used only for purposes of continuing Extended Sheriff, and Park & Recreation services and improvements. The tax cannot be increased except for a 2/3 vote of the electorate."**

Here is a copy of the 1997 ballot that was approved by 75.8% of the voters.

MEASURES SUBMITTED TO VOTE OF VOTERS			
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NOTICE: Nothing on the 1997 Ballot included "Landscaping",

Then on April 12, 2016, as Chairman of the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council, I discovered that **"Landscaping"** had been added to the tax bill designation without a vote of the Highgrove property owners. (Ref.: July 2016 issue of Highgrove Happenings Newspaper page 6 dated April 12, 2016) I went to the County Tax collector's and Auditor's offices and found out CSA 126E had been changed to CSA 126 PARK & REC LNDSCPE without a vote. Compare the difference between these two following tax years:

FY July 1, 2014 to FY June 30, 2015: **CSA 126 E** was changed to: FY July 1, 2015 to FY June 30, 2016: **CSA 126, PARK & REC LNDSCPE**

Highgrove's Tax Money

Chairman Barnett also discovered that the new homes in Spring Mountain Ranch were paying exorbitant amounts for the CSA 126 assessment and instead of paying an annual fee of \$120.00 like the original part of Highgrove, the new homes are being required to pay as much as \$2,176.92 for the same \$120.00 the older part of Highgrove is paying.

The Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council meeting scheduled for July 29, 2020 has been postponed.

Attention Spring Mountain Ranch property owners!

Which of these is the most important to you, the World, The United States of America, or Highgrove?

If your answer is the World, I agree this is very important but as individuals we may not be able to do much to change the world. And if you answered the United States of America, I also agree with you that the things we see daily on television lately are threatening the very existence of our government and all of its citizens in large cities that could eventually include small towns such as Highgrove. Things that are happening in both the world and the nation may seem beyond our reach as individuals unless you have participated in a protest lately or you have enough influence to convince your politicians to do exactly what you think is best for our country.

At the end of the list is Highgrove where many of us live our daily lives as we go to and from our jobs until we get back home to turn on the TV and watch what is happening around the world and around our country.

One thing you will not see on TV is anything about Highgrove unless it is something bad enough to qualify for the nightly news. And if it qualifies for the news it will probably be something bad or sensational and we may not want that type of publicity.

The Highgrove Happenings Newspaper has been bringing local news to you for 25 years but you won't get the worldly news or the bad news in your local paper about what is happening in our large cities, our country, or to our government. There is already too much of that on TV.

Our goal is to try to keep you informed about what is happening in Highgrove.

Spring Mountain Ranch:

After \$250 million dollars had been invested in grading and infrastructure in Spring Mountain Ranch before even one house was built, we were apprehensive when this project sat vacant for several

years. But we looked forward to seeing new homes and having new neighbors who would help contribute to the fund for our own Deputy Sheriff.

Riverside County Administration:

But at a MAC meeting on Feb. 18, 2015, CSA 126 Administrator Bill Brown announced that the new homes in Spring Mountain Ranch would not have to pay the CSA 126 assessment!

This caused quite a stir since the 1997 ballot stated "ALL" parcels would be required to pay the CSA 126 assessment and we had counted on income from SMR to help pay for the sheriff.

(Ref.: **Please go to: www.highgrovehappenings.net, click on latest issue and look at page 6 of the August 2016 issue of the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper.**)

Keeping a secret from the Highgrove tax payers!

And at this same meeting on Feb. 18, 2015, Bill Brown knew that the county had already eliminated the Highgrove Sheriff on Dec. 30, 2009 because he was the CSA administrator in 2009. In fact, Bill Brown knew for over 5 years; (all of 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and part of 2015) that the SMR residents were not going to pay for the Highgrove Deputy Sheriff because Highgrove's Sheriff had already been eliminated.

Why wasn't Highgrove told their deputy had been eliminated?

The meeting on Feb. 18, 2015 would have been an excellent opportunity for Bill Brown to come clean and tell the truth to the Highgrove people at a Highgrove MAC meeting that their Highgrove Deputy had been eliminated. So, if Bill Brown knew for over 5 years (and possibly more), why did he tell the Highgrove (Cont. on P. 8)



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Highgrove Community Center and Fire Station was dedicated 24 years ago on Sept. 28, 1996



L-R: J. M. Harris, Riverside County Fire Chief; Brad Hudson, Executive Director Economic Development Agency; Larry D. Smith, Sheriff; Denis Kidd, CSA 126; Louie Mejia, CSA 126; Tom Mullen Supervisor 5th District; Dave Tinker, CSA 126; R. A. Barnett, CSA 126; Norton Younglove, former Riverside County Supervisor who the Norton Younglove Community Center is named after. Thanks to Captain Wesley Day and all of the firemen who have worked out of Highgrove's station 19 during the past 24 years. Station 19 was first on the scene when this structure on the N/E corner of Center and Transit was totally gutted by fire. The owner sold the property and the new owner plans to re-build it for future use but at this time I do not know what that will be.



SMR Cont. from P. 5

property owners that the new homes in SMR would not have to pay for the Sheriff? Bill Brown said nothing about Highgrove losing its deputy!

Then, in April of 2016, I went to the County Tax Collector's and Auditor's offices and also found out that **CSA 126E** had been changed to **CSA 126 PARK & REC LANDSCAPE** without a vote of the Highgrove property owners. (Ref.: Please visit www.highgrovehappenings.net, latest issue and look at page 6 of the July 2016 issue of the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper and scroll down to April 12, 2016.)

The 1997 ballot that we voted on did not include any provision for "LANDSCAPING" so why was landscaping added? Remember, the special assessment was a tax for only the extra Deputy or Park & Recreation maintenance and improvements and if not used for these two specific purposes, the money would be "RETAINED" in the CSA 126 account.

But did any of our sheriff money go for "LANDSCAPING" and was any of our CSA 126 money actually "RETAINED" in our CSA 126 account?

Then, over a year later, after the Feb. 18, 2015 meeting, the county announced at the April 27, 2016 meeting, that Spring Mountain Ranch residents are paying the \$120.00 annual fee".

(Ref.: Answer to question # 6 of 27 questions submitted to Riverside County).

Grand Jury:

When I first discovered that the Sheriff car going by our homes was not the deputy we were paying for, I started asking questions on behalf of every property owner in Highgrove and I called for a Grand Jury investigation. And on Nov. 14, 2017, I testified for 2 hours at a Grand Jury investigation and as a result, the 2017/18 Riverside County Grand Jury Report made recommendations that have still not been adhered to today which in part states: "CSA management provide a one-time public notice

clarifying exactly how the CSA 126 funds are distributed"

The new Highgrove MAC should insist that Riverside County immediately comply with the Grand Jury recommendations!

But why are SMR property owners paying more?

Why do Spring Mountain Ranch's CSA 126 tax bills show \$2,176.92 instead of \$120.00 for the same CSA 126 item on the tax bills from the original part of Highgrove? Residents of Spring Mountain Ranch, D R Horton homes, and Lennar Homes, should be insisting on a breakdown of where every dollar of their CSA 126 assessment is being spent because all of the previous assessments before the new houses were built have been \$120.00 per parcel per year. Property owners in the new houses should look at their property tax bills across from CSA 126 and if it is over \$120.00 you should be talking to the Riverside County Tax

Collector or the Assessors Office, and asking for a written breakdown of "exactly how the CSA 126 funds are distributed" as recommended by the Grand Jury.

All of Highgrove needs to know where their money has gone for the last 10 1/2 years and I encourage every property owner to start asking questions!

I need your help to spread the word on face book, next door, and social media asking people to go to our web site: www.highgrovehappenings.net and read the articles in the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper. While you are on our web site please watch the 13 minute video made at the property owners meeting held at the Eagle Aerie on Jan. 15, 2020.

I have the facts that date back to 1991 but I need your help to resolve this issue that affects us all.

Please give me a call and help me help you because this is your money! I welcome your input and advice!

Thank you,

R. A. "Barney" Barnett

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HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS

Are Refrigerator Magnets Obsolete?

Recently, after having groceries delivered from the Stater Bros. in Grand Terrace, I noticed the light was not coming on when I opened the refrigerator door and sure enough our 20 years old refrigerator had bit the dust!

Our house in Highgrove was built in 1900 and when we moved into it in 1947 the one shown on the right was the type of refrigerator we had at that time..... No magnets here! Then recently, when we bought a new stainless steel refrigerator we had to move the magnets upstairs to another steel refrigerator because the magnets would not stick to the stainless steel.

I liked the refrigerator because for many years I have collected a lot of refrigerator magnets and I enjoyed looking at them to remind me of the places we have been.



1947

After I retired in 2001 we bought a motorhome and a tow car and we had 2 bicycles on the back of the tow car. We then took a 10 week trip that we wrote about in the Highgrove Happenings from our laptop during our trip. We called our trip "Off to See America". We received good response because people related that maybe they could do the same thing when they retired.



Magnets Stick to the old Refrigerators

Fortunately, when our steel refrigerator went out, I had another empty refrigerator upstairs but I had to unload the refrigerator and freezer and make 7 or 8 trips up the steps to get all of the food transferred and after several hours I was able to transfer the magnets to the steel refrigerator upstairs.



But Not to the New Stainless Steel Ones!

Ardie was happy to get them out of the downstairs kitchen and I was happy too because I will still be able to see them upstairs. But what about the refrigerator magnet manufacturers? Will they be going out of business?

What do you think?

Highgrove Happenings is now an on-line newspaper only!

Starting with the April 2020 issue we did not print any newspapers but our newspaper can be seen on-line by going to: www.highgrovehappenings.net and clicking on "Latest Issue".

Reminders can be sent to our readers who supply their e-mail addresses or social media preferences. Tell us how you want to be reminded and we will add you to our contact data base.

We will continue to target the first of the month for our future posting.

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Five Burros Killed at Center St. Offramp!

Wild burros like the ones shown on Spring St. do not have a fear of people and are frequently seen in our neighborhoods and on our streets. Please slow down and watch out for them because they are not watching out for themselves!



From CHP Press release: –On July 21, 2020 at approximately 2:23 AM, a heard of donkeys entered the I-215 Northbound exit from the Center Street off ramp. A truck and two cars collided with five donkeys and all five sustained fatal injuries. One of the drivers involved was transported to Riverside Community Hospital for a complaint of pain.

This is an active investigation and any witnesses who may have observed the incident are encouraged to call the California Highway Patrol, Accident Investigation Unit at (951) 637-8000.

If Trees Could Only Talk!

“This is my space because I was here first”



These two trees in Colton are fighting for the same turf. Do you know where this intersection is located?

Highgrove Happenings trying to help local businesses!

You may have heard this expression lately: *“we are all in this together”*.

Many local businesses have not been able to stay open because they have suffered from a loss of revenue due to the Corona Virus. The Highgrove Happenings has also been impacted by the Corona Virus because our only income is derived from local advertising.

To help local businesses get over the hump, in April and May we gave free advertisements to all of the businesses that advertise with us. All of their advertisements were unchanged but still appeared on line in the April and May issues.

Then, in an effort to retain our advertisers when things get better, in June, July, and August we reduced the advertising rates from the previous rates they had last March.

We are trying to ease the impact on local businesses during these difficult times by helping them keep an online connection with their customers who want and need their services or products.

We hope you understand that we had to go on line in order to survive due to printing costs and delivery costs but we hope we can deliver papers to your home once again if we can get financial assistance or assistance from someone to help deliver papers. We encourage you to support our local businesses!

EARN CASH

Wanted!

Family to deliver Highgrove Happenings Newspapers!

The Highgrove Happenings is considering going back to delivering papers to every household in Highgrove but help is needed to deliver our newspapers.

Qualifications: Driver's license and insurance.

Permission from parents if under 18 years of age.

Duties: Roll and rubber band approximately 2,000 newspapers.

Toss papers to Highgrove households once a month.

For 25 years we have had several different families who roll the papers, rubber band them, and deliver them to Highgrove households. But our former delivery people are now of college age so we are looking for another family.

Children can roll and rubber band the papers but 2 people are needed for delivery, a licensed driver and one to toss.

If you are interested, please give me a call for details at (951) 683 4994

Thank you,

R. A. “Barney” Barnett, Highgrove Happenings Newspaper

HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS

You Can Quote Me Cynthia Williams, DC

“Happiness is a warm puppy.” ~ Charles M. Schulz

We’re in the midst of the “Dog Days of Summer”. Farmer’s Almanac says it’s when the star Sirius rises and sets with the Sun. The Romans believed it gave off heat and added to the warmth of the sultry weather; referring to it as “*diēs caniculārēs*” or “dog days.” On our calendar it means the 20 days before and 20 after the alignment of Sirius with the Sun. In the summer, Sirius rises and sets with the Sun. On July 23rd, specifically, it is in conjunction with the Sun, and because the star is so bright, the ancient Romans believed it actually gave off heat and added to the Sun’s warmth, accounting for the long stretch of sweltering weather. They referred to this time as *diēs caniculārēs*, or “dog days.” For the ancient Romans, the dog days of summer occurred from about July 24 to around August 24. Thus, the term Dog Days of Summer came to mean the 20 days before and 20 days after this alignment of Sirius with the Sun. Over time, though, the constellations have drifted somewhat so our dates are closer to July 3 to Aug. 11.

Those of us who live in the desert climes, yes, even up here in Central Oregon, know the “dog days” heat start well before the first of July and go on well after the end of August. The unrelenting heat goes on. With so much self-quarantining going on, you may be stuck in a hot house. Trying to find the cool spots is an art. If you have a dog- watch her and see where she seeks coolness. My little dog, Holly, lays in corners and under chairs and tables, belly to the air. She also drinks more water. We can take a lesson from her. I’m sitting on the floor more (not under the table or chairs), drinking more water, and keeping the shades down. I split my day into cool enough to work - too hot to work - cool enough to work. If possible, don’t abuse yourselves with doing tasks during the heat of the day.

Let’s talk about masks. **WEAR THEM EVERY TIME YOU LEAVE YOUR HOME!** It should be obvious to even the strongest virus denier that the COVID-19 pandemic is very real. As of this date over FOUR MILLION cases are confirmed; 150 THOUSAND have died. These are the diagnosed cases; there’s likely many more who were not tested, and still may not be. We are not remotely close to seeing the end of the pandemic.

If you are using reusable cloth masks, wash them frequently. Super HOT water and dryer is best. I use my hottest tap water, adding some boiling water mixed with anti-bacterial soap (watermelon scented). Masks are a two way street. They keep potential virus from entering your system and more importantly, keep your potential virus from spreading. Keep a supply of masks in several places: in your car, your bag, your workplace. I live in an apartment building with inside doors. I have to put one on when I step out my door so I keep one hanging on a hook with my keys right next to the door. I also have one in my car, bag and my backpack. I have several to rotate use. Fortunately I’m a sewist so I can make myself all I need. I’ve made dozens for family and friends. Commercialism is alive and well during this pandemic. Masks are being made by many manufactures, ironically even in China. Get yourself a supply. We are going to need them for a long time. I’ll be making ones with my Halloween and Christmas fabric. TRY to enjoy your Summer.

Editors note: I have asked CDC for stats about the Coronavirus in Highgrove but I have not received a reply. I know of only one case but she has now recovered.



The gas pumps are in but when will the 76 station open?

Before Spring Mountain Ranch!

Before your house was built do you know what your area was used for in addition to orange groves? For the answer please go to: www.highgrovehappenings.net, click on latest issue, and look at the front page, and pages 6 & 7 of the April 2009 issue of the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper.

On our web site, you can look at every page of every month of the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper for the last 12 years! If you are new to the Highgrove area, please spend some time and visit our web site to learn more about the area where you now live.

Rare Highgrove Tokens Bought at Auction in Green Bay, Wisconsin



Recently I received a phone call from Wisconsin and the caller said that he bought several tokens at an auction and they were .25 cent tokens that were good for drinks at a former business in Highgrove called “The Spot”. The address on the tokens is 126 Iowa Ave. in Highgrove that enabled the caller to look up our information on-line about Highgrove that led him to my phone number.

The 126 Iowa Ave. address shown on the coins is now the location of **Tacos El Jr. # 6** (see advertisement on page 5) but I do not know when it was called “The spot”! I think it was once called “The Green Room” but that was back in the 50’s so “The Spot” had to be a previous name that was possibly from the 30’s. If you are interested, you can purchase one for \$8.00 by contacting: Rick Rohan Jr., 448 Gwynn St., Green Bay, Wisconsin, 54301. I wonder how these tokens got to Wisconsin!

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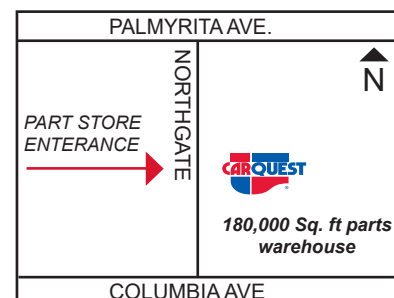
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document, lease/rental agreement, escrow papers or forwarded mail (all must be within the past 30 days), Parent/Guardian Photo ID, completed RUSD Registration packet.

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Riverside County Supervisor Karen

Spiegel tested positive for Coronavirus

On July 25, 2020 the Press Enterprise reported that Supervisor Karen Spiegel has tested positive for Coronavirus after she had been quarantined for 14 days due to a previous possible exposure to the virus. She stated "None of us are immune" and has urged constituents to wear face coverings, practice social distancing, and get tested. Supervisor Spiegel is the Supervisor for the 2nd District which includes Highgrove.

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