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**August, 2021**

**These forty acres will be part of the 846 townhouses planned in the middle of Highgrove**

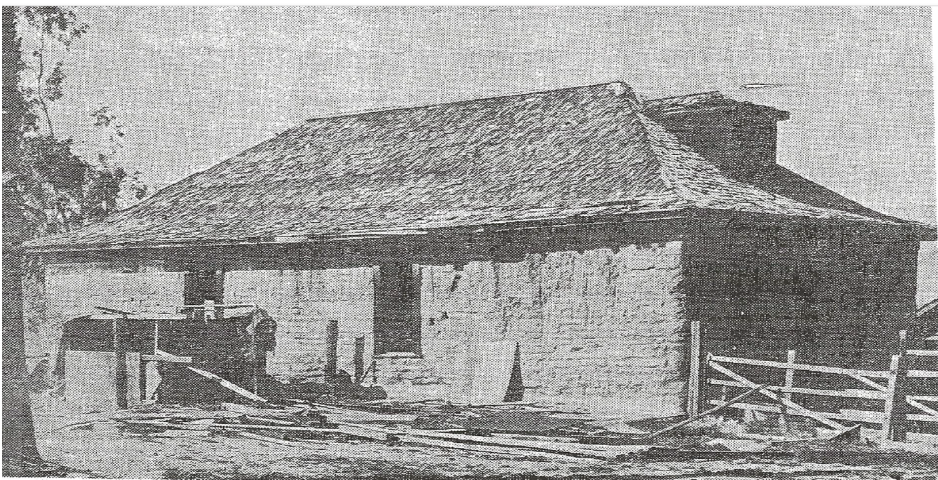


The above view is 40 acres between Center St. on the left (past the donkeys), and looking toward the Highgrove Elementary School. Spring St. is shown on the far right of the photo.

This picture was taken from the south west corner where the dirt road called "California St." and the former Union Pacific Railroad track used to be located.

## History Lesson

**This house by Highgrove dates back to 1862**

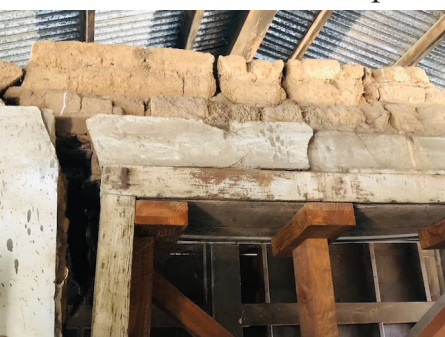


**In 1862 this was the new Spanish Town Roadhouse**

**SAVE THE TRUJILLO ADOBE!**



The Trujillo Adobe was built in 1862 by the sons of La Placita de los Trujillos and is on the list of the National Trust for Historic Preservation that named the Trujillo Adobe building as one of the nation's 11 most endangered historic places due to the extensive decay. I took the above photo on March 31, 2018 that was in our May 2018 issue and I took the inside photo on July 10, 2021.



The Trujillo Adobe building is located on the N/W corner of Center St. and Orange Street. Another protective building covers the original but inside access is limited.

For more information please call (951) 218 1183 or send e-mail to: [sharon@spanishtownhf.org](mailto:sharon@spanishtownhf.org)

These 40 acres above are between Center St. and Spring St. shown on the right but another 25.2 acres are included south of Spring St. in the Highgrove Town Center project.

The top portion of the Highgrove Town Center is 40 acres between Center St. and Spring St. and the upper corner shown by the arrow is 8 acres that are planned for a future grocery store and related businesses.

The other arrow shown on the right is where the un-used dirt road could be located for a new North South road between Main St. and Spring St. Palmyrita Avenue.

The bottom portion of the map shown on the right is from south of Spring St. all the way to the arroyo which is the southern boundary of the Highgrove Town Center project.

Center Street



Highgrove Town Center

**Comparing the Old to the New!**

The historical 159 year old Trujillo Adobe building shown on the left is quite a contrast to a new house similar to the one shown on the right in Spring Mountain Ranch that recently sold for \$715,000.



**\$715,000**

Many new homes are being sold for more than their asking price while others are homeless and living in tents. Maybe we need to learn how parties with vast differences are able to co-exist!

**DOGS AND CATS CAN LEARN HOW TO GET ALONG WITH EACH OTHER!**



**Dogs and Cats can learn how to get along with each other ..... So why cant we do the same?**

**More Roads Needed to Accommodate Traffic Created by New Housing Projects**

See pages 3, 4 & 9



# HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS

Highgrove Community Center Hours: Mon-Thur 8am-4pm; Fri 8am-2pm

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## FAMILY SERVICE ASSOCIATION

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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., Sr. Potluck, Line dance,, Polynesian 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.

State of California [www.covid19.gov](http://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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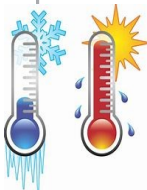
**\*\*C4Yourself Program** to help our community families to apply for benefits available to them through Riverside County: CalFresh, Medi-Cal and Cash assistance. This secure website will send your application directly to the county for processing:: [www.c4yourself.com](http://www.c4yourself.com). County financial support programs, nutritional and medical assistance: 877-410-8829

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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, 2021 through October 15, 2021.** For a list of Cool Center sites visit: [capriverside.org](http://capriverside.org) or call 951- 955-4900.

**August 27th:** Commodities Food Distribution for Highgrove Residents from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM drive through pick up.

**Programs are back for you!** Polynesian Dance and Riverside Single Swingers Square Dance

**September 25th:** Annual Cancer Awareness Month Event from 11:00 AM to 2 PM. Community Health and Wellness Outreach One Stop Shop for the Whole Family. Grocery distribution, vendors, free hot meal, chances to WIN prizes and much more!

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### Current Programs

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Bailando en Fila

#### Polynesian Dance Class



Thurs and Fri

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM \$4 per class

**Voluntary Opportunity!** Call 951-241-7221 for details.



**To Prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to insure the health and safety of everyone:**

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Sunday Services 9 AM and 11 AM. For detailed information Call: Pastor Pete Sarry 951-237-2337

**\*Hand sanitizer, soap/water and disinfectant is available to all.**

**\*All high-contact areas inside are cleaned and disinfected according to guidance provided by the Center for Disease Control.**



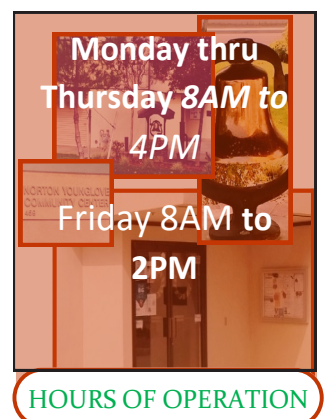
## Let's Celebrate!

Whether you are having a wedding, birthday, anniversary, company or church event; our banquet hall is the place for you. Room capacity is 150 people at a rate of \$100 per hour (Kitchen available for additional flat rate cost). Security needed with all rental event (additional cost). To reserve your party's date a \$200 non-refundable deposit is required. For further details contact center at

**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!

### Child Development Center Has Openings!!

Free or low cost Early Care and Preschool Programs call 951-342-3151.



HOURS OF OPERATION



# HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS

Extending Spring St. from "HERE" TO "HERE"



## WILL ALLOW A NEW ROAD SO VEHICLES CAN ACCESS THE IOWA OVERPASS WHEN TRAINS BLOCK MAIN ST. AND CENTER STREETS

The photo above is where Spring St. dead ends at Transit Avenue. There are no obstructions that have to be removed because this property is vacant where an extension of Spring St. could be a new way to get to the Iowa Overpass. The above view is looking west from Spring St. and Transit Avenue.

The bottom two photos show where Spring St. could go into 17.22 acres of vacant land that is already owned by the Riverside County Transportation Commission.

RCTC has labeled this property an "UNECONOMIC REMNANT" but this property is needed so Spring St. can be extended to the Iowa Ave. Overpass to prevent traffic jams on Center and Main.



Spring St. could go through RCTC's field on the left and then connect to this abandoned paved road that has not been used since 2008. This road has a sidewalk and street lighting that was required when the warehouses were built along Citrus St. but this road has been blocked off for 13 years by a gate at the far end of the top photo. It is time to connect Spring St. to this road and unlock the gate so vehicles can get to the existing Iowa Ave. Overpass!



This is the other end (south end) of the abandoned paved road near Citrus St. that has been **locked and never used**. To see how this unlocked gate could connect to the Iowa Ave Overpass, turn to P. 4

A new road and Metrolink Station is needed here!

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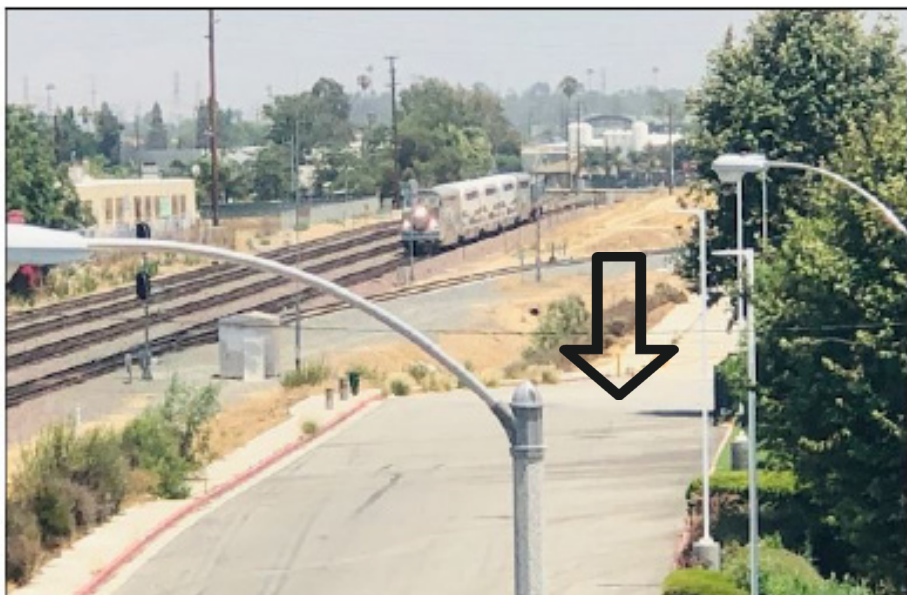
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This Metrolink train is going past RCTC's 17 acre field where a station is needed. The arrow points to Citrus St. that connects to the Iowa Ave. Overpass. The other end of this road leads to the paved/abandoned road that has been locked for 13 years that is shown in the 2 right hand photos on page 3.



To get to the Iowa Ave. Overpass, two railroad grade crossings would have to be built over the Perris Valley Line track that is a branch line with no Metrolink service on week ends. But building two grade crossings is a lot cheaper and can be done a lot sooner than waiting for an Overpass or Underpass to be built on Center St. which would affect Historical structures and businesses. The latest information about the cost of an underpass was explained in the Press Enterprise on July 5, 2021 that shows that an underpass at Jurupa Road will cost **\$133.4 million dollars**. How many grade crossings can you build for that amount? The two grade crossings that are needed are not on the BNSF or UP main lines but are on the seldom used Perris Valley Line branch line that has no Metrolink service on week-ends. RCTC is the county agency in charge of transportation and two new roads and a Metrolink Station at Highgrove should not be opposed by our county transportation agency because now more than ever, Highgrove has the rooftops to warrant building two more roads and a Metrolink Station.

## Did you Zoom in to the Highgrove MAC Meeting on July 28, 2021?

To Zoom in on these meetings, type in: [Riversidedistrict2.org](https://zoom.us/j/94607756509) Click on Karen Spiegel Supervisor District 2 Click on Our District

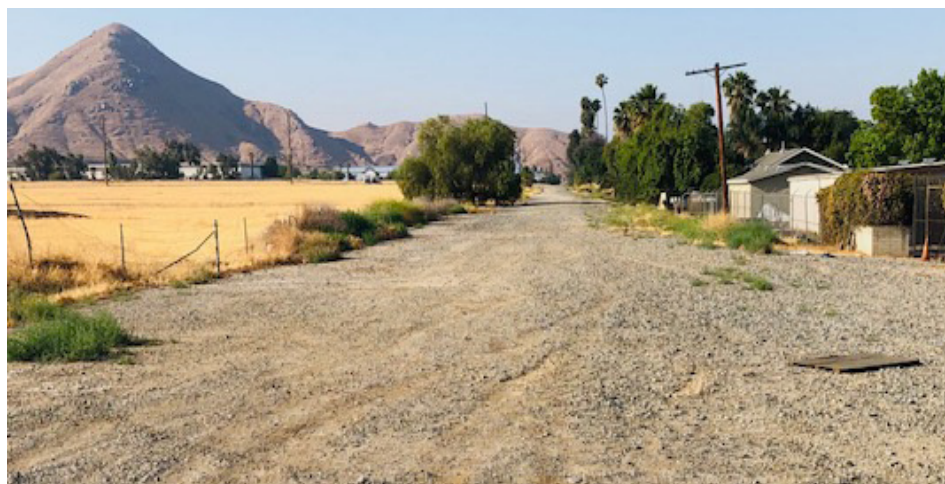
Click on Boards-Committees-Highgrove MAC

Click on <https://zoom.us/j/94607756509?pwd=SWRzeVdYlJmWkVldE03M25mZG4dzO9>

If you want to speak during public comments use the hand raise button, message opinion, or state that you want to speak.

**The Riverside County Planning Department Stated That: "NO PUBLIC HEARING will be held on the Highgrove Town Center unless written requests are received by June 18, 2021."** But at least 4 requests for a public hearing were sent before the deadline and here is the response I received on June 28, 2021 from the Riverside County Planning Department about a Public Hearing or an Environmental Impact Study: *"No additional environmental review is required for this permitted use."*

Here is another North/South road on abandoned property that needs to go through Highgrove.



Looking South from Center Street, this abandoned railroad property is an unused dirt road called "California Street".

There are only two North/South streets that go all the way through Highgrove between Main St. and Palmyrita Avenue.

They are Iowa Ave. and Mt. Vernon Avenue.

Many other N/S streets do not go all the way through including Cindy Circle, Heron, Garfield, Prospect, Transit, Highland, Pacific, Commercial, Browning, Mandarin, Whipporwill, Murphy, Pelican, Walker, Elena, Swayzee, Keone, Carlin, and Sanrive.

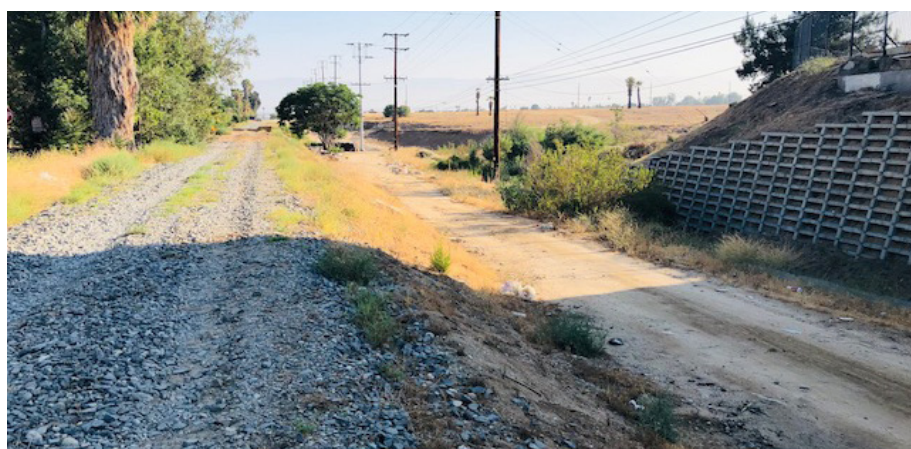
But the opportunity to make another North/South street all the way through Highgrove is to use the property owned by the Union Pacific railroad that has abandoned their right-of-way and removed the railroad track.

In last month's issue we had extensive photos showing how this property is no longer needed for trains and how the adjacent dirt road that parallels the former track, has also been abandoned.

The railroad's right-of-way could be graded for a useable two way road between Main St. and Palmyrita to relieve our traffic issues.



This is "California Street" looking south from Spring Street.



On the left side of this picture is where the abandoned UP railroad track used to go and on the right side is "California Street."

This photo was taken near Citrus St. and Newport Avenue.

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The "HG" logo on the left does not stand for Highgrove but what does it stand for and how is it connected to Highgrove?

For many years I have heard about Home Gardens but I had never been there until recently. I looked it up on the map and drove to Home Gardens which is along Magnolia Ave. by Corona and I visited the Library and the local Academy.

I talked to the librian, took a few pictures and met a long time resident who wanted to talk my leg off about Home Gardens.

I knew that Home Gardens is also an un-incorporated area of Riverrside County just like Highgrove's CSA 126.

But what I didn't know was that Home Gardens does not have a CSA (County Service Area) number like Highgrove, they have no MAC, and they do not hold community meetings like Highgrove does.

By going on-line I also learned that Home Gardens is only 1.6 sq. miles compared to Highgrove's 3.2 sq miles but they have more density. I also learned a lot of things from him.

about their sheriff protection.

For a long time I have heard that there is a Deputy Sheriff's beat whose job is to cover calls from both Highgrove and Home Gardens. When a call comes from Highgrove and the deputy is in Home Gardens, it is about 16 miles or a 30 minute drive depending on traffic for this deputy to come from Home Gardens to Highgrove.

So how is this connected to Highgrove?

It has been 30 years since Highgrove became the first un-incorporated community in Riverside County to have its own Sheriff Deputy assigned exclusively to the Highgrove community.

And for 30 years each Highgrove property owner east of the freeway has been paying \$120.00



per year with their property taxes for this deputy.

Before the 2nd vote in 1997, Riveride County's "Impartial Analysis" stated:

***"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."***

But as many of you already know, the sheriff deputy's position was eliminated 11 years ago but the \$120.00 annual assessment still continues today.

There has been a Grand Jury Investigation and a Lawsuit to find out where the special tax money went that was collected after the sheriff was eliminated. Both efforts have not produced any results, answers, or explanations. Home Gardens does not pay for an extra deputy but Highgrove is still paying for the specific deputy that was eliminated 11 years ago.

So why do we have to share a deputy that may be 30 minutes away when a deputy sheriff is needed in Highgrove?

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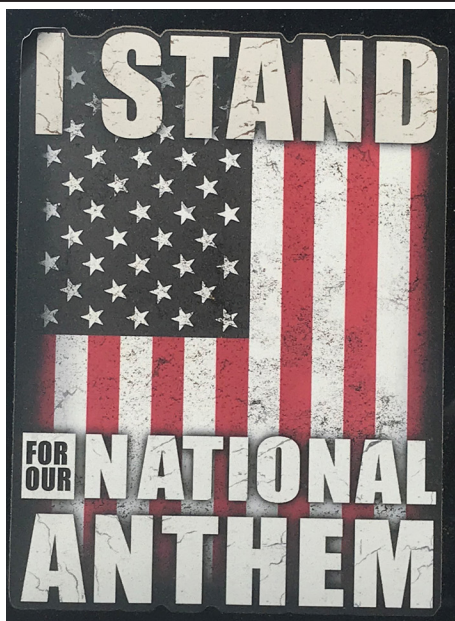
Dedicated to the improvement of our community through awareness and involvement in local issues  
(FREE) Local News for the Highgrove Area September 2020

## What is Happening to our Country ?



### The Worst Things About Politics are the Politicians

It looks like the Eagle is crying and maybe he has good reason to cry. And when I watch the news on television it makes me want to cry too because of what is happening to our country.



Your local Highgrove paper is dedicated to bringing you local news about our community and the surrounding area.

But when I see what is going on in the big cities throughout our country it makes me glad that I live in a small community such as Highgrove.

Since I first moved to Highgrove with my Mom, Dad, and two brothers when I was 8 years old, I have seen a lot of changes.

There used to be an orange grove directly across the street from our house and I was able to ride my bicycle up and down Prospect or play football in the street because there wasn't much traffic at that time.

The 40 acre parcel shown at the top of this front page is where I lit smudge pots when I was in High School to prevent the 40 acres of oranges from freezing in the winter.

Highgrove has been my home for 74 years and I am now 82 years old. I love Highgrove and I will live her until I die but I need your help!

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## Things You Should Know About Metrolink

This old Jan. 4, 2012 photo shows where **existing** Metrolink trains could stop at Highgrove. But for the last 20 years, RCTC has refused to build a Metrolink station at Highgrove. There is ample room for parking and RCTC already owns the 17 acre field. All the **existing daily** trains need to do is stop here for passengers! To see 2 photos of the 17 acre field on the left please turn to page 3



Metrolink trains on the IEOC (Inland Empire Orange County) line have gone right through Highgrove since March 4, 1996.

In July 2006, the Orange County Transportation Authority created weekend service on the IEOC.

On July 2016, eight Metrolink trains in each direction went between San Bernardino and Oceanside.

**Currently**, on Monday thru Friday there are Four Metrolink trains in each direction that go through Highgrove without stopping between San Bernardino, Riverside, and Oceanside.

And **currently**, on Saturday and Sunday there are two Metrolink trains in each direction that go through Highgrove without stopping between San Bernardino, Riverside. and Oceanside.

For 20 years residents from Highgrove and Grand Terrace have requested that a Metrolink station be built on the vacant property right next to the track that the Metrolink trains use.

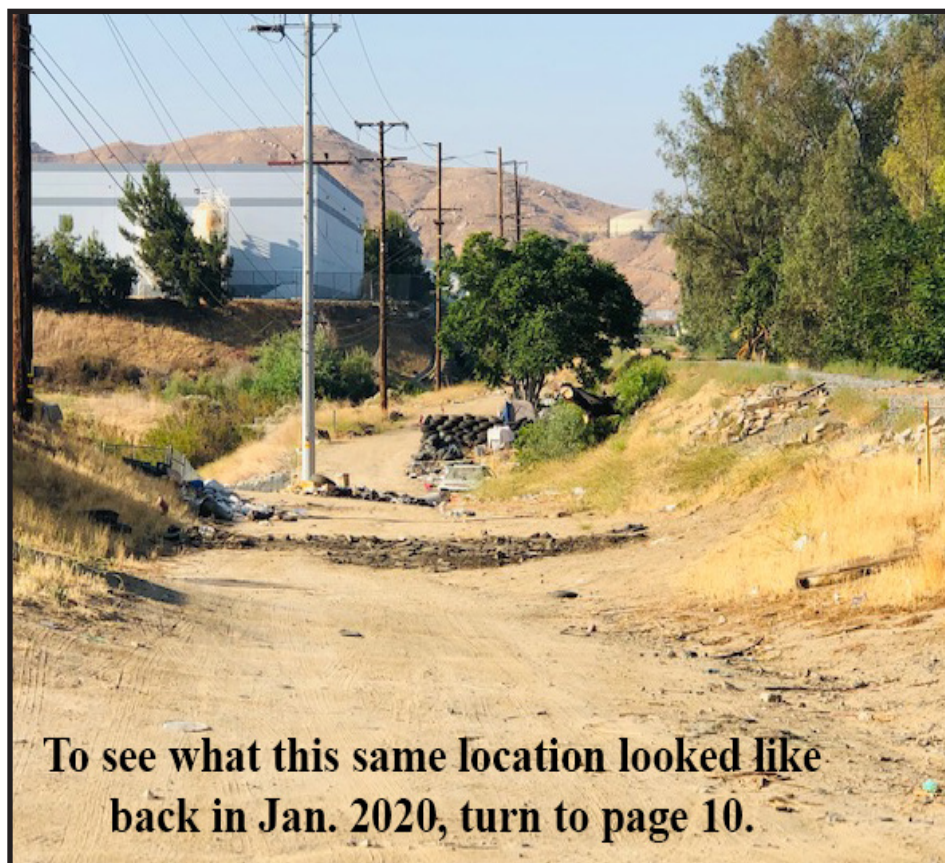
The Riverside County Transportation Commission owns 17.22 acres of vacant land right next to the track but for 20 years they have refused to build a parking lot and station at Highgrove. From Highgrove it is 7 rail miles to San Bernardino and 3 1/2 rail miles in the other direction to Riverside and a station at Highgrove will not interfere with the Perris Valley Line Metrolink trains because they have different destinations.

Read about it on: **www.highgrovehappenings.net**- Click on Metrolink, Supporting Docs (click on each line), Station costs, 8 years of comments, You Tube video about location, Concept Map, and other articles.

The grading for the Metrolink parking lot could be done when Spring St. is extended to connect to the Iowa Ave. overpass.

**20 years later we now have the rooftops and a Metrolink station at Highgrove is needed now more than ever on the vacant land that RCTC owns that is just growing weeds!**

## "California Street"



The raised portion on the right is the former UP railroad track that has been abandoned but "California Street" could go through this area where this unused railroad track and impassible dirt road could go through to connect to Palmyrita Ave. in the distance.



There are two existing culverts to handle water run off that goes under "California St." and the former railroad track.

This area has attracted illegal dumping for many years and used tires have again been dumped in this area. To see how this same area looked before the county cleaned it up in January 2020, go to page 10 and see the boat and Jet Ski that were illegally dumped.



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## You Can Quote Me

By Cynthia Williams, DC

**“Clothes make the man. Naked people have little or no influence on society.” ~ Mark Twain**

As of this writing, the 2020 Olympics (that’s not a typo- they were supposed to be last year but that damn virus... So the year 2020 remains.) are starting Friday, July 23rd in Tokyo, Japan. There’s a lot of press about the VIRUS and the number of COVID-19 positive cases are racking up, decimating teams and events. For sure it will be a very long two weeks of competition for the participating countries and eery to see the stands devoid of any audience members.

Controversy is no stranger to the Olympic Games and in this era of women taking a stand to protect themselves from predation, the focus on which uniforms to be worn by athletes has taken a front row with some very heated discussions.

Kerry Strug, an Olympic gymnast in the 1996 as a member of the “Magnificent Seven”, the team of young women who won the first ever Team Gold Medal for the US Gymnastics Team, is notable for having a vault landing that badly sprained her ankle and then she returned to the vault to take her 2nd turn, stick the landing on a seriously injured and very painful ankle to cinch the Gold Medal for Team USA. What was memorable for her, she shared many years later, was the embarrassment of being carried to the medal podium and being the only athlete there in her skimpy leotard and not in her athletic pants like her teammates. She was very self-conscious and uncomfortable. That occurred 24 years ago.

Women athletes are still uncomfortable, feeling vulnerable, and at times horribly sexualized; being directed as to what they WILL wear when competing. The rules are rarely proportional for women as for men. Adding more confusion is there are conflicting rules depending on the sport and the country. Women have been fined for their uniforms being too long. In others, the uniforms have been too short. Here are some recent and remarkable examples.

In June of this year, Olivia Breen, 24, a double Paralympic world champion for the United Kingdom, said she was stunned after a sporting official said her sprint briefs were “too short and inappropriate” at a recent competition. She said she has been wearing the same style of shorts for almost a decade and that up until now, it had never been an issue. These are the same shorts she wore when she won a bronze medal at the London 2012 Paralympics but now an official pulled her aside and told her the shorts were “too short and inappropriate; they are too revealing” and that she should “consider buying some (longer) shorts.” She was shocked beyond belief. She said “women should not be made to feel self conscious about what they are wearing when competing.” Twitter had a field day: “We should be celebrating women’s sporting excellence, not limiting them to the size of their knickers,” read one tweet.

In contrast- these women athletes were FINED for NOT wearing a super skimpy bottom. (continued top right)

Norway’s beach handball players were each fined 150 euros (about \$177) for wearing shorts rather than the required bikini bottoms during their match the weekend of July 17-18. A spokeswoman for the International Handball Federation said she didn’t know the reason for the very skimpy bikini bottom rule. The International Handball Federation requires women to wear bikini bottoms “with a close fit and cut on an upward angle toward the top of the leg.” The sides of the bikini bottoms must be no more than four inches. Men, on the other hand, can wear shorts as long as four inches above their knees as long as they are “not too baggy.” “I don’t see why we can’t play in shorts,” said Martine Welfler, one of the Norwegian players. “With so much body shaming and stuff like that these days, you should be able to wear a little bit more when you play.” Norway has repeatedly complained about the bikini bottom requirement to the international federation since 2006. “Nothing has happened,” he said. (NYT 07-20-21)

In 2011, the Badminton World Federation decreed that women must wear skirts or dresses to play at the elite level to create a more “attractive presentation” when in actuality it is to “help revive flagging interest in women’s badminton”. Or women’s bottoms?

Janice Forsyth, an associate professor of sociology at Western University in Canada and a former director of the university’s International Center for Olympic Studies: “To say that wearing less clothing, as the women are required to do, allows them to be better athletes is just silly. I don’t see how that argument holds any weight.”

Three members of the German women's team at the European Artistic Gymnastics Championships in Switzerland recently gained attention for their outfits. Unlike their peers, their legs were covered. They wore full-body unitards; most women typically wear leotards that show the entire leg but have long sleeves. Male gymnasts, however, usually wear either slightly loose shorts or full-length leg coverings. Unitards are technically permitted but usually are worn for religious reasons. It was a statement "against sexualization in gymnastics," the German Gymnastics Federation said. Elisabeth Seitz, one of the gymnasts, said it was “to set an example ... to all gymnasts who may feel uncomfortable or even sexualized in normal suits.



This was what "California St." looked like in Jan. of 2020 that included a discarded boat, jet ski, and other illegally dumped articles.

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## Obituary

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Lenny played hard but he worked even harder. At the time of his passing, Leonard was a master electrician with Grounds Electric and had just earned his electrical contractor's license.

Success came easy to him because he was not afraid of hard work. At 10 years old he was already perfecting his solid work ethic by mowing "Barney's" lawn and others throughout Highgrove. He never missed an appointment or an opportunity to earn extra money. As he got older he would spend time exploring the electrician trade working with his uncles and father at B & B Electric where he found his love for the trade. Lenny had many extracurricular interests throughout his life. He had a love for baseball and was an exceptional player. He grew up at Reid Park and Victoria Pony League and played varsity at his alma mater, J W North High School.

As he got older his heart was in the water or the dunes. Whether he was boarding with friends or riding his heart out at Glamis, he was always the life of the party. Lenny was one of the most caring and supportive people you would ever meet. He loved hard and always put others before himself.

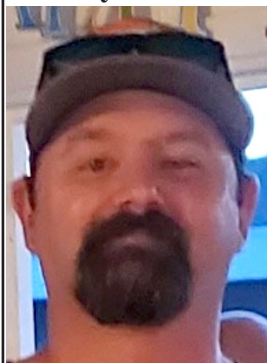
Lenny had an uncanny ability to find happiness in his daily life. His family and friends meant everything to him and he cherished every moment with them.

He loved and adored his wife, Lauren and they were celebrating their first anniversary on the same day he drowned at the River in Parker, Arizona.

Lenny is survived by his wife, Lauren, two daughters, Makenzie and Makaila, his mother, Judy, brothers, Jason and Walee, many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and many friends.

A celebration of Lenny Waldron's life will be on August 21, 2021 at the American Legion Hall in Fairmount Park at 11:00 AM.

Lenny Waldron



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## 33rd Annual Highgrove day set for May 11, 2019



## Cancelled!

For 32 years Highgrove had an annual celebration that started back when Highgrove celebrated it's centennial in 1986.

The long time Highgrove barber at that time Adam Ornelas brought his Bar-B-Q from home to Cage Park on the north side of Main St. by the railroad track and cooked hamburgers for the small group of residents.

Years later when the Community Center and Park were built Highgrove Day became a huge success and the most important community day of each year.

For many years Highgrove Day was on the Saturday before Mother's Day in May and those who brought their classic cars and street rods to the car show knew the schedule because it was always the week after the big "Show and Go" car show in Riverside.

After 20 years of overseeing the event, in 2019 I turned all of the information and money over to a Highgrove MAC member but she changed the date and name and it failed because no one came.

The Highgrove Day equipment in the container at the NYCC had to be moved when the county took back Highgrove's container. Then everything was moved to the snack bar in the park, then my garage when we were evicted from the snack bar to another location I found where it is now in a safe place.

Take a look and see how much fun we had when it started off with a breakfast at the NYCC Community Center, Vendors, jumpers, and a classic car show. We even had a flyover of three T-34's in 2011.

To see some of the past Highgrove Day activities you can go to most any June issue of any year on our web site: [www.highgrove-happenings.net](http://www.highgrove-happenings.net) or click on the Oct. 2018 issue or the March 2019 issue.

I will help get a committee started but we need someone to step up to the plate and plan the 33rd Highgrove Day. Give me a call at (951) 683 4994 or e-mail me at: [highgrovenews@roadrunner.com](mailto:highgrovenews@roadrunner.com)



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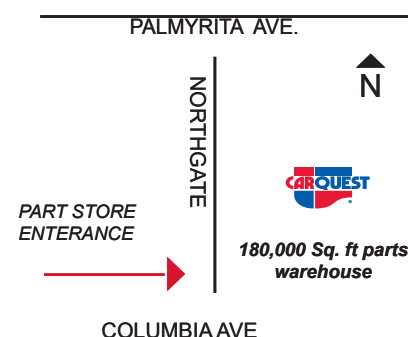
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