



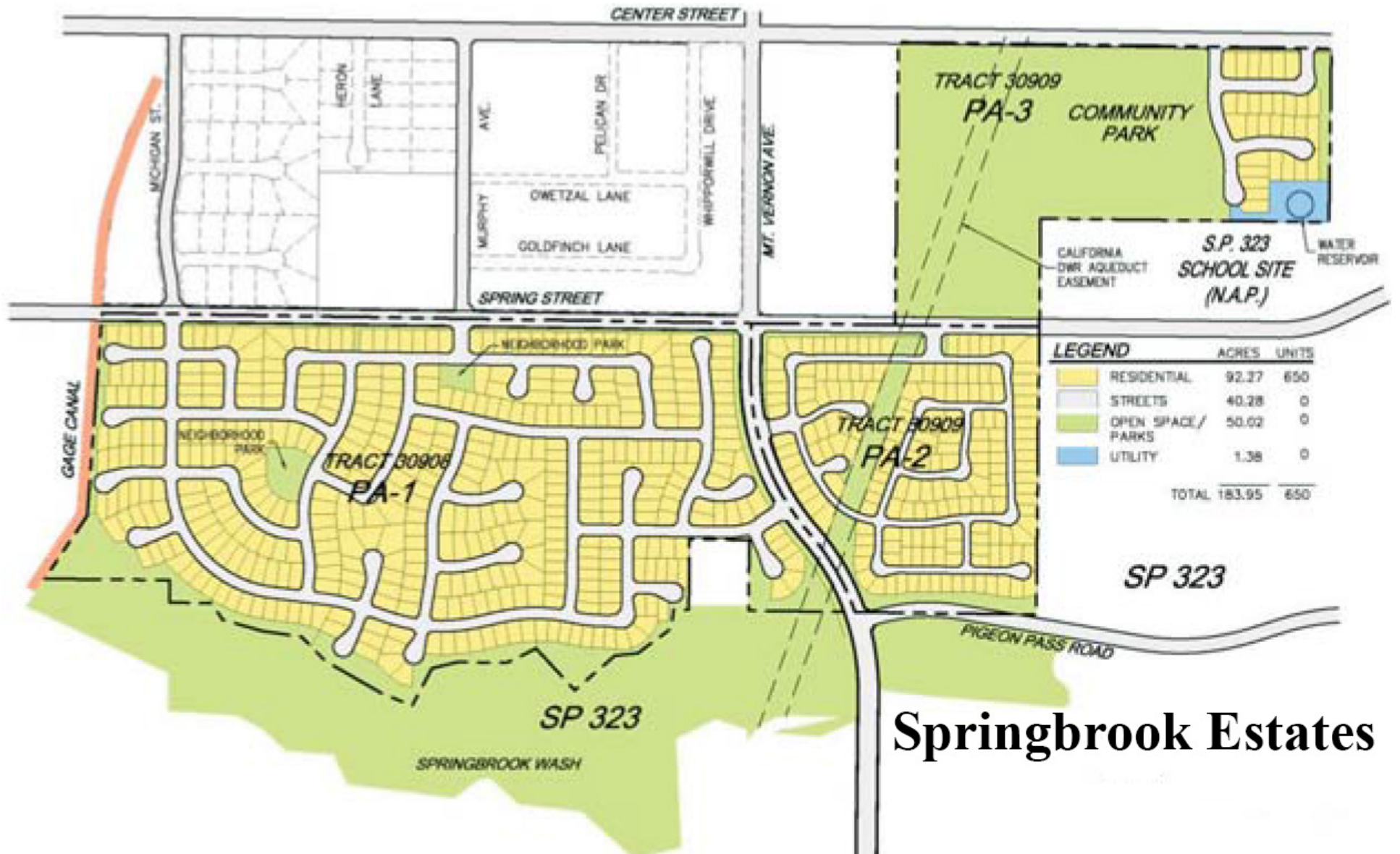
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HIGHGROVE LAND USE-ALERT



Springbrook Estates

Do Residents Have a Say in What Happens to Their Community?

After the 1,409 Spring Mountain Ranch Homes and the 105 D R Horton homes and the 72 Lennar homes have all been built, Highgrove will still have over 250 acres of vacant buildable land.

But what will be built on these 250 acres that is owned by outside developers? Will existing residents only find out when construction begins or will we be able to express our preferences about what we want and need in our community?

The answer is for our community members to be pro-active by monitoring what is being done at the Riverside County Planning Dept. and Planning Commission where the developer shows the county what they want to build on their property in Highgrove. Here are some samples of **LAND USE** in Highgrove.

LAND USE:

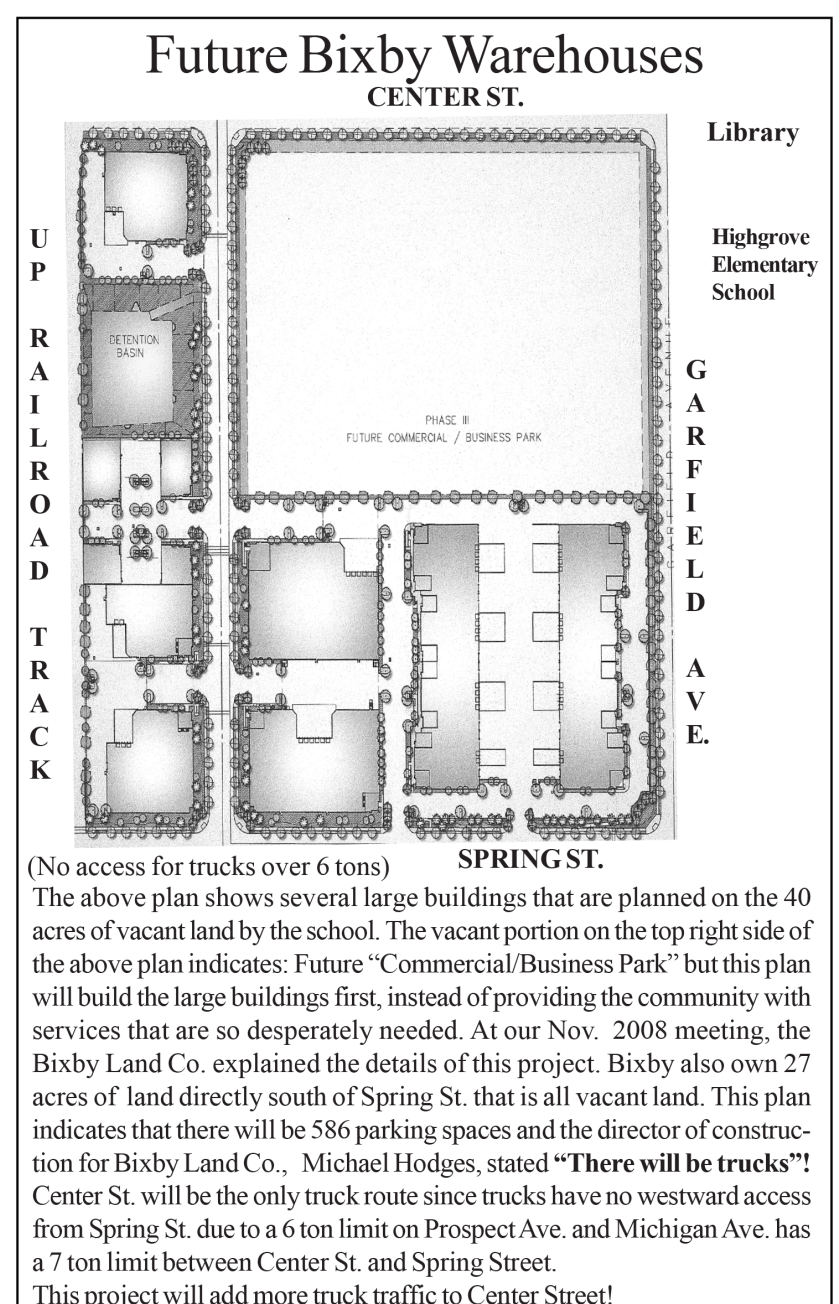
Warehouses in the middle of Highgrove?

Years ago, the owner of the 40 acres of vacant land between Center St., Spring St., Garfield and the old UP railroad track came to one of our former Highgrove MAC meetings and gave us an outline of what Bixby Land Co. wanted to do with their property in the middle of Highgrove. (See Bixby Warehouse plan on right)

You can read about the zone change that was made so large warehouse size buildings could be built in the middle of Highgrove and the 27 public comments made by Highgrove residents who opposed the warehouses by going to: www.highgrovehappenings.net, click on latest issue Dec. 2008 pages 1, 4 & 5.

Then on Jan. 13, 2009 the Board of Supervisors approved this project. (See Feb.2009 pages 1, 4 & 5)

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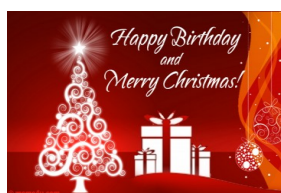
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LAND USE:

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But today if the land is still vacant, and the builder wanted this project to be put on "Fast Track", why weren't these warehouses ever built? (See Oct.2011 pages 1 & 4).

They won the battle but we won the war!

Fortunately for Highgrove residents, the builder and his consultant, Pat Meyer of Urban Environs in Redlands waited over 2 years and their building permits expired on Jan. 13, 2011.

Then Bixby made a zone change from warehouses to residential and the property continued to remain vacant. (Go to page 1 of the Nov. 2013 issue of Highgrove Happenings).

Then the Bixby property (40 acres plus the adjoining 27/28 acres on the south side of Spring St.) was sold to Lansing Development Co. from San Diego. Gregg Lansing came to one of our MAC meetings and said he wanted to build single family homes, apartments, condos and town houses on the property.

But Highgrove needs services and the MAC requested that the property along the south side of Center St. would be a shopping center with a grocery store, and possibly a Bank, Post Office, and misc. shops to accommodate our residents because we have to take our money to Grand Terrace in San Bernardino County for retail services. If a shopping center was built in Highgrove the tax money would remain in Riverside County.

LAND USE:

Springbrook Estates (See Springbrook plan on front page)

Another project that has been on the books for a long time that is still vacant land is the Springbrook Estates project that is 183.5 acres that has been proposed as 650 individual lots for residential purposes. This property is between Spring St. and the arroyo and includes a portion between Spring St. and Center St. east of Mt. Vernon Avenue. (Additional Photo on P. 9). I understand that KB Homes is now the present owner of Springbrook Estates. KB Homes was also the builder for Spring Mountain Ranch.

LAND USE:

Highgrove Metrolink Station

For many years I have tried and failed to convince the Riverside County Transportation Commission to build a station stop and parking lot at Highgrove using the existing Metrolink trains that go between San Bernardino and Oceanside.

RCTC is still mad at me for exposing them for stating there was going to be a new Metrolink station built at Palmyrita Ave. when the property was already under construction for a 25 acre warehouse. (See our web site and Feb. 2009 pages 6 & 7.)

All the existing Metrolink trains would have to do at Highgrove is stop long enough for commuters to get on and off the train. RCTC owns 17.22 acres of vacant land at Highgrove that is right next to the track that the Metrolink trains use 7 days a week in both directions and if Spring St. was extended westward at Transit Ave. it would be ideal location for a parking lot for commuters.

But in spite of support from both counties, surrounding cities, residents and Senators from both counties, RCTC built a Metrolink station at Marlborough Ave. on the Perris Valley Line that opened on June 6, 2016 but has not met any of the ridership they expected. This is another example of insufficient and improper

Obituary

Former Highgrove MAC Member, Don Earp

Don Earp was a member of the former Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council and unfortunately he was killed in a freak accident in September.

Many of you may know he is a descendant of Wyatt Earp. As a young man, Don developed a passion for hot rods and was a member of the Riverside Rickshaws car club.

He was also an active committee member of the Colton Historic Committee and the Historic Preservation

Commission due to his family's lineage from Wyatt Earp and the historical presence of the Earp family in Colton.

He was an outstanding role model for many people. He instilled work ethic, family values and morals in all. He will always be remembered for his love, generosity, and devotion to his family.

Don was immensely proud to be called "Grandfather" by his grandchildren, great grandfather, nieces and nephews.

Don's wife, Livia Earp is a Real Estate Agent from Westcoe who has advertised in the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper for many years and her advertisement can be seen on the back page. Our condolences to the Earp family for their loss.



land use because using the existing Metrolink trains that have been going through Highgrove 7 days a week since July 15, 2006 would be a more common sense and efficient use of the property that is already owned by this transportation company.

For more information please go to our web site:

www.highgrovehappenings.net and click on Metrolink, Supporting Docs, and Station Costs.

This Metrolink commuter train is located on the #3 BNSF main Line at Highgrove next to RCTC's 17.22 acres. If stopped, this train would be sitting right next to the Highgrove Metrolink Station that is shown in green and located north of the curve on the website map. This photo was taken on Jan. 4, 2012 from Villa St. looking toward Riverside.



RCTC's 17.22 Acres

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Cannabis store in Highgrove

At the Riverside County Board of Supervisors meeting on Nov. 17, 2020 item 21 was passed that will allow another retail Cannabis store to be built in Highgrove.

Item 21: County LAND USE Public Hearing:

This item “changed the zoning and amended Ordinance 348 related to commercial cannabis activities and establishes 1,000 feet separation requirement between cannabis retailers unless they are located with one-half mile of certain freeways. In those circumstances, the 1,000 foot separation requirement would not apply to the cannabis retailers”.

The agreement also states:

“The associated development agreement has a term of 10 years, will grant the applicant vesting rights to develop the project in accordance with the terms of DA 2000002 and CUP 200010, and will provide community benefits to the Highgrove area.”

Editor’s note: *The portions above that are underlined are the way the text actually reads but maybe the “with” one half mile mean “within” one half mile.*

What does a half mile have to do with this subject? This was just a way to get around changing the distance between cannabis stores in Highgrove to only 250 feet or 290 as previously recommended by the applicant. This looks like additional stores could be added if they are within one-half mile of “certain” freeways. Doesn’t Highgrove’s Iowa Avenue fall into this category?

And what benefits will be provided to our community? How about a Grocery Store, Shopping Center, or a Metrolink station?

GRAND JURY:

On Sept. 28, 2020 the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper requested that at the next MAC meeting on Oct. 28, 2020 the agenda includes a report from the 2017/2018 Grand Jury. Two years ago, this Grand Jury stated that Highgrove residents need to know: **“exactly how CSA126 funds are distributed.”**

But this item was not included on the agenda at the Highgrove MAC meeting on October 28, 2020.

And there has been no response received from the Riverside County Board of Supervisors or the Riverside County Economic Development Agency about the Grand Jury’s recommendations. Nothing has been given to the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper nor has this item ever appeared on any agenda since the new Highgrove MAC was formed on October 30, 2019. Answers are overdue because residents are entitled to know:

“exactly how CSA126 funds are distributed.”

MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES:

All of the preceding articles about LAND USE and GRAND JURY are items that need to be addressed by the current Highgrove MAC.

If the Highgrove MAC or someone does not pay attention to what is happening between the Riverside County Planning Commission and the Developers and Builders, Highgrove will lose its voice in determining our own future! It is time to be pro-active and not wait until construction begins!

The Highgrove MAC is the only civic organization in Highgrove that is an advisory group of volunteers who tells our supervisor

about the needs and wants of the entire Highgrove community. There is no other organization in Highgrove that takes input from the public that is designed to be relayed to our county supervisor. This should be done by the MAC but can also be done individually.

Four of the other MAC members have already sent their photos and bios that were published in the May 2020 issue on our web site.

But after requesting a photo and bio for over one year so you could meet your Highgrove MAC chairperson, Christina Tejeda still refuses to communicate with your local newspaper. Many of my e-mails have gone un-answered and I have been unable to communicate with her on the phone number she gave to me at the first MAC meeting on October 30, 2019. Finally, in our November 2020 issue, I published her phone number and e-mail address.

Anyone in Highgrove can monitor the activities of the Planning Department and should be able to alert the Highgrove MAC chairperson who can relay your concerns to other MAC members about important issues in our community.

I immediately received two negative responses regarding this information being published but both complaints were from Cristina Tejeda and her husband who were both selected to be on the Highgrove MAC back on October 30, 2019.

I see no need to publish any other phone numbers or e-mail addresses for other MAC members because the MAC chairperson should be the one to call.

As a public servant in this position, publishing information such as the phone number and e-mail address of the MAC chairperson, should not be considered an infringement on her “personal” life because her position is a public position and her contact information should not be withheld from the public!

I have been trying unsuccessfully for over one year because all of our Highgrove residents should be able to contact the chairperson of their community.

Corona Virus Stats for Highgrove Requested

Three requests were sent to the CDC for information about Highgrove Corona virus infections.

The requests were sent on July 22nd, Sept. 11th & Oct. 15th, 2020 because I want to publish the stats about the Coronavirus infections and deaths in the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper. I explained that Highgrove is an un-incorporated community in Riverside county and has the following boundaries:

Northern boundary: Riverside/San Bernardino county line at Main St., Western boundary: I-215 freeway, Southern boundary: Riverside city limits, Eastern boundary: Foothills east of Spring Mountain Ranch. The zip code is 92507.

There is also another part of Highgrove on the west side of the I-215 freeway that is part of Highgrove in Riverside county. Both the east side of the freeway and portions of the west sides of the freeway are in Highgrove which is designated by Riverside County as CSA 126.

CSA 126 stands for County Service Area and the 126 is the number assigned to Highgrove.

The zip code for the part of Highgrove west of the I-215 freeway is 92501.

I have seen information published in the Press Enterprise about stats from cities and other un-incorporated communities but I have not seen any stats about Highgrove so I would like to inform our readers in our newspaper about what is going on in our community in regard to the Coronavirus. Finally, after requesting information about Highgrove, on Nov. 21, 2020 the Highgrove community was listed in the Press Enterprise of having 185 cases and 1 death.

At this time, I do not know who that person was that died but our condolences are extended to their family!

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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"?

Crime Stats for HIGHGROVE Crime Stats 10-19 to 11-17-2020



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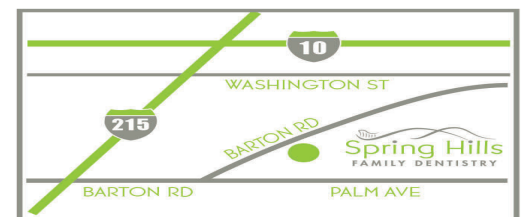
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smile because it happened.” ~ Dr. Seuss**

This has been the most complicated, emotional, stressful, head-splitting year I think any of us have ever had. It will be interesting to see how history judges many peoples’ behavior.

Obviously “The Virus”, as I call it, has been the top discussion, no matter to whom you are talking. I doubt there is a single person left who hasn’t been affected by it in some way. You will have known someone who has tested positive and fell in the range of none or mild symptoms to sadly, passing away from it. As of this moment, there are 267, 548 DEATHS in the US. That’s half the population of Wyoming! With an average of one COVID death every minute, that number is going to rocket exponentially as we go into the next couple of months with “Super Spreader” events. Thanksgiving, Black-Friday shopping, Christmas, and New Years Eve and the Super Bowl. We will see over 300 THOUSAND deaths before the year is out. We could see one MILLION US deaths total by the end of 2021. This mess isn’t going away soon. With over 13 MILLION cases in the US reported to date, we will see millions more before the end of 2021. The promised vaccines won’t be available to the general public for nearly six months so the answer to mitigate this nightmare is the same one we’ve been preaching: wear a mask, sanitize, socially distance, and isolate as much as practical. I know it’s highly frustrating, depressing, and absolutely annoying. We MUST do it to get out of this mess. It’s just the way it is.

For me, 2020 has been a “dumpster-fire”. Heartbreak, anxiety, and a tiny bit of elation. I don’t usually share my personal life but I need to recognize loved one and personal heroes.

SonnyBoy, my beloved ginger cat of over 16 years became ill last fall. Anyone who’s lost a treasured pet knows the heartbreak. We can develop very unique and close connections to some of our babies and Sonny was one of those. We went through a lot together; he was my comfort while I was going through the heartbreak of a bad breakup, chemo after breast cancer and surgery and he was my comfort when I lost my brother to cancer. Sonny was my best buddy and companion. His “crossing the rainbow bridge” (December 30th 2019) has devastated me all this year. I didn’t have Sonny to comfort me less than three weeks later when my

baby brother Brad Williams passed away suddenly at the young age of 56. (January 17th) Brad was the youngest of the eight Williams kids of Highgrove. High blood pressure is called the silent killer. His was not managed properly and it took him decades before his time. He was brilliant, funny, caring and his loss has left the rest of us crushed. He leaves behind three adult children and a lovely grand-daughter. He had just married on December 31, 2019. His sweet wife Jen, will be a part of our family forever.

Katherine Johnson (February 24th, 101 years old) You may not recognize her name. She was a brilliant mathematician who worked for NASA for 35 years and was portrayed in the movie “Hidden Figures.” She was a trailblazer not just for women in a “man’s profession” but also for a person of color back in the 60’s when it was difficult and sometimes dangerous to be a Black person.

The “Notorious RBG” (September 18th, 87 years old) Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg was a hero to many women. No matter your politics-conservative or liberal, one had to admire the woman she was. Astonishingly intelligent, fierce and determined; she was an icon and a trailblazer not just for women but for all peoples. Her voice will be missed. And those fashion setting collars... “Women will have achieved true equality when men share with them the responsibility of bringing up the next generation.” ~ RBG

Sir Sean Connery (October 31st, 90 years old) The devastatingly handsome Scotsman set the bar too high for the other 007 actors to reach. PEOPLE magazine named him the “Sexiest Man Alive” at the age of 59, thus redefining recognition of attractiveness for people over the age of 40. His acting career spanned decades with his first appearance in Disney’s “Darby O’Gill and the Little People” in 1959 to appearing in 1976 in “Robin and Marian” with Audrey Hepburn to portraying Harrison Ford’s cantankerous father in 1989 in the first Indiana Jones film. His last onscreen movie was in 2009 in the “League of Extraordinary Gentlemen”. “Love may not make the world go round, but I must admit that it makes the ride worthwhile.” ~ Sir Sean. We miss you already...

Category: Game Show Hosts Question: One of the most popular game show hosts of the 20th and 21st centuries. Answer: Who is Alex Trebek? (November 8th, 80 years old) Charming, handsome, and smooth, this Canadian-American was the host of the TV game show “Jeopardy” for 37 years. Self-assured and well-spoken, some of us tuned in to “Jeopardy” to simply enjoy the gift that was Alex Trebek. His death just weeks




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ago due to pancreatic cancer is still too fresh and too painful. "The secret to happiness, of course, is not getting what you want; it's wanting what you get." ~ George Alexander "Alex" Trebek

Howard Scott Williams (November 4th, 96 years old) The author of "The Gangster's Butler" (2017, available on Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and eBay), Howard was an accomplished writer and public servant. Born December 15, 1923, he was my father's older brother. A Journalism graduate of USC, he was a staff writer for two Los Angeles newspapers and wrote editorials for KNXT - CBS, for which he was awarded a regional Emmy. His stories covered everything from the fall of the Berlin wall, the assassination of Robert Kennedy, and he became so acquainted with the notorious gangster Mickey Cohen that when his son was born, Mickey sent flowers to my Aunt Ann in the hospital. My uncle was directly responsible for the groundbreaking introduction of television broadcasts from the courtroom, arranging the logistics for hidden cameras in the courtroom for the trial of Robert Kennedy's assassin Sirhan Sirhan in Los Angeles.

Uncle Howie and I had a special connection- we have the same birthdate. We shared a love of writing and frequently "talked shop" with him leading the conversations. He was incredibly witty, intelligent, and knowledgeable about world affairs and many other topics. Discussions with him were always fascinating and informative. In his infamous annual Christmas letter, typed out single spaced, covered edge to edge front and back, he gave a run-down of the year with humorous details, clever observations, and memorable stories. He and the love of his life, Ann were married just shy of 70 years. Due to the (damned) virus we were not able to gather to honor this amazing man. Due to the (damned) virus we were

not able to gather to honor this amazing man. I'm still reduced to tears daily, missing him, my heart breaking, and realizing that for the first time in my life, I won't be able to celebrate my birthday with him.

Enjoy your holidays but take care not to become a victim of a "Super Spreader" event. Be smart, be safe, and be at peace. This will pass.

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Corona Virus From Page 4

After Ardie Barnett spent over six weeks recovering from her fall and the Corona virus, between the Riverside County Hospital, the Reche Canyon Skilled Nursing Facility, the Loma Linda University Hospital, and the Highland Palms Skilled Nursing Facility. She was finally able to return home on Tuesday November 24th-2 days before Thanksgiving.

Unfortunately, when she returned home she fell again at the entry door when her knee gave out. She is now resting at home and is receiving physical therapy to strengthen her feet and legs. We thank all of you for your prayers and offers to help and our goal is to get her on her feet again without falling!



Ardie Barnett 1998

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The articles in the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper are the truth of what is happening to and around Highgrove. We print articles about what is actually happening to Highgrove and how that affects you, your property and businesses.

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!


R. A. "Barney" Barnett (951) 683-4994

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Blue Mountain Fire



On Tuesday Nov 24, 2020 I received several calls that Blue Mountain was on fire but I was unable to go there because I was in the middle of helping my wife. My niece Dianne Johnson, who lives in Grand Terrace, took pictures of the fire and we thank her for sending this picture. This picture shows E. Main St. looking east and the famous TP Rock that is a painted rock on Blue Mountain that is shown directly above the fire engine.



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Main Street Madness

Letter from Jim Hazelrigg:

Hi, Barney - Highgrove Happenings has helped me with issues in the past that were above my pay grade and there is an issue that has steadily worsened through the 50 years that I have resided at 136 E Main Street. I have contacted our county representative regarding my concerns with no response or acknowledgment. The posted speed limit from Mt. Vernon Ave east on E. Main street is 25 mph - typical residential speed limit. Since all the homes on both sides of E. Main to the end of the street at Blue Mountain have sprung up, there is more traffic than ever before. Vehicles go up and down the street at high rates of speed and there are children nearby and cars entering and backing out of driveways that are endangered by speeding cars.

I contacted Karen Spiegel our county Representative describing the problem and suggested speed bumps or other means to slow traffic but have gotten no response from her at all. She would only have to park at the side of the street or on a side street to witness the problem. It seems inevitable that without speed control of some kind this is an accident waiting to happen.

I understand there would need to be coordination between Riverside and San Bernardino Counties since E. Main street is the dividing line between the two.

I don't have any clout, but hoping that maybe attention to this via Highgrove Happenings or other means might result in our neighborhood being a safer place.

Thanks in advance for any light you could shed on this problem. Jim Hazelrigg

Here is a re-print of another collision on Main Street over 11 years ago! (See our website dated December 2009)

On Nov. 21, 2009 there was a collision involving a Riverside County Sheriff car driven by a deputy working the beat 15 car out of the Jurupa Valley Station and another car was occupied with 3 adults and five children. Luckily there were no injuries. The deputy driving the sheriff car was not our regular Highgrove Deputy, Dean Colbert.

I received a call from Marlene Ritz about the incident while I was in the process of painting the trim on the outside of our house. When I arrived there was a large portion of the front end of the sheriff car lying in the middle of the intersection of Main St. and Mt Vernon Avenue. I talked to the driver who said she was from Rialto. She and 2 adult men and 5 children were southbound on Mt. Vernon Ave. when the sheriff car, that was eastbound on Main St. allegedly made a left turn in front of their southbound Ford with 8 occupants.

There were other sheriff cars present when I arrived and a CHP officer was investigating the accident. Later, I was able to talk to the driver who said she just acquired her car a short time ago. Her car was not as damaged as the sheriff car.

Unfortunately, I lost my notes that I took at the accident scene so you won't see any names listed.

(Maybe that is a good thing for the sheriff in this case!)

Nov. 21, 2009



Sheriff car involved in traffic collision



This is the front end of the Sheriff car in the middle of the intersection of Mt. Vernon and Main Street.



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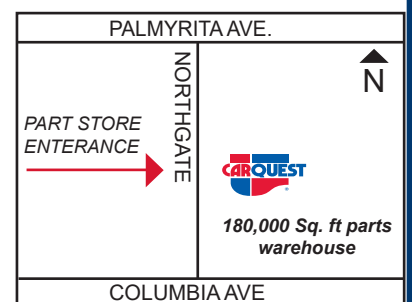
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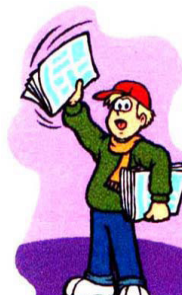
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