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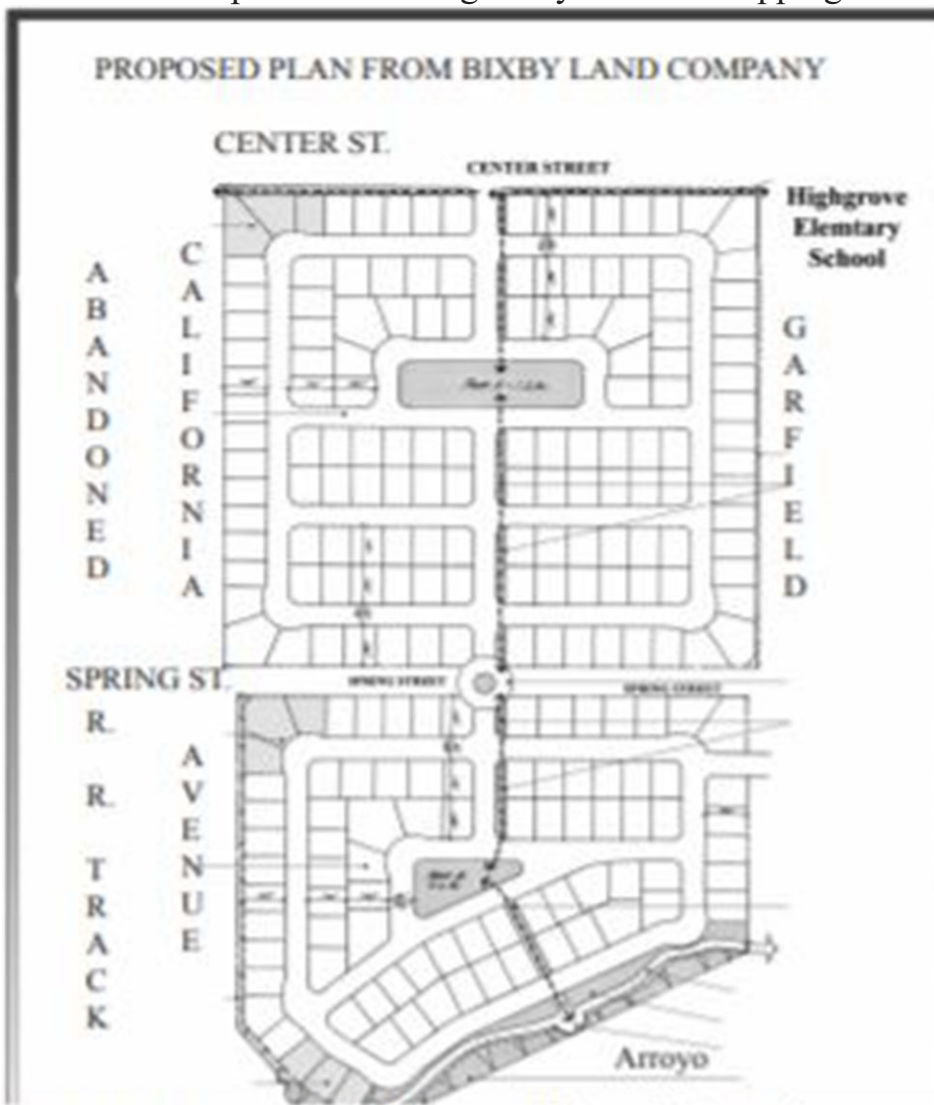
## Grading started for 600 more homes in Highgrove!



## But there is no provision for a shopping center in Springbrook Estates

There is another location for a shopping center on Center St. between the School and Church but this plan shows all new homes with no provision for a grocery store or shopping center.

40 acres of vacant land between the School and Church is an ideal location for a shopping center in Highgrove. Below is the same property where a shopping center could be located.



The last chance for a shopping center may be in the top 40 acre portion of this illustration which is in the middle of Highgrove. In 2008 this property was approved for warehouses that were never built. The land has been re-zoned but this old illustration shows all 67 acres being used for more homes and does not provide for a grocery store and/or a shopping center along Center Street.



This is the same property showing where a shopping center could be located. On Nov. 26, 2008, Bixby Land Co. came to the MAC and explained that a portion of the top 40 acres along Center St. could be used for a "Future Shopping Center". Neither one of these plans have been used because

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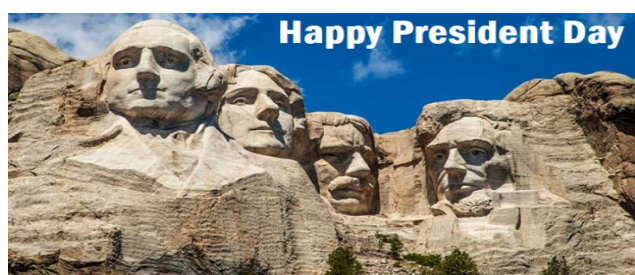


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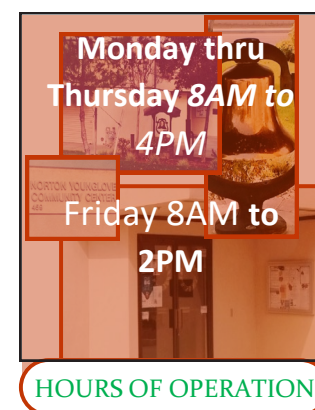
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### 40 acres in Highgrove (Cont. from front page)

the property is still vacant. If the entire portion of the 40 acres along Center St. becomes more homes instead of a grocery store, shopping center and related businesses, all of Highgrove will still have to go to Stater Bros. in Grand Terrace and take our tax money to San Bernardino County. A shopping center in Highgrove will keep the tax base in Riverside County. Former orange groves have already been replaced by 1,409 new homes in Spring Mountain Ranch, 130 new homes built by D R Horton, and 72 more homes by Lennar homes and grading is underway for 600 more new homes in the Springbrook Estates project that is a 383.5 acre residential project in Highgrove that does not include a shopping center. Highgrove residents need retail services and the portion along Center St. is an ideal location for a grocery store, shopping center, and small retail businesses. This property is currently vacant land by the school and is centrally located on Center St. which is the Highgrove exit from the I-215 freeway.

**Below is a copy of an e-mail I recently sent to Supervisor Karen Spiegel and her staff and each member of the Highgrove MAC to try and get the MAC involved in this project by using the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper to take input from our residents so the MAC will have better communications with the Highgrove people and the County Planning Department.**

Supervisor Karen Spiegel,

For 26 years we have been bringing free local news to the Highgrove area that is delivered to each home within our boundaries. During that time I have seen many changes including the orange groves being replaced with new homes and new families. Grading is underway for another 600 homes in 383.5 acres in Highgrove in the Springbrook Estates project. This former orange grove has been an empty field for about 15 years but there is no provision for a grocery store or retail stores in this project to provide retail services to the Highgrove area.

When Highgrove residents go to Stater Bros. in Grand Terrace, the tax revenue is going to San Bernardino County but if a grocery store and retail businesses were available at a shopping center in Highgrove, the tax money would remain in Riverside county.

In the 60's before the population boom, Highgrove had two grocery stores (Delmont's and Timmon's Markets), a post office across from the Methodist church, and a hardware store. In the 30's Highgrove Bank was located on the corner of Center St. and Commercial Avenue.

Currently, there are 40 acres of vacant land right in the middle of Highgrove between Center St. and Spring St. by the Elementary School that was also a former orange grove. This is an ideal location for a grocery store and shopping center because it would be easily accessible to all Highgrove residents and would be centrally located along Center St. which is also the Highgrove exit from the I-215 freeway.

About 10 years ago the land owner, Greg Lansing, CEO of Lansing Companies from San Diego, came to the Highgrove MAC meeting to exchange ideas and discuss his plans for the property. The Highgrove MAC asked him to make room for a grocery store and shopping center along Center St. when the property is developed. This is the northern boundary of the 40 acres.

The Highgrove MAC needs to be pro-active by communicating with the planning department about what the community wants and needs and community input should play an important part of any new construction. The decisions should not just be determined by the land owner or developer and the Planning Commission before it goes to the Board of Supervisors. Local ideas are important but our residents need the contact information of the members of the Highgrove MAC.

We want to publish our local representatives names, e-mail addresses, and phone numbers in the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper so all of Highgrove's residents can communicate with their local representatives.

With permission from the Highgrove MAC members, please furnish this important information.

Thank you,

"Barney

R. A. "Barney" Barnett

**Please turn to page 4 about a response I received from Supervisor Spiegel's office about publishing the names, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of the Highgrove MAC.**



There are no provisions for a shopping center in the Springbrook Estates project of 383.5 acres in Highgrove.

Highgrove used to have a Bank, a Post Office, two grocery stores, and a hardware store but that was in the past. Today we have thousands more residents but all of the residents in the old portion and the new portion need basic retail services and new businesses.

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### Response Received From Supervisor Karen Spiegel's Staff About request for contact Information for Highgrove MAC Members

Good Evening Barney,

Thank you for your comments regarding development in Highgrove. Supervisor Spiegel is certainly looking into additional commercial uses within the Highgrove Area. As you know, developments are not built until a developer chooses to move forward with development. In addition, I just want to let you know that the MAC is an advisory committee and not a body that governs Land Uses within the county. Unfortunately, the MAC cannot dictate what uses can go on a property if allowed by the General Plan and the Zoning. We certainly encourage feedback from the MAC on concerns they may have related to a specific project, but the MAC cannot dictate what can go on a specific parcel.

In addition, I've included Sarah Moore with County Counsel regarding your request to add the MAC member contact info to your newspaper to see what legal issues (if any) may arise.

Have you tried contacting the MAC members directly for this request?

Kind Regards; Wendell Bugtai, Land Use Policy Advisor County of Riverside, 2nd District Supervisor Karen Spiegel (951) 955-1020

### Chairperson of Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council resigns!

All seven MAC member were included in the e-mail sent to the Supervisor's office shown on page three. I requested permission to publish: (with permission from the Highgrove MAC members), the names, phone numbers and e-mail addresses of the Highgrove MAC members. I received two responses from the seven MAC members and here are those two responses:

The e-mail I received from Cristina Tejeda, Chairperson of the Highgrove MAC stated: Please remove me from your e-mail list. I have resigned from the MAC." It is my understanding that her husband Ismael Tejeda also previously resigned.

I also received one other e-mail but that member stated: "I would kindly ask that my personal information not be published in your newspaper".

Editor's response:

I feel that the members of the MAC are supposed to take input from the Highgrove residents and relay that information to our Supervisor. We know that we can not dictate what uses can go on a property but the reply I received from the Supervisor's office states: "We certainly encourage feedback from the MAC". But how can the Highgrove residents communicate with the members of the MAC if they remain in-accessible?

I you wanted to contact a Highgrove MAC member, do you know who they are and how to contact them? Four of the MAC members can be found in the May 2020 issue of the Highgrove Happenings by going to: [www.highgrovehappenings.net](http://www.highgrovehappenings.net).

Public input can make a difference if a community gets involved. The following article is a perfect example that shows what happened when the Highgrove community stuck together and prevented warehouses from being built right in the middle of Highgrove. Please read the following article and comments from Highgrove residents which were taken from the December 2008 issue of the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper.

### 12 years ago resident's comments help stop Warehouses from being built in the middle of Highgrove!

On Oct. 23, 2007, Mark Bixby, CEO of the Bixby Land Co. attended our MAC meeting, and showed us his plans for building large warehouses in the middle of Highgrove.

But changeing the zoning to permit warehouses was never mentioned to the Highgrove MAC by the land owner or the Planning Department. Maybe the zoning changes were good, maybe they were not, but we did not have ample notification to determine the good or bad, the reason for the change in zoning, or an explanation of the differences.

A special MAC meeting was held at the Norton Younglove Community Center in Highgrove on Nov. 18, 2008, to discuss the possible construction on the 40 acre parcel of vacant land west of the Highgrove Elementary School, and between Center St., Spring St., and the U.P. Railroad track.

The Highgrove MAC was created to address the concerns of all of Highgrove but we cannot advise our Supervisor what the people want when the community or the MAC was not involved or aware of these major changes to our community. According to the Bixby plan, 14.36 acres would be left vacant but designated as a "Future Commercial Center/Business

Park" which was planned for the northern portion of the property with access to the businesses from Center Street.

Here are some comments and statements made 12 years ago by the Highgrove MAC members and residents that show how these warehouses were stopped from being built in the middle of Highgrove. **Community response makes a difference!**

**Mark Visyak:** Build it and they will come? Does this apply? It may become a graffiti target!

**Melanie Zimmermann:** Truck pollution near school, (too many other items to mention)

**Don Earp:** Who will the tenants be?

**Denis Kidd:** Had lighting concerns because lighting by warehouses on Palmyrita Ave. light up the whole side of Sugarloaf. "Will future services include a shopping center"?

**Debbie Pierce:** Concerned about noise such as exhaust fans and trucks.

And here are some of the comments or concerns raised from local residents during "Public Comments":

**Beatrice Etchison:** "500 parking spaces will make a terrific impact on traffic.

**Rene Munoz:** "We are concerned that our back yard view will become a view of the dumpsters and the lighting will shine into our bedroom"..

**Lillian Matson:** Ask: "What will be in the buildings"? Answer: No tenants yet!

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**Vicky Paragoa:** was concerned about Center St. traffic and the backup of traffic when trains block Center Street.

**Brad Pierce:** was concerned about night workers and noises.

**Fred Garcia:** "Center St. will be grid locked by the school especially when there are trains blocking Center Street".

**Cynthia Gustafson:** was concerned about Garfield St. by the school being redone, and stated it was "unsafe for the kids" and she does not want vacant industrial buildings.

**Ardie Barnett:** Wanted to know when the building would start-Answer: Maybe in Jan., 2010. She also wanted to know about Center St. being dug up for future sewer lines.

**Dave Hadley:** Will phase 3 have trees or grass? Answer: Landscaping required along frontage.

**Pat Hara:** Will the buildings along Garfield prevent future expansion of Highgrove Elementary School to the south? She also asked about the increase in traffic during lunchtime.

**Rachael Perez** was concerned about the traffic at Michigan and Main St.

**Karen Hana:** Will this be a build first or build to suit. The answer is build first which means they have no tenants in place to occupy the warehouses when they are built.

**Felemon Munoz** was also concerned about the traffic this will create on Center St. and he said he had heard there will be an overpass on Center Street. He believes that "money is being put before our kids."

**Laura Harvey** was concerned about milk trucks and light industrial. Answer: There will be trucks!

**Jim Koker:** asked about the impact on our community, to the school, and traffic and the estimated creation of 400 jobs.

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Crime Stats 12-19-20 to 1-19-2021



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### You Can Quote Me Cynthia Williams, DC

*“Mental pain is less dramatic than physical pain, but it is more common and also more hard to bear. The frequent attempt to conceal mental pain increases the burden: it is easier to say “My tooth is aching” than to say “My heart is broken.”*

— C.S. Lewis, *The Problem of Pain*

As we head into a full year of the pandemic and all the ramifications of quarantine: social distancing, isolation, loneliness, and frustration, there has been a significant uptick in health conditions. Weight gain, deconditioning, poor nutrition are more common than ever. Another health challenge occurring in much greater frequency is depression.

Depression, like other mental illnesses, has such an undeserved stigma. The aversion of acknowledging any kind of mental conditions goes back hundreds of years. The fears associated with aberrant behavior are deeply rooted, woven together with superstition and religion, and often blatant snobbery. No one wanted to be known for having a “crazy” family member. The threat of scandal or stigma was so great, relatives were desperate to keep ill family locked away out of sight.

Fortunately the stigma is not as bad as it was. Celebrities talking about depression and other illnesses have created a greater awareness of how common they are, how they can be successfully treated, and that there is no shame. This has made it easier to seek help from mental health professionals. Unfortunately programs and services are seriously underfunded and under appreciated, too often they are considered “extra” benefits or ones that can be cut for budgetary reasons. Mental illness is an “invisible disease” and if shamed, easy to lock away and ignore.

Let’s talk about depression. Depression is not sadness. It’s a chemical

condition in the brain. This chemical situation needs to be managed the same way as other chemical problems in the body such as diabetes, high cholesterol, etc. There’s NO shame in that! Medications can be very effective in managing depression and bring a great deal of relief.

Pet-Peeve: the numerous commercials on TV for depression medication show women being affected. MEN get depressed too. All the time. Unfortunately we are usually aware of male depression only when a famous/celebrity man commits suicide; Anthony Bourdain, Robin Williams, Ernest Hemingway, etc. Depression does not automatically lead to suicide. Usually the depression has been of a years-long duration. It’s not less-manly to admit to needing help. It takes courage and determination to seek help.

If you have been experiencing some of the following signs and symptoms most of the day, nearly every day, for at least two weeks, you may be suffering from depression:

- Persistent sad, anxious, or “empty” mood
- Feelings of hopelessness, or pessimism
- Irritability
- Feelings of guilt, worthlessness, or helplessness
- Loss of interest or pleasure in hobbies and activities
- Decreased energy or fatigue
- Moving or talking more slowly
- Feeling restless or having trouble sitting still
- Difficulty concentrating, remembering, or making decisions
- Difficulty sleeping, early-morning awakening, or oversleeping
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treatment (NIMH- National Institute of Mental Health)

If you think you may be suffering from depression the first person to talk to is your family doctor. She will be able to refer you to a mental health professional. She may be able to start you on a prescription of anti-depressants. Resources to treat depression in a clinical setting can be very limited, particularly during the pandemic. Many therapists are doing individual and group ZOOM sessions, some are doing phone sessions. **Help is available.**

“It’s so difficult to describe depression to someone who’s never been there, because it’s not sadness. I know sadness. Sadness is to cry and to feel. But it’s that cold absence of feeling—that really hollowed-out feeling.” —J.K. Rowling

I’ve suffered from depression over the years. Life can throw some pretty rotten apples at your head and the sadness over time can become depression. Maybe you have known someone who attempted or did commit suicide. I had a friend I went to college with in Tacoma, WA many years ago. I had moved back to California and I was in my first year of chiropractic college. Ray had been to visit me and my college in mid-December with plans to return and start college in the fall. One month later his wife called to tell me he had killed himself. I was shocked and devastated. I had no clue he was depressed. What I hadn’t known was Ray had had a couple of other suicide attempts. I had no idea. This is what makes depression an “Invisible Illness”.

When someone confides in you about their depression it can be awkward. What do you say? Generally listening is the best action. Uttering

platitudes are usually harmful. For example you don’t want to say: “Shake it off” which trivializes their condition. Say instead: “I’m sorry you’re not feeling well. Is there anything I can do to help?” Don’t say “It’s all in your head” (even if you are trying to make a poor joke of it.) Say instead: “I’ll do my best to understand.” Don’t say “A lot of people have it worse than you.” (Would you say that to a person with cancer?) Say instead: “What you’re going through is real, and I think that almost anyone in your situation would feel that way.” Don’t give pat advice like getting out more, going for a walk, or more exercise. Depressed people can feel like they have a hundred-pound blanket over them that makes it difficult to make any decisions. Instead say: “Would you like to go for a walk with me?” Don’t be judgmental, play down the severity, or decide their life is too good for them to be depressed. It just doesn’t work that way. I can guarantee every negative comment you can throw at them they have played in their head *hundreds* of times. Be supportive by being a good listener. Don’t push them to talk about why they are depressed- you aren’t their therapist. Just let them talk. If they don’t want to talk just be there. Make cups of coffee, watch a DVD, and talk about *normal* life stuff.

“Sometimes the worst place you can be is in your own head.” There is help for you. Try to seek help before you get in “too deep”. I promise it’s fixable.

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I looked out my window and saw this beautiful white bird in my back yard and I was able to get these great pictures.

This bird may possibly be an endangered bird that lived in the area where the earth movers have been plowing behind my house for a huge development of 600 houses.

From my understanding, the Springbrook Wash is a Special Wildlife Water Drainage Area at the end of our street. Not only is this project impacting the area where many burros have been congregating but it has also disturbed this beautiful bird which may be on the Endangered Wildlife list.

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Do you believe application forms for the two vacancies on

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Happenings Newspaper that goes to every house in Highgrove?

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Do you want the Highgrove Happenings to continue?

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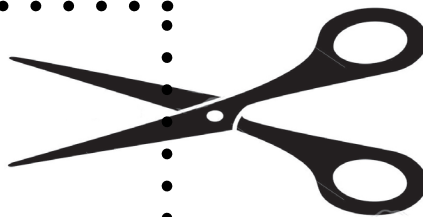
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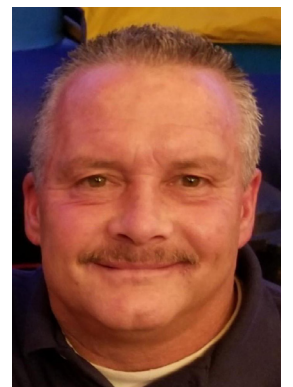
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## Obituary

Ronald Howard Wheaton was born in Anaheim, California on March 6, 1992 and raised by his mother, Norma Gaunt. ron was embraced by his Heavenly Father on Wednesday Dec. 30, 2020 in Riverside, California. He was 58 years young. He was preceeded in death by his daughter Norma Jean and his mother Norma.

He is survived by his wife Sylvia, his two daughters Trisha and Rachelle, 4 grandchildren, 3 sisters, 2 nephews and 3 nieces. Ron was an avid surfer, enjoyed the beach, hiking and hang gliding. He served 4 years in the United States Marine Corps and became a small business owner. ron was fond of working with his hands, fixing and building things, but nootably he had a passionate heart for helping others. Whether it was through pro-bono HVAC work or food distribution through his church, Ronnie was always putting others first. He is immensely missed by his family, his friends and the lives he touched along the way.



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### Obituary Former Grand Terrace Mayor, Byron Matteson

In November of 1984, Byron Matteson was elected to the Grand Terrace City Council, Mr. Mattson later became Mayor and help shape the City of Grand Terrace for decades to come. Mr. Matteson passed away peacefully on December 14, 2020. The Grand Terrace City Council closed their January 12, 2021 meeting in honor of Mr. Matteson.

Byron was on the Grand Terrace City Council from 1984 to 1998. 12 of those years were as the Mayor of Grand Terrace.

He was very active in the community including the Lions Club, President of the 20-30 Club, Rotary Club, Traders Club of the Inland Empire, President of Colton Jaycees,

President of Business Form Distributors Association, a member of the Grand Terrace, Colton, and San Bernardino Chamber of Commerce, 4H, Guide Dogs of the Desert and he also served as Chief of the YWCA Indian guides. He also owned Allstate Printing in Colton that employed my son Mike Barnett. In the 80's he co-founded the Inland Community Bank and Bear Tanning and Bear Elegance Hair Salons.

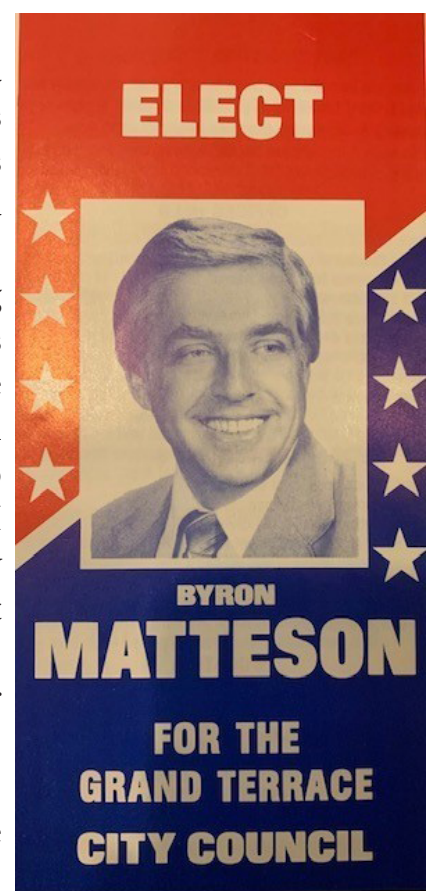
The last 7 years of his life were very difficult. In 2013 he developed a MRSA based infection that he battled for 6 months. He recovered from the infection but it had caused long term damage to his body resulting in him being unfortunately bed ridden

for the rest of his life.

In 2007 and 2008, when I was a member of the Grand Terrace Lions club, I used to pick Byron up at his house and we would go to the Grand Terrace Lions Club breakfast meetings. I used to kid him about picking him up in the winter when it was cold and I said the only reason he wanted a ride to the meetings with me is he knew he would be able to get into a warm car by the time I got to his house. He responded by giving out his short, loud laff that I always liked to hear.

We were great friends and I never heard him complain.

To learn more about the wonderful life of Byron Matteson, please click on: <https://tinyurl.com/y3haapv>



**Byron Matteson**  
**1-7-37 to 12-14-20**

On Sept 28, 2020 the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper requested that the next MAC meeting on Oct. 28, 2020 contain a report from the 2017/2018 Grand Jury. Two years ago, this Grand Jury stated that Highgrove needs to know: ***“exactly how the CSA 126 funds are distributed”***

The agenas on the last two MAC meetings did not contained information from the 2017/2018 Grand Jury.

To review the Grand Jury report please go to [www.highgrovehappenings.net](http://www.highgrovehappenings.net) and click on the Nov. 2020 issue (page 5). For 11 years all property owners have been paying \$120.00 per year for our own Sheriff Deputy that was eliminated on Dec. 30, 2009. Is the Grand Jury report going to go by the wayside or is every property owner entitled to know where the CSA 126 taxes money has been spent that was collected that we are still paying for today.



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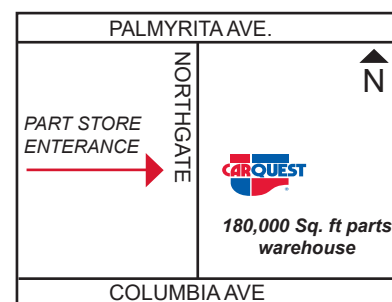
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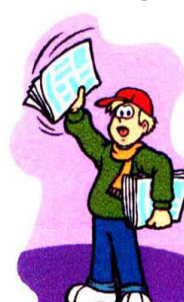
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